



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 5 JUNE 2017 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

Present

Councillors: Henry Adams (Mayor), Adrian Axford, Charles Chapman, Nancy Farrell, Phil Jordan, Michael Lilley, Jim Moody, Malcolm Ross (Deputy Mayor), Ian Stephens, Tim Wakeley and Wayne Whittle.

In Attendance

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

Also Present

Members of the Public
Police

Public Question Time

Questions were raised about the following:

- Reversing of lorries into Church Road causing damage to a heritage pillar. It was agreed that this would be raised at Planning Committee.
- Hearing Loop for the Town Council office meeting room.
- Explanation of conveyancing invoices for the public conveniences.

97/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Julian Critchley, Christine Hall and Karen Lucioni.

98/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

99/17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations.

100/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED the minutes of the Annual meeting held on Monday 15 May 2017 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.

101/17 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Councillor Michael Lilley expressed his disappointment with the Isle of Wight Council Planning Committee decision approving the Westridge/Hope Road development. He mentioned that the previous Ward Councillor Roger Whitby-Smith had submitted a Notice of Motion to the Isle of Wight Council requesting a review of the housing numbers within the Island Plan. Councillor Lilley asked that representation be made to the Isle of Wight Council via Ryde Town Council Planning Committee. Councillor Jim Moody, Chair of Ryde Town Council Planning Committee suggested this be raised on a future Planning Committee agenda.

Councillor Michael Lilley raised the matter of accessibility in Ryde. It was suggested that the Highways Community Fund may be available to improve highways related accessibility via the Ryde Town Council Planning Committee. Councillor Phil Jordan reported that the Isle of Wight Council Highways Community Fund used a software package to prioritise these sorts of request and indicated that even though Ryde Town Council may have the funding that the requests might not meet the criteria and Island Roads would not take them forward.

Councillor Tim Wakeley reported that a broader approach may be required so that the community as a whole can become more accessible. Councillor Jim Moody suggested that this be raised at a future Planning Committee.

Councillor Phil Jordan expressed concern with the ongoing litter problems along the Esplanade and asked if steps could be taken with the Isle of Wight Council and Environment Officers to check if the Isle of Wight Council contract was monitored and if the performance standards were being met. Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that the current style of waste bins did not prevent birds and wildlife from removing litter from waste bins overnight so that the streets became littered. Councillor Michael Lilley reported that in the warmer months the Esplanade and Principal Parks were well used and waste bins

often overflowed. The Clerks reported that this concern should hopefully be addressed as Ryde Town Council have agreed to contribute to the Isle of Wight Council for extra bin emptying throughout the summer season.

Councillor Ian Stephens asked if the Pubwatch and Shopwatch antennae problem had been resolved. Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that the problem was still ongoing and that conversations were taking place with the new Isle of Wight Council Cabinet Members and Stakeholders in order to progress this. Councillor Phil Jordan reported that he understood the current owner of the building was now not in agreement for the building to be used to site the antennae and that a new location would be required.

Councillor Ian Stephens raised a query with regard to CCTV being deployed in additional areas throughout Ryde. Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that he was currently liaising with the Police and Island Roads regarding the quantity and quality of deployable cameras and the terms and conditions for their use, and ongoing maintenance or replacement within the Isle of Wight PFI contract.

102/17 REPORTS

The police reported that there was nothing new to report and that they were continuing to address the priorities as set out from the recent PACT meeting.

Councillor Ian Stephens reported that Community Policing used to have a higher presence across Ryde and asked if it would be possible for patrols to once again extend out further across Ryde. The Police suggested this be raised at a PACT meeting so that the police be made aware of any concerns in order to help inform priorities for the area.

Councillor Wayne Whittle asked if there was any guidance on security available for anyone attending the Isle of Wight Festival.

Councillor Michael Lilley raised a concern on behalf of residents, where anti social behaviour has resulted recent in damage to fences bordering residential property in an alley way from High Park Road to Preston Close. The police noted this.

Isle of Wight Councillor Adrian Axford reported that the Isle of Wight Council Chair was Councillor Laura Peacy Wilcox, Vice Chair was Councillor George Cameron and that the Chair of Scrutiny was Councillor Paul Fuller.

Councillor Axford reported that the Isle of Wight Council were against the recent AET announcement to close Sandown Bay Academy. The Isle of Wight Council are determined to secure the continued provision of secondary education in Sandown and it was hoped that The Bay Primary School may be able to change their admission criteria so that they have an all through 4 -18 years school providing education.

Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman reported that resurfacing of Upton Road was scheduled to take place at the end of June and that the works would be carried out overnight. Councillor Churchman also reported the removal of some defunct play equipment from Upton. The Isle of Wight Council had advised that this would not be replaced and a suggestion had been made that this area may be able to be turned into a picnic area. Should this be agreed by the Isle of Wight Council there may be a future request to the Town Council seeking assistance to fund some picnic tables.

Isle of Wight Councillor Charles Chapman praised Island Roads for completing the resurfacing of Green Street ahead of time and with minimal disruption to residents.

Isle of Wight Councilor Ian Stephens reported he had met with AET regarding Ryde Academy and the concerns that the newly built school due to open later in the year would not be able to accommodate the admission of all students following the proposed closure of Sandown Bay Academy. Parking and access facilities were also not adequate and will impact on the local residents surrounding the school.

Councillor Jim Wakeley, previous Chair of Ryde Town Planning Committee supported Councillor Stephens concerns and reminded Council that the Planning Committee had recommended refusal of the proposal to the Isle of Wight Council Planning department due to the way the new Academy would impact on the local area and the traffic management system and the Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads lack of a Highways Strategy.

Councillor Charles Chapman was pleased to report that the recent concerns around licensing disabled friendly taxis did not apply to the Isle of Wight.

Councillor Michael Lilley reported that he had met with Sovereign Housing and the local Health Co-ordinator with regard to concerns about residents being left without community links following the recent transfer from Spectrum Housing. Residents felt that reports of maintenance concerns were not being addressed. Meetings were being scheduled and it was hoped that residents concerns would now improve.

103/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced

- he had attended the Buckingham Palace Garden Party and had been honoured to have worn the Town council Mayoral Chain.
- he had attended a PACT meeting. He announced the next meeting was scheduled for 6pm on 23 July at the Foyer in George Street, Ryde.
- he had cut the ribbon and unveiled the 'Cupid' statue recently restored on the fountain by Easten Gardens. The restoration had been funded by Down to the Coast.
- a reminder for the Civic Service for 7pm on Thursday 15 June at the Baptist Church, George Street, Ryde.

- That the Ryde Marina Bowls Vs Ryde Town Council Bowls challenge had been scheduled for 5:30pm on Monday 26 June. The Mayor asked that any willing participants contact the office.
- Ryde Arts Festival commences with a concert on Friday 3 July at the Depository.

104/17 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Ian Stephens had attended an Armed Forces Day meeting and was pleased to announce that the event on Eastern Gardens would open at 11am.

Councillor Wayne Whittle had attended Wightlink Raiders Awards ceremony. It was a successful evening with the club presenting many awards. Councillor Wayne Whittle was pleased to report that the club would be carrying on for another year and that he had donated 5 slide tickets in attempt to gain sponsorship to assist the club in raising the necessary funds to set up Community Interest Company.

Councillor Adrian Axford was pleased to announce that Ryde Saints FC had attended St Mary's Football Stadium to be presented with the Charter Standard Club of the Year - 'Sportsmanship Award'

105/17 TOWN CRIER'S HONORARIUM

RESOLVED that the payment of the Town Crier's Honorarium for 2017/18 to Hampshire Air Ambulance be approved.

It was agreed that the Clerks write to the Town Crier setting out the Town Council expectations for the 2017/2018 year.

106/17 NOTICE OF MOTION – ISLE OF WIGHT DAY

RESOLVED that the sum of £500 funding support be approved towards the costs of the Isle of Wight Day event be approved in principle and and that the Finance Committee identify a budget for this award.

107/17 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 29 March 2017 were received.

The recommendation arising from a meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29 May 2017 was considered and it was **RESOLVED that the Annual Accounts and Annual Return for 2016/17 be approved and the Annual Return be submitted to the external auditor.**

108/17 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £1900.97 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.**

109/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 3 July 2017 - Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.

110/17 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 – legal and external staffing matters.

111/17 DEED OF EASEMENT

RESOLVED that the signing of a Deed of Easement relating to access to the allotment site at Marlborough Road be approved.

112/17 SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

The recommendation arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24 May 2017 in respect of the School Crossing Patrols was considered and it was **RESOLVED that funding in relation to the two Road Crossing Patrols be continued for the academic year 2017/2018 only and refer to a requirement for ward members to raise the matter with the individual schools affected during the coming academic year in order to encourage them to fund the patrols after 2017/18 from their devolved budgets.**

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Signed Mayor/Chairman

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