



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2016 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

Present: Councillors: Adrian Axford, Henry Adams (Mayor), Conrad Gauntlett, Roi Milburn, David Moore, Jill Moore, Malcolm Ross, Sandy Stephens, Tim Wakeley, 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 County Press Reporter
Members of the Public

Public
Question Time Questions were raised about the following:

- Parking in West Street for school 'drop offs' that impact on the Number 9 bus layby. Councillor Wakeley agreed that this would be raised at Planning Committee.
- Bicycles travelling at great speed along footpaths that were a mix of cyclists and walkers. It was agreed that this would be raised at Planning Committee as it was felt this was not unique to Appley and that there was a need to reflect these concerns to the Isle of Wight Council.
- Concerns over the local community witnessing an upsetting police arrest.

The Police responded that all arrests are risk assessed where possible and will focus on the safety of everyone involved and in the surrounding area.

166/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni and Ian Stephens.

167/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Malcolm Ross declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 Marketing Grants (i) as he is member of Ryde Carnival Association.

Councillor Henry Adams declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 Marketing Grants (i) and (ii) as he is a member of Ryde Carnival Association and Ryde Rotary Club.

168/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations. The Genral Dispensation granted to all Members in respect of the setting of the 2017/2018 budget and precept was noted. Full Council minute 11/13 refers.

169/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 November 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.

170/16 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Councillor Adrian Axford raised concerns about the use of advertising 'A boards' being left out overnight. The Clerks agreed to ask the Environment Officer to investigate.

Councillor Adrian Axford reported the Lind Street toilets recently closed by the Isle of Wight Council still had signage showing them as public conveniences and asked if a request could be made to the Isle of Wight Council for them to amend the signage to closed. The Clerks agreed to reort this to the Isle of Wight Council.

171/16 REPORTS

The Police gave a report on the crime figures for Ryde. The informed Council that they were continuing to be proactive around the Town for Anti Social Behaviour and drug related concerns.

Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that he had attended a meeting and was pleased that partnerships were engaged and working together with the police to discuss future care plans and focus on the issues around the Town.

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett had received emails regarding drug dealing/drug offences from local residents. Cncerns had been raised about local police responses being minimal and therefore residents were not necessarily sharing all of their concerns.

The Police informed Council that drug related concerns were a police priority

and that it is only by the local community reporting incidents/concerns that they are able to gather evidence and therefore sharing information should be encouraged.

Councillor Phil Warren was pleased to report that a Community Safety Partnership meeting was scheduled for the 7 December to look at some of the reported concerns. It was hoped that with the right people around the table it would help to formulate policing of the night time economy.

Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that there were some concerns with the Environment Agency and Isle of Wight Council over the match funding for the Flood Programme and the potential loss of government funding.

Councillor Wakeley agreed that this would be raised at Planning Committee and that it could then be referred to IWALC as a matter of significant concern.

172/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that

- he had attended Remembrance Wreath laying ceremonies.
- Mr Dabs had visited Ryde and was pleased to inform Councillor Adams that he was the 149th Mayor he had met.
- he had presented medals for Ryde Rowing Club to the junior members.
- he had attended a PACT meeting.
- He had attended Vernon Square Christmas Carol evening.
- He had presented a scroll to admit Mr Eddie Minghella as an honorary freeman of Ryde in recognition of public service to the Town of Ryde over a period of many years. Mr Minghella then switched on the Christmas Tree Lights. The Mayor thanked the Clerks for making the arrangements.
- He had attended the Ryde Arts Festival wreath making day and that they had thanked the Town council for the grant funding they had received.

173/16 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor David Moore reported that an Armed Forces Day Committee meeting was scheduled for the New Year to plan the event. He had also attended the Remembrance Service.

Councillor Adrian Axford asked if there was any further progress with the renaming of John Street to Minghella Square. The Mayor reported that Councillor Ian Stephens was in discussions with the Minghella family regarding this.

Councillor Phil Warren had attended Remembrance Service and deputised for the Mayor for the Battle of Somme 100 Commemoration Service.

Councillors Tim Wakeley and Ivor Warlow had laid a wreath at the Binstead Remembrance service.

Councillor Ivor Warlow was pleased to have presented the Ryde in Bloom

winner, Mr Brett with his prize. Mr Brett was very pleased to have received his award.

174/16 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The recommendations arising from a meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30 November 2016 were considered and it was **RESOLVED that**

Cleaning of Public Conveniences

- i. **The current contract for the cleaning of the public conveniences be called off for a further maximum period of 12 months that are allowed for in the Framework Agreement dated 26 March 2013 between Top Mops Contract Cleaning Ltd and the Isle of Wight Council be approved. The background report from the Town Council's Procurement Advisor that was considered by Finance had previously been circulated.**

Marketing Grants

- i. **A marketing grant award of £2800 to the Ryde Carnival Association towards the marketing of 2017 Ryde Carnivals be approved.**
- ii. **A marketing grant of £2000 to the Rotary Club of Ryde towards the marketing of the Party on the Green 2017 be approved.**

175/16 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 11 October and 1 November 2016 were received.

176/16 HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

RESOLVED that the Health & Safety Policy as required under the health & Safety Act 1974 be approved.

177/16 DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY

RESOLVED that the Document Management and Retention Policy as required under the Lord Chancellor's Code of Practice on the Management of Records issued under Section 46 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 be approved.

178/16 SAFEGUARDING POLICY

RESOLVED that the Safeguarding Policy under Section 11 of the Childrens Act 2004 (Duty to safeguard and promote welfare) be approved.

179/16 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £5900.79 be approved.**
- ii. Payments shown on Appendix 2, which have been made under Standing Orders 65 (2) and (3), either by online transfer or by cheque were noted.**

180/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 6 February 2017 – Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Signed Mayor/Chairman

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