



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

Present: Councillors: Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett, Karen Lucioni, Roi Milburn (Mayor), Jill Moore, Malcolm Ross, Ian Stephens, Ivor Warlow, Phil Warren, Wayne Whittle and David Woodward.

In Attendance

Saskia Blackmore, Clerk, Ryde Town Council
Adrienne White, Clerk, Ryde Town Council (Minutes)

Also Present

Isle of Wight Councillor Phil Jordan
Isle of Wight Councillor Roger Whitby-Smith
Members of the Public
Isle of Wight County Press

Public Question Time

Questions were raised about the following

- Isle of Wight Council Library Consultation
- Organisational Review/Budget

Mr Stuart Chatfield informed the Council of proposals to organise beach cricket on Appley beach for the summer and asked if the Town Council would be willing to support the activity?

Members welcomed the proposals and were keen to encourage and support beach cricket for 2016 and give some help with advertising through the Town Council marketing of Ryde.

01/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Henry Adams, David Moore and Tim Wakeley

02/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wayne Whittle declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 (viii) and (IX) and in agenda item 17.

03/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations.

General Dispensation granted to all Members in respect of the setting of the 2016/17 budget and precept. Full Council minute 11/13 refers, was noted.

04/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 December 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.

05/16 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Councillor Ivor Warlow asked if there was any progress with the repair/replacement of play area equipment in Ryde following the decision to budget £13000 in this financial year to work in partnership with the Isle of Wight Council.

The Clerk advised that the Isle of Wight Council had been asked for a schedule of works and it was hoped that work may proceed and equipment be repaired/replaced for the summer season. The Clerk also advised that the Isle of Wight Council were keen to liaise with Councillors Tim Wakeley, Ivor Warlow and the Binstead Community Partnership with a view to gaining a community view on any new equipment proposed for Binstead play areas.

Councillor Ivor Warlow raised concerns over social media comments that there was increased police activity being drafted into Ryde seafront and Town areas to deal with anti social behaviour.

06/16 REPORTS

There was no police report.

Councillor Ian Stephens reported that he had attended Ryde Academy to represent the concerns of residents with regard to their forthcoming planning application. He was pleased to report that the Academies Enterprise Trust were open to discussions going forward.

07/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor updated the Town Council on his official engagements as follows:

- Attended the count for the Ryde West election.
- Attended the Ryde branch of the British Legion wreath laying to honour their members who had passed away within the last 12 months.
- Attending Ryde Rowing Club Season Review.
- Met with Stuart Chatfield regarding proposals to hold beach cricket at Appley in the Summer.

08/16 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Jill Moore gave an update on behalf of Councillor David Moore regarding the Armed Forces Day 2016.

Councillor Ivor Warlow reported that he had attended the Ryde Rowing Club Season Review and an Island Roads meeting.

Councillor Phil Warren reported that he had attended a meeting to identify potential funding for the Coast to Coast Initiative and was pleased that the meeting had been so positive. He had also attended an information gathering workshop for Britain in Bloom in Birmingham and it was hoped that a briefing will be held at the end of February for partners/organisations that assist with 'In Bloom' locally.

09/16 ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR

It was noted that Sandy Stephens had been elected as a councillor for Ryde West.

10/16 FINANCE COMMITTEE-DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES/BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2016/17

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 18 November were received.

The Mayor agreed that recommendations 1 – VI and X, XI be considered first as a member had declared a pecuniary interest in recommendations VIII and IX.

The recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20 January 2016 that relate to the setting of the budget and precept for 2016/17 and the devolution of Isle of Wight Council Services were considered and it was **RESOLVED that**

- I. A budget of £60,000 in 2016/17 for Organisational Review be agreed.**
- II. The budget line for Community Highway Fund to become zero for the current year and £40,000 for 2016/17.**
- III. The budget for Pedestrianisation to become zero for the current**

year and £50,000 for 2016/17.

- IV. A budget of up to £5,000 be set aside if required in 2016/17 only towards the Havenstreet Community Bus Service.
- V. A budget of £10,000 be set aside for planning enforcement activities.
- VI. The following increases in budget be agreed:
 - a. Ryde in Bloom £2000
 - b. Lighting £8000
- VII. The budget line for Principal Parks to be deleted at this stage.
- X. The net precept (after deduction of Council Tax Support Grant) be set £643,642 representing a Band D Council Tax of £83.17.
- XI. The attached proposals for Guidelines for the consideration of ward allocations be approved.

Councillor Wayne Whittle left the meeting room and recommendations VIII and IX arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20 January 2016 that relate to the setting of the budget and precept for 2016/17 and the devolution of Isle of Wight Council Services were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that

- VIII. A budget of £70,000 be set aside for public toilets.
- IX. The Town Council is minded to continue with the provision of public toilets in Ryde and that the Clerks be given delegated authority to undertake any work that is necessary to enable the Town Council to move this forward as soon as possible and to seek any external advice that is deemed necessary.

Councillor Wayne Whittle entered the meeting room.

11/16 REQUEST FOR ADVICE FROM NALC

RESOLVED that the Clerks contact the National Association of Local Councils for advice on matters relating to allotment land.

12/16 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15 December 2015 were received.

13/16 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 8 October 2015 were received.

14/16 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £5838.11 be approved.
- ii. Payments shown on Appendix 2, which have been made under Standing Orders 65 (2) and (3), either by BACS or by cheque were noted.

15/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 7 March 2016, Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.

16/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Standing Order no.80 – contract and staffing matters.

17/16 FORMER RYDE YOUTH CENTRE

Information received from the Isle of Wight Council in respect of the former Ryde Youth Centre building and it was **RESOLVED that no comment be made.**

18/16 PERSONNEL AND GRIEVANCE PANEL

A confidential report and recommendations arising from the meeting of the Personnel and Grievance Panel held on 14 January 2016 were considered and it was **RESOLVED that subject to an amendment to (xii) the confidential recommendations (i) to (xix) contained within the confidential report be approved.**

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Signed Mayor/Chairman

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