



## **RYDE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2017 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM**

#### **Present**

Councillors: Henry Adams (Mayor), Charles Chapman, Diana Conyers, Julian Critchley, Nancy Farrell, Christine Hall, Phil Jordon, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Sue Lyons, 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  
Isle of Wight County Press

#### **Public Question Time**

Questions were raised about the following:

- Pedestrianisation of the High Street
- Fiveways Shelter
- Network Ryde

A representative from Vectis Boat and Fishing Club gave thanks to the Town Council for the funding support they receive towards the Junior League Fishing competition. They were pleased to report that over 60 children had participated in the event.

The Mayor reported that he had been very impressed with the skills shown by the competitors.

#### 146/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Adrian Axford.

#### 147/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 148/17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations.

#### 149/17 MINUTES

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 2 October 2017 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.**

#### 150/17 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Councillor Ian Stephens referred back to the concerns raised in Public Question Time regarding the Fiveways Shelter. After further discussion it was noted that this matter would be raised with the Police via the Chair and Secretary of Police and Communities Together (PACT) at their next meeting. Councillor Ian Stephens also undertook to liaise with the Isle of Wight Council as the landowner and provider of the shelter.

Cllr Lucioni also suggested that should any Councillors be aware of any other areas that may need attention within their wards that they provide her with the information to collate together and raise at PACT. It was also suggested that the Police Commissioner be invited to a future meeting.

Councillor Michael Lilley wished to have further clarification, in addition, to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, of the Town Council Committees. The Clerk agreed to send this information to him.

Councillor Micheal Lilley requested that the Town Council give support to the IW Pride to host the National Pride Event. After a lengthy discussion, and clarification from the Clerk, that this type of decision could not be taken unless it had been included on the agenda following a request from the organisation about the support that they may require. The Clerk agreed to liaise with the organisers to take this matter forward.

Councillor Michael Lilley took the opportunity to raise a planning matter in his ward which a resident has become concerned about. Councillor Jim Moody reminded Coouncillor Lilley that this was an Isle of Wight Council and Planning Authority matter and thus needed to be dealt with by them. Councillor Moody informed Council that he had already liaised with the resident to explain this. It was noted that the Town Council Planning Committee had previously objected to the developments concerned in their role as a statutory consultee.

## 151/17 REPORTS

There was no police report.

Isle of Wight Councillor Michael Lilley's report had been received before the meeting and was noted by the Council.

## 152/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced

- he had attended an event at Aspire in celebration of them receiving the Queen's Voluntary Award.
- he had attended the Classic Car Extravaganza and congratulated the organiser, Mr Vic Gallucci, on an excellent event.
- he had attended the Ryd Marina Bowls Club presentation evening.
- he had attended the Isle of Wight Day parade and events held in Simeon Street Recreation Ground.
- he had attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning.
- he had attended the IW Indoor Bowls 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations, along with Councillor Tim Wakeley and was pleased to have received a plaque for the Town Council.
- he had attended a PACT meeting.
- he reported that the Poppy launch was taking place on 28 October.
- he reported that a 'Talk on the Pubs of Ryde' was scheduled to take place at the Simeon Arms on the 8 November on behalf of the Mayor's Charity..

## 153/17 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Charles Chapman tabled a report about the matters discussed at the Civil Military Partnership meeting held on 7 September.

Councillor Christine Hall had previously circulated a report on a range of recent Age Friendly initiatives.

Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that the flood alleviation works relating to Monktonmead Brook were now not scheduled to take place until next year due to timescales on the beach for migrating birds.

Councillor Julian Critchly reported that the Waterside Trust had been successful in obtaining £40,000 of funding towards redevelopment of the site to include gym facilities.

The Mayor asked Councillor Ian Stephens if there was any update on the Armed Forces Day for 2018. Councillor Stephens had no further update at this time.

## 154/17 REMEMBRANCE DAY

**RESOLVED** that a budget spend of around £250 be approved for Remembrance Day wreaths to be laid on behalf of the Town Council at Ryde, Ashley and Binstead, for an Armistice Day wreath and for a donation to be made to the Poppy Appeal. This budget spend will be made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

155/17 THE ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

It was noted that Councillor Tim Wakeley stepped down as the Town Council's representative to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils. The Mayor thanked Councillor Tim Wakeley for all the time he had contributed towards being the representative over the past few years and complimented him on the role for which he was held in high esteem.

It was **RESOLVED** that

**Councillor Jim Moody be appointed as the representative to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) and that Councillors Diana Conyer and Christine Hall be Deputies.**

156/17 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 26 July 2017 were received.

The recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21 September 2017 were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that

**(1) REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR 2016-17**

**The report of the Internal Auditor for 2016-17 be noted and that it also be noted that the Internal Auditor was satisfied with the information supplied and that Section 4 of the Annual Return for the 2016-17 financial year be signed.**

**(2) COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME CONSULTATION SCHEME**

**The following be forwarded to the Isle of Wight Council in response to its Consultation on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme:**

**'That 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.'**

**(3) TOWN PLANTING AND WATERING CONTRACT**

- i. the existing specification for planting and watering be retained and a procurement process in accordance with the Town Council's approved Contract Standing Orders to enable a new contract arrangements to be put in place for the continuance of this service be commenced.**
- ii. the planting and watering contracts be tendered as one, but with the ability to award either as a whole or individually**

**whateveris deemed best value for the Town Council.**

- iii. the contract be awarded for a period of 5 years to maximise contractor interest in the service, enable economy of scale to be achieved and give best value to the Town Council.**

157/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8 and 29 August 2017 were received.

158/17 NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP

The following matters arising from the inaugural meeting of the Network Ryde Steering Group held on 18 September 2017 were noted:

- i. The adoption of the Terms of Reference
- ii. The election of Councillor Tim Wakeley as Chairman and Councillor Michael Lilley as Vice Chairman of the Steering Group
- iii. The co-option of representatives from the following organisations onto the Group: Ryde Family Centre (Barnardo's); Police; Ryde Academy; Foyer for the Island; Ryde Rotary; IW Youth Council.

A number of Members raised questions about the Terms of Reference and the Chairman of the Steering Group agreed that the Group would review these.

159/17 MY LIFE A FULL LIFE

**RESOLVED that Councillor Diana Conyers be appointed as one of the Town Councils' representatives to the My Life a Full Life NE Locality Forum.**

160/17 PAYMENTS

**RESOLVED that**

- i. Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £15,234.97 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.**

161/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

Signed ..... Mayor/Chairman

Date.....