



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 1
APRIL 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, Charles Chapman, Diana Conyers, Nancy Farrell, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Sue Lyons, Phil Jordan, Malcolm Ross (Mayor), Ian Stephens, Tim Wakeley and Wayne Whittle.
<u>In Attendance</u>	Saskia Blackmore, Clerk, Ryde Town Council Adrienne White, Clerk, Ryde Town Council (Minutes)
<u>Also Present</u>	Members of the Public Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman IW Observer reporter

	<p><i>Prior to the start of the meeting a Public Question Time was held for 30 minutes</i></p>
41/19	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Julian Critchley and Jim Moody.</p>
42/19	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
43/19	<p>REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS</p> <p>There were no individual requests for dispensation.</p>
44/19	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 4 March 2019 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.</p>
45/19	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>Sgt. S. Warne sent his apologies for the meeting as he was giving evidence in court on the mainland.</p> <p>Isle of Wight Councillor Wayne Whittle requested that the police please be informed that a bin was set on fire along North Walk by the Big Kahuna and that he was unable to get through on the 101 number even after hanging on the line for 25 minutes.</p> <p>There were no Isle of Wight Councillor reports.</p>
46/19	<p>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</p> <p>Councillor Karen Lucioni asked if there was any update from the Isle of Wight Council led Regeneration Working Party. Councillor Michael Lilley reported that Zoe Thompson from Ryde Business Association had been appointed as Chair for the first 6 months and the initial meeting was used as a scoping meeting to look at all issues that are of a concern in Ryde. Priorities were identified, and everyone would be able to feedback into the Regeneration Working Group. The group also wanted to ensure that Ryde is 'bid ready' and has asked that the Isle of Wight Council officer for Regeneration notify the working party of any future bids in plenty of time so that an application may be submitted.</p> <p>Councillor Wayne Whittle took the opportunity to report that he had been unhappy with the Ryde submission to the Isle of Wight Council for High Street Funding and that Ryde should in fact have been listed as a Primary Retail Shopping Centre.</p>

	<p>Councillor Tim Wakeley reported that the submission was based on factual information taken from the Isle of Wight Council recent Retail Study and the Isle of Wight Island Plan Strategy. Councillor Tim Wakeley also reported that the Town Council Planning Committee had previously argued and continued to argue that Ryde should be reclassified as a primary retail area.</p> <p>Councillor Tim Wakeley asked if there was any update from the Ryde Harbour Working Party. Councillor Phil Jordan reported that an initial positive meeting had been held with the Isle of Wight Cabinet Member and Isle of Wight Council Officers. The Ryde Harbour Working Party were now looking to draft a 'expression of intent' requesting that Ryde Town Council be formally named by the IWC as the preferred bidder and to include a plan that highlights any land that the Town Council may wish the Isle of Wight Council to consider as part of any ongoing sale prospectus. This content of the expression of intent would come before a future Full Council meeting as a recommendation from the Ryde Harbour Working Party.</p> <p>Councillor Ian Stephens suggested that all groups should be focussing on places rather than the financing at this stage and formulating appropriate questions and dialogue to look at appropriate funding sources and solve problems before regeneration.</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley agreed with Councillor Ian Stephens and indicated that he had been speaking with Environmental Funders, skilled people within finance and social investment. Councillor Michael Lilley reported that information would be fed back to the Ryde Harbour Working Party in the near future.</p>
47/19	<p>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>There were no Mayor's announcements.</p>
48/19	<p>REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS</p> <p>Councillor Diana Conyers previously submitted a report to the clerks' office and this has been circulated.</p> <p>Councillor Adrian Axford reported that he had attended a meeting with Island Roads and the first part of the PFI contract which is to bring the roads across the Island up 'to a standard' was nearing completion and that the second part of the contract 'to maintain' the roads for the next 18 years.</p> <p>Councillor Adrian Axford also reported that there will be further disruption to Ryde streets as pavements will need to be dug up for the laying of the new optic fibres for telephones/internet improvements.</p>

