



## **RYDE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2017 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM**

**Present:** Councillors: Adrian Axford, Henry Adams (Mayor), Conrad Gauntlett, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Roi Milburn, David Moore, Jill Moore, Malcolm Ross, Ian 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)  
Gareth Hughes, Responsible Financial Officer, Ryde Town Council

**Also Present** Isle of Wight County Press Reporter  
Members of the Public  
Police

**Public Question Time** Questions were raised about the following:

- Budget
- My Life a Full Life
- Waste Collections
- Isle of Wight Council Grounds Maintenance Contract

01/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Sandy Stephens and Ivor Warlow.

02/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

03/17 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.

04/17 MINUTES

**RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 December 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.**

05/17 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

There were no Members questions.

06/17 REPORTS

PC Baggott asked for the Town Councils' support with displaying notices for the new Public Space Protection Order, the emptying of rubbish bins in community gardens, the cutting back of shrubs at St Thomas's Rest Gardens. He also mentioned that the police were looking at introducing either a Controlled Drinking Environment initiative, a Blue Light Project or working with the Street Pastors to address alcohol issues in public in Ryde.

PC Baggot also indicated Police support for the Town Councils new Network Ryde Youth Service project.

Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that the contribution needed from the Isle of Wight Council for the Flood Works Initiatives had been included in the Capital Programme.

07/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that

- he had presented prizes for the British Legion for their Poppy Appeal competition for the 'Best Dressed Poppy Window'
- he had attended a Carol Concert at Waterside Community Pool
- he had attended the Ryde Academy student production of Grease
- he had attended the wreath laying ceremony at Lind Street Shine on Christmas Eve.
- he had attended a Ryde Rowing Club Sponsored event and Councillor Warlow presented the Rowing Club with £250 from his Ward Allocation.
- He had attended the launch of the British Heart Foundation

St. Valentines Promotion fund

- he had attended the Community Safety Partnership Nighttime Economy Meeting
- he had attended a PACT meeting.
- He had attended a meeting with Southern Water regarding flooding in Ryde

#### 08/17 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Adrian Axford raised a planning matter in his ward.

Councillor Phil Warren had attended a PACT meeting. He also attended the Commissioning of Street Pastors where he reported how Ryde Town Council appreciated the beneficial effects of their presence in the town.

Councillor Michael Lilley attended an Age Friendly meeting.

#### 09/17 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held on 26 October and 30 November were received.

The recommendations arising from a meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25 January 2017 were considered and after a proposer and seconder for the Finance recommendations, a second proposal was put forward by Councillor Adrian Axford for a precept increase of 10%, he received a seconder. Councillor Ian Stephens proposed 5% and also received a seconder. Following a vote for the recommendations from the Finance Committee it was **RESOLVED by a majority vote that**

#### **Budget and Precept Setting 2017/18:**

- i. the net precept (after deduction of Council Tax Support Grant) for 2017/2018 be set at £740,188 representing a Band D Council Tax of £93.82.**
- ii. the approved minimum level of the Town Council's financial reserves be set at £120,000.**
- iii. the budget allocated for the repair or replacement playground equipment be increased from £7,000 to £24,000 to reflect that matched capital funding from the Isle of Wight Council may no longer be available.**

#### **Online Banking: It was RESOLVED that**

- i. the Town Council approved the use of the National Westminster Bank's Light Bankline service.**

## 10/17 GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING PARTY

The notes of the General Purposes Working Party meeting held on 21 September 2016 were approved.

The recommendations arising from the meeting of the General Purposes Working Party meeting held on 19 January 2017 were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that

### **Network Ryde**

- 1. Consultations be undertaken with existing providers of services to young people in Ryde.**
- 2. A Steering Group be appointed that will carry the responsibility for programme management and delivery.**
- 3. Operational management and determination process be put in place.**
- 4. A Principal Youth Worker and administrative support be appointed and this process be overseen by the Town Council's Personnel Panel.**
- 5. Volunteer staff and other paid support staff to the Service be recruited through a process of public engagement and ensure that DBS checks are carried out (through Community Action) on all staff before they can commence employment.**
- 6. Membership of the IW Youth Services Collaborate Partnership be confirmed.**
- 7. The Clerks, in consultation with the General Purposes Working Party, commence the work required to undertake a lease of the identified premises and to seek legal advice as appropriate.**
- 8. The necessary policy papers be drafted and approved by Ryde Town Council to help ensure the safe operation of the Service.**
- 9. Performance measures and systems be identified for the collection of evidence to enable the Ryde Town Council to demonstrate value for money and a quality service for young people.**
- 10. Responsibility for the oversight of these recommendations continue to be delegated to the General Purposes Working Party and the Personnel Panel with both Panels reporting progress to Full Council on a regular basis.**

### **My Life a Full Life Locality Lead**

- 1. The Town Council become the locality lead for the My Life a Full Life Programme and that £5000 income from this be used to offset the cost of providing the administrative support role referred to in the Network Ryde report.**

## 11/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22 November and 12 December 2016 were received.

12/17 PAYMENTS

**RESOLVED that**

- i. **Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £1174.91 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.**

13/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

14/17 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 (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Standing Order no. 80 – contract ad staffing matters.

15/17 ANNUAL REVIEW OF STAFF

The confidential recommendations arising from the meeting of the Personnel Panel held on 19 January 2017 in respect of the Annual Review of Staff were considered and it was **RESOLVED that the recommendations i – vi contained within the Personnel Panels report, in respect of changes to staff grades and salary points be introduced from 1 April 2017.**

16/17 BEACH CLEANING CONTRACT

The confidential recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee meeting held on 25 January 2017 were considered and it was **RESOLVED that recommendations 1 and 2 contained within the confidential report, in respect of the beach cleaning contract be approved.**

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed ..... Mayor/Chairman

Date.....

