

RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 4 MARCH 2019 IN THE GARFIELD ROAD METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

| <u>Present</u> | Councillors: Adrian Axford, Henry Adams, Diana Conyers, Julian Critchley, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Sue Lyons, Phil Jordan, Malcolm Ross (Mayor), Ian Stephens, Tim Wakeley and Wayne Whittle. |
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| In Attendance | Saskia Blackmore, Clerk, Ryde Town Council Adrienne White, Clerk, Ryde Town Council (Minutes) |
| Also Present | Members of the Public Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman IW County Press reporter |

24/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Charles Chapman, Nancy Farrell and Jim Moody.

25/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

26/19 | REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensation.

27/19 | MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 28 January 2019 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.

28/19 | REPORTS

There was no police report. The Mayor reported that he had recently met with Sgt Warne and although he gave apologies for this evening's meeting he was keen to attend future meetings and improve partnership working.

Isle of Wight Councillor Michael Lilley reported that the IW Scrutiny Committee had met and discussed the 'call in' for Ryde Harbour. A vote was passed for the cabinet member to consider future discussions about the harbour with Ryde Town Council as a priority.

Isle of Wight Councillor Michael Lilley reported that there were concerns regarding the Isle of Wight Pubic Health Grants only being awarded to Isle of Wight Council leisure centres., meaning that GP referrals only had access to IWC led facilities, therefore excluding 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, along with IW Cllr Michael Lilley's support take this forward with the Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that the beach works were now complete and that although concrete sections were still to be removed the beach was now clear. Works were still continuing at Simeon Street Recreation Ground.

29/19 | MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Councillor Henry Adams asked if any IW Councillors present had any information about the resurfacing of Monkton Street Road since the previous scheduled resurfacing had been postponed.

Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that the postponement had occurred due to parked cars and the problem of having them all removed. He agreed to chase the ward councillor.

Councillor Michael Lilley left the meeting room at 7:26pm

30/19 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the Commonwealth Day Flag Raising Cermony is taking place on Monday 18 March 2019 at 11am adjacent to the Pavilion on the Esplanade.

31/19 | REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

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.

Councillor Michael Lilley returned to the meeting room at 7:29pm.

32/19 | FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held on 20 November 2018 and 22 January 2019 were received.

33/19 NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP

The minutes of the Network Ryde Steering Group meeting held on 28 November 2018 were received.

Councillor Tim Wakeley announced that Network Ryde Open Day is on Saturday 9 March 2019 12 noon to 3:00pm and that all are invited to attend to pop along and find out more about the service.

34/19 | ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Allotments Management Committee meeting held on 30 November 2018 were received.

Councillors Henry Adams, Karen Lucioni and Malcolm Ross announced that there is an Allotment Association consultation meeting to discuss the suggested proposals for an allotment rent increase, scheduled for Thursday, 21 March 2019.

Councillor Adrian Axford asked when the last rent increase for allotment rent had taken place. The Clerks reported that the last increase for allotments had been in 2014.

35/19 | PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15 January 2019 were received.

Councillor Diana Conyers introduced the following resolution arising from the Planning Committee meeting held on 26 February 2019 be noted.

Ryde Town Council's attached consultation response to the Draft Island Planning Strategy be submitted to the Isle of Wight Council and that the response be taken to the March Full Council meeting for noting.

The Mayor thanked his colleagues and the Planning Clerk for all of the work involved with the submission.

36/19 EARLY INTERVENTION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE (COMMUNITY CONNECTORS) - RYDE

Councillor Michael Lilley introduced a request from the Isle of Wight Council Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Need, for the Town Council to contribute £20,000 (50% matched funding) towards funding by the Isle of Wight Council for the provision of a Ryde Community Connector Development Worker based at Aspire. It was noted that the funding will be for one year.

During his introduction of this item Councillor Michael Lilley referred to a meeting that he and the Mayor had been invited to attend at County Hall too discuss the suggested proposal with the Cabinet Member and the other Parish Councils affected. Councillor Lilley indicated that at that meeting it had been proposed that the Town Council match funding contribution would go directly to the Isle of Wight Council for this project and that contracts for the delivery of this service would be with local delivery community hubs.

Councillor Malcolm Ross clarified that the Town Council would not be asked for any additional funding after 2019/2020.

Councillor Tim Wakeley noted that it would be important for discussions about the future of this service to take place at an early stage within the 2019/2020 financial year.

Councillor Ian Stephens agreed with this last point and said that he would be wanting to see evidence of positive outcomes from the project.

Councillor Lilley suggested that the Town Council should set some conditions around the funding and that this could be looked at in more detail at the Town Councils Finance Committee.

It was RESOLVED that funding of £20,000 be awarded in principle in 2019 to the Community Connector Project in Ryde in 2019/2020 and that the Finance Committee be asked to determine the conditions

the Town Council may wish to attach to this funding award. Any representative required will also be determined by Finance Committee.

37/19 NOTICE OF MOTION 01/19

Councillor Michael Lilley introduced his Notice of Motion 01/19 suggesting that the Town Council amends Standing Order 31 to enable the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Planning and Finance Committees to be elected at the Ryde Town Council Annual Meeting alongside the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor as these are principal posts within the Council.

Councillor Adrian Axford expressed that he had found this Notice of Motion odd as it was custom and practice that the Town Council elect Chairs and Vice Chairs from within the Committees at their first meeting following their re-establishment at the Annual Meeting.

Councillor Michael Lilley explained that he felt that this proposed change in process would bring more transparency and consistency to the Town Councils processes.

Councillor Tim Wakeley clarified that meetings of both sub committees are open to the public to attend.

Following a majority vote the motion fell.

Councillor Wayne Whittle left the meeting room at 8:23pm

39/19 | PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £2,412.87 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.

40/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 1 April 2019 –Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

| Signed | Mayor/Chairman |
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| Date | |