	<p>Councillor Michael Lilley gave thanks to the Monkton Community Village for organising their first successful community event. He also thanked Councillor Karen Lucioni and the community for the 'Respect Ryde' beach clean.</p>
49/19	<p>NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP</p> <p>The minutes of the Network Ryde Steering Group meeting held on 23 January 2019 were received.</p>
50/19	<p>ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>The minutes of the Allotments Management Committee meeting held on 5 February 2019 were received.</p> <p>Following a full consultation process undertaken with allotment holders about a proposed increase in allotment fees, allotment holders themselves proposed the suggested increase at an association meeting held in March. The allotment holders requested however that fees not be increased in the following year. The Allotment Management Committee had then considered these suggestions and Councillor Henry Adams introduced the recommendations arising from a meeting of the Allotment Management Committee held on 22 March 2019. It was RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The price per rod, on which allotment rents are based, for each allotment plot be increased from £4.40 to £6.00 from September 2019. II. The Town Council undertakes not to increase the price per rod and the allotment rents in the following year. III. Any proposed further increase in the price per rod after that date will be subject to a full consultation process.
51/19	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26 February 2019 were received.</p>
52/19	<p>HONOURS WORKING PARTY</p> <p>The notes of the Honours Working Party meeting held on 13 November 2018 were received.</p> <p>Councillor Sue Lyons introduced the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Honours Working Party meeting held on 21 March 2019 and it was RESOLVED that Honours Awards Process and Policy be amended as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. That a small number of awards/certificates be presented annually at the Town meeting to people who have made an outstanding contribution to the Town of Ryde during the previous year.

- II. That a larger more formal Honours Awards ceremony be held in the last year of the lifetime of the Council where shields and awards will be given.
- III. That the Town Council funds retirement awards for employees.
- IV. That the Town Council mark the achievements of those successfully completing the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and the CAP competition winners at Network Ryde at the Town meeting in May 2019.
- V. That the Town Councils Honours Policy be amended as below:

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Shields/gifts will be awarded on conclusion of the lifetime of each Council at a ceremony at the discretion of the Council to thank groups for their support of the Town Council, its services or events and/or support in the wider community of Ryde. Shields will be required to be returned before the next awards, however a commemorative gift will be provided in replacement.

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A badge/medal will be awarded annually at the discretion of the Council to thank an individual for their support of the Town Council, its services or events and/or support in the wider community of Ryde. The award will not be required to be returned.

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When a staff member retires, the Town Council will provide a certificate of recognition and a gift from the Town Council.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Councillor Tim Wakeley introduced the recommendations arising from the Finance Committee meeting held on 26 March 2019 and it was **RESOLVED that**

A – Approved List of Contractors for Minor Works, Services and Supplies:

Increase in Delegated Financial Authority of the Town Clerks to Procure and Awards Contracts under the Council’s Approved Contract standing Orders and Financial Regulations be approved as follows:

- a. That the Approved List of Contractors as detailed in Appendix A of the report be approved.

- b. That the Clerks be given delegated authority to add Contractors to the various categories of works, services, and supplies listed who meet the criteria and that similarly, the delegated authority be given to remove Contractors who no longer meet the criteria, or whose performance, if appointed to undertake works services or supplies, do not meet satisfactory standards.
- c. That a major review of the Approved List of Contractors be carried out on a three-yearly basis, and that the list is reported to an annual basis to the Finance Committee for noting, but that any significant changes are further reported to, and approved by Full Council.
- d. That the Delegated Authority of the Town Clerks be increased from £5,000 to £10,000 to both commence a procurement process and subsequently award contracts in accordance with the requirement of the Contract Standing Orders without formal reference to members, and that the Councils' Contract Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be amended accordingly, subject to below;
- e. That for contracts that have an estimated whole life value above £5,000 and up to £10,000, that the Town Clerks initially discuss these with both the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee prior to commencing a procurement process, and subsequent further discussion prior to the award of a contract. However, where the nature of the contract is considered to be either of a strategically important or of a politically sensitive, then the authority of the Full Council or delegated Council Committee is gained prior to commencement of the procurement process and subsequent approval given by either Full Council or delegated Council Committee to award a contract.

B: Risk Management Plan

The attached Risk Management Plan be approved.

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NOTICE OF MOTION 02/19

Councillors Charles Chapman, Malcolm Ross, Ian Stephens and Tim Wakeley left the meeting room as all declared a Pecuniary Interest in this agenda item.

Councillor Micahel Lilley introduced the Notice of Motion on behalf of Councillor Charles Chapman, suggesting that the Town Council writes to Santander to ask that it reconsiders the proposed closure of the branch at 34 High Street, Ryde on 6 June 2019 and that this Council considers that the closure will be both a loss to the Ryde economy, detrimental to the vibrancy of the High Street and a loss for the many customers that still rely on banking in their local branch. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerks write a letter to Santander as per the suggestions contained within the Notice of Motion.**

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PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. **Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £20,125.43 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.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 13 May 2019 (Annual Meeting) –Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Signed.....Mayor/Chairman

Date.....

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