



## **RYDE TOWN COUNCIL**

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

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

#### In Attendance

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

#### Also Present

Members of the Public

#### Public Question Time

Questions were raised about the following

- The reason for the exclusion of press and public – agenda item 15.

The Mayor explained that the exclusion was to take place for commercially sensitive reasons.

19/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Ivor Warlow.

20/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wayne Whittle declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 18 - Public Conveniences as he owns an adjacent business.

Councillor Ian Stephens declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 18 – Public Conveniences, as he is an Isle of Wight Council Member.

Councillor Henry Adams declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 10(i) – Finance Committee, as he is a Ryde Carnival Association Committee Member.

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett entered the meeting room at 7:05pm.

Councillor Gauntlett declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 18 – Public Conveniences, as he is an Isle of Wight Council Member.

21/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations.

22/16 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, subject to Councillor Sandy Stephens being added to the present list.**

23/16 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Councillor Wayne Whittle asked if an official opening was planned for the Royal George Memorial Gardens?  
The Clerks agreed to make enquiries and report back to Members.

Councillor Phil Warren raised his concern that there had not been any Police and Community Together meetings (PACT) for some time.  
The Clerks agreed to make enquires and report back to Members.

Councillor Phil Warren raised concerns about the withdrawal of Isle of Wight Council funding for School Crossing Patrols. Following some discussion, Councillor Gauntlett agreed to raise some questions with the Isle of Wight Council and report back to Members.

Councillor Wayne Whittle was pleased to report that the recent flood consultation with the Environment Agency had been a success and plans for the future were promising.

Councillor Malcolm Ross entered the meeting room at 7:20pm.

Councillor Malcolm Ross declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 10(i) – Finance Committee, as he is a Ryde Carnival Association Committee Member.

24/16 REPORTS

There was no police report.

The Mayor announced that Acting Inspector Andrew Gill is about to retire. The Mayor thanked him for all his work in Ryde and wished him all the very best of luck and health for his retirement.

25/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor invited Councillors to attend the Commonwealth Day Flag Raising at 9:30am on Monday 14 March, adjacent to Ryde Pavilion.

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

- Opened the Peoples Gallery in Union Street. The Mayor
- Attending the unveiling of a plaque, in memory of Anthony Minghella on Western Gardens. The guest of honour, Mr Jude Law gave a personal and sincere memory to Anthony Minghella.
- Attended and presented prizes to a choir class, sponsored by Ryde Town Council at the Isle of Wight Music and Drama Festival.

26/16 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor David More gave an update for Armed Forces Day on 18 June 2016.

Councillor Phil Warren was pleased to report that a stakeholder meeting had been held for 'In Bloom' 2016 and had been useful gathering for the forthcoming local and regional 'in bloom' competitions.

Councillor Phil Warren had attended the North East Locality Health & Well Being Forum.

27/16 IWALC/NALC SUBSCRIPTION

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council's membership subscription to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils and to the National Association for 2016/2017 at a cost of £1500 be approved.

28/16 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 20 January 2016 were received.

The recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17 February 2016 t were considered and it was **RESOLVED that**

- i. **a marketing grant award of £3500 be made to the Ryde Carnival Association. This funding is dependent on the delivery of the main carnival and may be withdrawn should the event not take place.**
- ii. **the request from the Isle of Wight Council for funding the Isle of Wight Cycling and Walking Festival would not be offered any financial support in 2016 but may be prepared to consider financial support in the future. Members also suggested that it may be that the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils may be a useful central point of contact for all town and parish councils with regard to this going forward.**
- iii. **the Town Council set aside an annual budget of £10,000 for the annual maintenance and development of those of Ryde's countryside sites that are now managed by Gift to Nature.**
- iv. **the Council does not opt out of the new process of appointments being operated by the new independent public company Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd.**

29/16 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12 January and 2 February 2016 were received.

30/16 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was agreed that Councillor Sandy Stephens becomes a member of the Planning Committee and the Ryde in Bloom Working Party.

31/16 PAYMENTS

**RESOLVED that**

- i. **Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £4028.49 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.**

32/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 4 April 2016, Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde. It was noted that the Parish Meeting for the electors of Ryde would take place prior to Full Council at 6pm.

33/16 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.

34/16 ONBOARD TV

**RESOLVED** that **Option 1** for the Onboard TV coverage for the Ryde promotional feature film for 2016/17 be approved..

35/16 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND IT

**RESOLVED** that the proposed way forward for updating the Town Council's telecommunication and IT be approved.

36/16 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

**RESOLVED** the following:

**The Town Council take Appley, Eastern Gardens, St Johns and Western Gardens public conveniences under a tenancy at will arrangement to enable them to remain open from 1 April 2016 with a view to proceeding to a transfer of the freeholds of the same in due course.**

**The Town Clerks be given delegated authority to proceed with the tenancies at will subject to seeking all appropriate legal advice from the Town Council's lawyer and report back to Full Council should any issues arise.**

**The Town Clerks be given delegated authority to proceed with the work required to proceed to a transfer of the freeholds, subject to legal advice, and that this be reported back to Full Council for final approval.**

**The Town Clerks be given delegated authority to undertake all necessary surveys, assessments and inspections necessary and to address any other matters deemed necessary to the proper management and delivery of the public conveniences taken on prior to proceeding to any transfer of the freeholds.**

**The Town Clerks be given delegated authority to obtain all necessary insurances for the properties in time for 1 April 2016.**

**The Town Council agree to Option B, C and D contained within the confidential report in respect of cleansing, minor maintenance and reactive maintenance with a call off period of 12 months in the first instance.**

**The Town Council works with the town's Environment Officer and contractors to ensure that an effective inspection routine continues to be in place.**

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Signed ..... Mayor/Chairman

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