



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2016 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

Present: Councillors: Henry Adams (Mayor), Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett, Michael Lilley, Roi Milburn, Jill Moore, Malcolm Ross, Ian Stephens, Sandy Stephens, Tim Wakeley, Ivor Warlow and Phil Warren.

In Attendance

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

Also Present

Isle of Wight County Press Reporter
Members of the Public
Lois Prior (Age UK)

Public Question Time

Questions were raised about the following

- Parking concerns in Union Street
- Town Planting

134/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Karen Lucioni, David Moore, Wayne Whittle and David Woodward.

135/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

136/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations.

137/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED the minutes of the Annual meeting held on Monday 4 July 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor subject to an amendment to minute 128/16, to read 'following a letter requesting emergency funding that the sum of £10,000 from reserves, be awarded to Ryde Arena'.

138/16 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett raised concerns on behalf of his ward residents with regard to on street parking in the Upton Road/ Grenville Drive area. He reported that road markings and road restrictions were being ignored, resulting in poor parking both sides of the road making access difficult. Discussion identified other streets in Ryde where residents were having similar concerns and it was agreed that these be raised on a future Planning Committee agenda.

139/16 REPORTS

PC Baggott gave Sgt. Roscoe's apologies as she was unwell. PC Baggott gave an update on the recent burglaries and drug related offences that had taken place recently and was please to report that following arrests, they were working closely with other agencies to prosecute, treat, or rehouse those that had been involved and that they were coming to a resolution.

Councillor Milburn rasied further drug related issues on behalf of residents concerns in the Ryde South ward.

Councillor Warren raised speeding concerns in the Ryde North West Ward and indicated that this, along with the drug concerns will be discussed as part of the forthcoming PACT meeting and may inform police priorities for the area.

Isle of Wight Councillor Ian Stephens reported that the Economic Strategy had recently been adopted and reported that the Beacon Health Centre at St. Mary's Hospital on 1st October 2016, has been redesigned into the Urgent Care Service (UCS). The UCS will remain co-located with the Emergency Department at St Mary's but the UCS will only treat urgent care needs

140/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that

- he had attended an event at Aspire and received a presentation from Age UK, Care Navigators and Fire Safety in the Home.
- he had attended the Classic Car Event along Ryde Esplanade and assisted with the judging, The Mayor reported the event had been a great success and that the organisers thought it to be the biggest and best show so far!
- he had attended an awards evening at Ryde Marina Bowls Club and presented trophies. The Mayor announced that he had suggested a Bowling challenge between Ryde Town Council and Ryde Marina Bowls club to raise funds for the Mayor's charity. It was hoped that this could be arranged before the end of April.
- he had attended a meeting for Ryde Shopwatch.
- he had attended a Macmillan Coffee morning at Ryde Esplanade Station.

141/16 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Phil Warren acknowledged and welcomed the award to Ryde in Bloom of £2500 from Southern Water, who were donating a sum of money to a local charity/organisation as a goodwill gesture following recent problems with burst water mains in Ryde.

Councillor Adrian Axford raised concerns about how the beneficiary of this award had been decided and that Finance Committee who were meeting on 28 September had not had an opportunity to look at this as indicated at September's Full Council meeting.

Councillor Roi Milburn, Chair of Finance reported that Southern Water were not asking for Finance Committee to decide a beneficiary but had asked for suggestions at the request of the Isle of Wight MP, Andrew Turner. Unfortunately, Southern Water were unable to wait until the 29 September for suggestions and were not keen to support existing projects. Due to the timescales, Southern Water took the decision to award half of the money £2500 to Wight Crystal's The Way Forward Programme and £2500 towards Ryde in Bloom. Southern Water felt they shared a link with 'In Bloom' and had recently been a sponsor of South & South East in Bloom.

Councillor Jill Moore gave a report on behalf of Councillor David Moore on Armed Forces Day. The day was scheduled for 17 June 2017 and the organisational committee were to meet on 21 October to plan arrangements for the day.

Councillor Micahel Lilley had attended the Civil Military Partnership meeting and reported that they had discussed a 'Terms of Reference' and that details of a re-launch event will be circulated soon. He was pleased to report that a 20k pot of funding was to be made available during November to community groups for community engagement. He also reported that Combat Stress, who

help veterans with post traumatic stress were hoping to find a suitable location on the Isle of Wight for an outreach service.

