



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 28 JANUARY 2019 IN THE GARFIELD ROAD METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

<p><u>Present</u></p>	<p>Councillors: Adrian Axford, Henry Adams, Charles Chapman, Diana Conyers, Julian Critchley, Nancy Farrell, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Sue Lyons, Phil Jordan, Jim Moody, Malcolm Ross (Mayor), Ian Stephens, Tim Wakeley and Wayne Whittle.</p>
<p><u>In Attendance</u></p>	<p>Saskia Blackmore, Clerk, Ryde Town Council Adrienne White, Clerk, Ryde Town Council (Minutes)</p>
<p><u>Also Present</u></p>	<p>Approximately 70 Members of the Public Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman Local Democracy Reporter</p>

01/19	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>There were no apologies.</p>
02/19	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Tim Wakeley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 19- Ryde Harbour as he is a berth holder.</p>
03/19	<p>REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS</p> <p>There were no individual requests for dispensation.</p> <p>The General Dispensation granted to all Members by the Town Clerks in respect of the setting of the 2019/20 budget and precept was noted. Full Council minute 11/13 refers.</p>
04/19	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 3 December 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.</p> <p>The Council considered bringing agenda item 19 forward and it was RESOLVED by a majority vote that agenda item 19 – Ryde Harbour be the next item of business.</p>
05/19	<p>RYDE HARBOUR</p> <p>The Options Paper to assist the Town Council in consideration of any way forward it may wish to agree in relation to the Isle of Wight Council's (IWC) proposed sale of Ryde Harbour was considered.</p> <p>Councillor Julian Critchley favoured an Expression of Interest being made, as this did not commit the Town Council to purchase but gave a remit to explore harbour options further and apply due diligence. He expressed his concern that the Isle of Wight Council did have a dreadful past record for selling off community assets in Ryde.</p> <p>Councillor Charles Chapman informed the Council that they were a number of significant anomalies in the initial build of the harbour, which will all need to be explored.</p> <p>Councillor Nancy Farrell supported the Ryde Society's application to register the harbour as a community asset and suggested that they may like to be considered as a purchaser.</p> <p>Councillor Ian Stephens made mention of joint partnership working and a Community Interest Company having been established that could perhaps also wish to be considered as a purchaser. It was suggested that</p>

all interested parties make representation against the sale of Ryde harbour to the Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Jim Moody supported an Expression of Interest but also noted that the Town Council had the responsibility to Ryde to actively and vigorously campaign against the Isle of Wight Council's proposed sale.

Members indicated that the preferred option to take forward the Expression of Interest process is a working party, which would not be required to meet in public.

It was **RESOLVED** that the following Options from the Options Paper be agreed:

- **Option B – the Town Council submit an expression of interest to the Isle of Wight Council or its agents in the sale of Ryde Harbour.** It was noted through discussion, that submitting an Expression of Interest does not, and should not, commit the Town Council to any final purchase but enabled the Town Council to access to all IWC held information about the harbour and apply due diligence in order to be able to make any future informed decision.
- **Option E – the Town Council establishes a Ryde Harbour Working Party in accordance with Standing Order 34 with delegated authority to have oversight of the expression of interest process and any necessary discussions with the IWC. Key decision making will remain with the Full Council.**
- **Option F – Councillors Henry Adams, Julian Critchley, Phil Jordan and Michael Lilley be appointed to the Ryde Harbour Working Party.**
- **Option G – the Finance Committee be asked to identify a budget should the Council need purchase any legal or professional advice and that the Council notes that this budget will need to be spent in accordance with the Town Council's Financial Regulations.**

Option Report: 6 - Legal Powers: that the Town Clerks had sought legal advice that confirms the Town Council has the legal power to acquire and run a harbour under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Powers) Act 1976 and which confirms that the options presented are sound.

Councillors Julian Critchley, Nancy Farrell and Michael Lilley left the meeting room.

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REPORTS

There was no police report.