Councillor Tim Wakeley had attended an IWALC meeting, where discussion had taken place around the proposal for the Isle of Wight Council and Parish and Town Councils to provide funds for planning enforcement activities. Ryde Town Council budgeted 10k towards this initiative but were disappointed that less than 50% of Parish & Town Councils had decided to 'opt in'. Councillor Wakley reported to IWALC that as a consequence of this Ryde Town Council would not wish to pursue the proposal. Councillor Wakeley reported that the Planning Committee would be looking at further options on how Ryde Town Council may assist with planning enforcement for some well known sites within Ryde and these would be recommended to Full Council at a future meeting.

142/16 MEN IN SHEDS

Lois Prioir, Age UK and Stan Baker, Royal British Legiom gave a presentation on a local Men in Sheds project that aims to offer particular support to ex military veterans.

143/16 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The recommendations arising from a meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28 September 2016 were considered and it was **RESOLVED that**

Warmer Homes Proposal

- i. **payments from reserves be made to the Footprint Trust for the Ryde Warmer Homes initiative, of up to £6000pa (for Home Visits in the Ryde area) and up to £2000pa (for energy saving measures for vulnerable people in Ryde) pro rata.**
- ii. **payment for any Home Visits undertaken will be approved by the Finance Committee on a quarterly basis upon receipt of**
 - a) **An invoice from the Footprint Trust**
 - b) **A report from the Footprint Trust to the Committee on the scheme**
 - c) **A copy of the Footprint's Trust's quarterly accounts**
- iii. **any applications for grants for white goods be forwarded by the Footprint Trust to the Town Council for consideration by the Chairman and Vice- Chariman and any grant forwarded by the Chairman and Vice-chairman be signed off by the RFO.**

Marketing

- i. **the revised marketing strategy be noted.**

Council Tax Reduction Scheme

- i. **the following be forwarded to the Isle of Wight Council in response to the Consulation on the Coouncil tax Reduction Scheme:**

‘Whatever decision the Isle of Wight Council takes, it also implements an effective, secure and fair process for the protection of those poorest and vulnerable to any proposed changes in the scheme’.

144/16 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 July, 9 and the 30 August 2016 were received.

The recommendations arising from a meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 September were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that

Pedestrianisation of the High Street

- i. Ryde Town Council carry out a public consultation on the following:**
 - The drafting of a new Prohibition of Driving Traffic Order**
 - The drafting of a new No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restriction**
 - The installation of two new loading bays.**
- ii. Subject to the public consultation that Ryde Town Council include within provisions a fall-back position for the delivery of measures to pedestrianise the High Street including:**
 - Monitoring and assessment of implementation measures outlined within the report and that if these measures are not delivering improved outcomes for the High Street then alternative measures (such as bollards or other prevention/enforcement measures) are investigated.**

Transport Infrastructure Taskforce

- i. The proposed response to Transport Infrastructure Taskforce on the future of rail services on the IOW contained in the attached report was approved.**

145/16 GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING COMMITTEE

The notes of the General Working Purpose meeting held on 23 June 2016 were received.

The recommendations arising from a meeting of the General Purposes Working Committee held on 21 September 2016 were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that

- I. Ryde Town Council agree in principle to take on the delivery of a Ryde Youth Offer through the provision of a Hub from April 2017 when the current provider (Spectrum Housing) and the Isle of Wight Council cease to support youth service provision.**
- II. This Offer be developed over the next few months, in partnership**

with the outgoing provider, Spectrum Housing, and with support from Community Action IOW to ensure that the legacy from the current local offer is recognised and taken forward

- III. The development of the new Offer be overseen by the General Purposes Working Party and progress be regularly reported to the Full Council
- IV. An immediate working budget for the the development of the new Offer be drawn from the Town Council's previously allocated funding contribution to the current service in the 2016/17 financial year
- V. The Isle of Wight Council be asked to contribute any end of year underspend from its budget for the delivery of youth services in 2016/17 to the new Ryde Offer
- VI. That the Finance Committee be asked to indentify, through the budget and precept setting process, a budget for the delivery of the new service from 2017
- VII. That the Personnel Panel be asked to consider any capacity and staffing matters that may arise as a result of the delivery of the new service from 2017.

146/16 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £5,068.90 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.

147/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

148/16 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 the press be temporarily excluded for the following items and they are instructed to withdraw – in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Standing Order no. 80 – contract matters.

149/16 PERSONNEL PANEL

The recommendation arising from a meeting of the Personnel Panel held on 21 September 2016 was considered and it was **RESOLVED that**

- I. That no decision be taken regarding the awarding of a contract in

respect of Health & Safety/HR advice and support.

- II. That the Council's Procurement Advisor be asked to investigate an interim measure for the provision of Health & Safety support and advice.**
- III. That the process for the procurement of a long term contract in respect of Health & Safety/HR advice and upper be referred back to the Personnel Panel for progressing.**

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

Signed Mayor/Chairman

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