07/19	<p>Councillor Adrian Axford raised concerns he had received from Ryde North West residents about anti social behaviour and being able to report issues via the 101 telephone number to the police. Councillor Axford encouraged resident to continue to us the 101 number and to log any calls that are made or any difficulties in getting through so that evidence may be supplied to the police.</p> <p>Councillors Julian Critchley, Nancy Farrell and Michael Lilley re entered the meeting room.</p> <p>Isle of Wight Councillor Wayne Whittle asked for an update on the CCTV camera work that was currently being undertaken by the Town Council. The Clerk reported that a meeting is to be scheduled with the Police following information provided by Island Roads in regard to the request for CCTV footage. The Clerk reminded Members that an email had been circulated by the Town Councils Planning Officer requesting information about CCTV locations within Councillors wards.</p> <p>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</p> <p>Councillor Julian Critchley enquired if the Town Council were aware of any completion date for Southern Water's beach works at Sandy Slip. Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that the works were scheduled for an end of the month completion but that it was likely to overrun.</p> <p>Councillor Henry Adams enquired if the Town Council knew what is happening with Ryde's Police and Community Together (PACT) group. Councillors Karen Lucioni and Ian Stephens reported that PACT now sits with the Isle of Wight Council led Community Safety Partnership. It was agreed that the Clerks correspond with the Community Safety Partnership to request that the Town Council be able to have a representative attend future meetings.</p>
08/19	<p>Councillor Michael Lilley was pleased to report that Island 2000 had been successful in obtaining funding from the Coastal Communities Fund to enable the feasibility study for Appley Tower. Ryde Town Council would be included in the consultation process for this.</p> <p>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>The Mayor announced that he had attended the Honours Awards evening and that the evening was a great success. Councillor Sue Lyons asked that thanks be given to the front office staff who had worked hard pulling the successful event together. Thanks were also recorded for the Clerks who also helped to support the evening.</p> <p>It was agreed that a list of the award winners be circulated to all Councillors. It was noted that the award winners had been shared with Isle of Wight County Press, the Beacon and social media.</p>

09/19	<p>REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS</p> <p>Councillor Diana Conyers previously submitted a report to the clerks office and this had been circulated. Paper copies of these reports were available at the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley, Waterside Community Trust representative reported that the Trust has concerns regarding the Isle of Wight Public Health Grants only being award to Isle of Wight Council leisure centres, meaning that GP referrals only had access to IWC led leisure facilities, therefore excluding both the Waterside Pool and the West Wight Sports Complex. A meeting had been held in the West Wight area to discuss these concerns and they will now take this forward with the Isle of Wight Council.</p> <p>Councillor Karen Lucioni was pleased to report that sponsorship had been secured from Tesco for the Ryde in Bloom school competition 2019. This was reflected in the proposed reduction in the Ryde in Bloom budget.</p>
10/19	<p>NOTICE OF VACANCY – RYDE WEST</p> <p>The vacancy in Ryde West ward was noted. It was also noted that should this proceed to an election that polling cards will be issued by the Isle of Wight Council.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that official thanks be given to Christine Hall for her valuable contribution to the Town Council and the local community.</p>
11/19	<p>ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley was elected as Deputy Mayor. It was noted that he would hold this position until the Annual Meeting in May 2019.</p>
12/19	<p>DEPUTY MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p>
13/19	<p>COMMITTEE VACANCIES</p> <p>Councillor Charles Chapman was appointed to the Honours Working Party</p> <p>Councillor Karen Lucioni was appointed to the Allotments Management Committee</p> <p>Councillor Sue Lyons was appointed to the Network Ryde Steering Group</p>

	<p>It was noted that Councillor Michael Lilley, Deputy Mayor, is automatically a member of the Personnel Panel and the General Purposes Working Party.</p>
14/19	<p>RYDE IN BLOOM</p> <p>The notes of the Ryde in Bloom Working Party meeting held on the 26 June 2018 were received.</p>
15/19	<p>NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP</p> <p>The minutes of the Network Ryde Steering Group meeting held on the 19 September 2019 were received.</p>
16/19	<p>SENSORY IMPAIRMENT WORKING PARTY</p> <p>The notes of the Sensory Impairment Working Party meeting held on the 13 November 2019 were received.</p>
17/19	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13 November and 4 December 2018 were received.</p> <p>Councillor Diana Conyers introduced the recommendation arising from the Planning Committee meeting held on the 15 January 2019 and it was RESOLVED that the Town Council confirm a funding contribution of £15,185.50 towards the traffic safety element of the pedestrianisation (traffic safety) scheme in Ryde High Street. Additionally, the Isle of Wight Council should be asked to endeavour to commence these works within 6 months of the end of the consultation period.</p>
18/19	<p>FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>The recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 22 January 2019 in respect of the 2019/2020 budget and precept setting were considered and it was RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the Town Council sets a precept of £1,114,280 (net) to balance the budget as contained in Appendix A of the budget report, to provide reserves of £180,000. ii. this be equivalent to an increase in the Band D Council Tax of 19.8% per annum or an increase of 44p per week to give a total Band D Council Tax of £2.64 per week or £137.36 per annum. iii. setting the precept at £1,114,280 will qualify the Council for the NALC' Super Councils' Network in 2020/2021. iv. the Ryde in Bloom budget be reduced from £6000 to £4500 as listed in Appendix A.

- v. the Marketing budget be reduced from £21,000 to £15,000 as listed in Appendix A.
- vi. the budget for ward allocations be deleted.
- vii. a contribution of £46,400 be made to the Isle of Wight Council for Park Services (Principal Parks and Community Sites Grounds Maintenance Contract and Bin Emptying) in 2019.
- viii. the Mayors Honorarium be reduced from £700 to £100 as listed in Appendix A as the allocation for 2018/2019 remained unspent.
- ix. additional funding of £1000 be awarded to Warmer Ryde for saving measures. This is in addition to the current £8000 allocation.
- x. additional funding of £10,000 be awarded to the Waterside Trust for improvements at the Splash Pool. This is in addition to the £10,000 already awarded for operational costs.
- xi. annual funding of £15,000 be awarded to Aspire in 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 and that Finance Committee be asked to agree the governance arrangements for this funding award. Councillor Wayne Whittle declared a non pecuniary (personal) interest in this agenda item as he is a Christian.
- xii. no funding be awarded to Ryde Business Association and that they apply for funding for events through the Town Council grant scheme.
- xiii. all other budget lines remain as listed in Appendix A

Any confidential recommendations arising from the Finance Committee meeting held on the 22 January 2019 are referred to elsewhere in these minutes.

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RYDE REGENERATION WORKING GROUP – APPOINTMENTS

Following a request from the Isle of Wight Council for the appointment of two Ryde Councillors to the newly established Ryde Regeneration Working Group it was **RESOLVED that Councillors Phil Jordan and Michael Lilley be appointed to the Ryde Regeneration Working Group**. The Isle of Wight Council draft Terms of Reference for the Working Group were noted, and these will be agreed by the Working Group in due course.

20/19	<p>PAYMENTS</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £612.23 be approved. ii. The payments shown on Appendix 2, which have been made under Standing Order 39 (b) and (c), either by online transfer or by cheque be noted.
21/19	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 4 March 2019 –Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.</p>
22/19	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded for the following items and they are instructed to withdraw – in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2). The nature of the decision is being made clear, but the report contains information about contract amounts, which are deemed to be confidential until the contract is awarded.</p>
23/19	<p>FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillor Tim Wakeley introduced the confidential recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 22 January 2019 and it was RESOLVED that</p> <p>A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a call- off contract is entered into with Brighstone Landscaping Services, and fully in accordance with the Isle of Wight Council's' Framework Agreement, for a further period of one year commencing on 1 April 2019 and terminating on 31 March 2020 in the 2019/2020 financial year. ii. option B as set out in the confidential report at a cost of £27,100 be agreed. <p>It was Noted that</p> <p>B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the approval by the Finance Committee of the waiver of contract standing orders to award Bob Ede TV Limited the contract for the

provision of the Ryde film for the period 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020 at a cost of £8,950 plus VAT in the 2019/2020 financial year.

- ii. The Finance Committee has given the Clerks to the Council authority to award the contract to Bob Ede TV Limited for the period of 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.

Signed.....Mayor/Chairman

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