



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 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, 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
IW Pride
Ryde Carnival

Public Question Time

Questions were raised about the following:

- Vandalism of the Winter plants along the seafront and the wish for them to be replaced with sturdier plants.
- An initiative to cater for younger people on the Isle of Wight. Councillor Wakeley showed an interest and agreed to make contact outside of the meeting.
- Fiveways Shelter involved in an earlier incident within the Town. The police responded to the question and confirmed that the Fiveways Shelter was in no way connected with any incident in the Town.

162/17 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

163/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Henry Adams declared a non pecuniary (personal) interest in agenda items 10 & 11 as he is a member of Ryde Carnival Association.

Councillor Malcolm Ross declared a non pecuniary (personal) interest in agenda item 10 & 11 as he is a member of Ryde Carnival Association.

164/17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations.

165/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 6 November 2017 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.

166/17 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Councillor Karen Lucioni asked IW Councillors if there was any update regarding the Fiveways Shelter?

Councillor Ian Stephens informed Council that shrubs had been cleared and that the Isle of Wight Council were currently looking at ways to improve the visibility of the shelter.

Councillor Nancy Farrell took the opportunity to report a faulty light in the Dover Street Shelter. The Clerks agreed to forward this query onto the appropriate organisation.

167/17 REPORTS

Inspector Whitlock and Sgt. Cooper reported that Hampshire and IW Police were having to find 23 million in savings across the area. The reduction in funding was not specifically for the Isle of Wight.

It was reported that crime figures were lower than those comparable to last year.

Councillor Michael Lilley queried that the IW Community Partnership figures did not give the same impression. Inspector Whitlock stated that these figures reflected older time periods and were not current so were not truly representative.

Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman was disappointed not to have been informed about Southern Water's major scheme in her ward. The Clerks were unable to comment on why she would not have been informed as an IW Councillor but agreed that should Ryde Town Council receive any further

information, that Cllr Vanessa Churchman be added to Ryde Town Council circulation list.

Councillor Michael Lilley reported that the Isle of Wight Council Task and Finish Group were requesting the strong views to revisit social and affordable housing needs on the Island.

Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that at 6:30pm at Ryde Castle on Monday 20 November that a regeneration workshop had been organised to share the views of the Islandview Survey. It was also an opportunity for residents to make comment.

Councillor Charles Chapman was pleased to report that there would be an increase of 4 new disabled bays. 2 in Well Street and 2 in other locations. Councillor Chapman gave thanks to Councillor Karen Lucioni for her help and support.

168/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced

- he had attended the Ryde in Bloom Awards evening
- he had attended the opening of Harp on Wight
- he had attended the Poppy Appeal Launch
- he had attended the opening of the Social Enterprise Hub at Aspire.
- He had attended the community fireworks display at Haylands hosted by Ryde Rotary

169/17 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Karen Lucioni had previously circulated a written report about Ryde in Bloom 2017.

Councillors Diana Conyers, Michael Lilley and Karen Lucioni attended the inaugural meeting of the My Life a Full Life Locality Forum and looked forward to the next meeting scheduled for December.

Councillor Adrian Axford reported that he had opened a new community garden at the back of Garfield Road.

Councillor Michael Lilley reported on behalf of the Ryde Business Association that during Small Business week it was hoped to place a bus at Western Gardens disseminating information to Ryde Businesses.

Councillor Charles Chapman gave thanks to the Ryde Branch of the Royal British Legion for an excellent service and parade at the Poppy Appeal Launch.

170/17 IW PRIDE

Representatives of IW Pride gave thanks for the funding award received and gave a presentation about this year's Pride event and informed Council about the proposed 2018 event.

Councillor Charles Chapman declared an interest in this agenda item in his role as he is Chariman of the Isle of Wight Councils Licensing Committee. He therefore could take no part in the question and answer session that followed the presentation.

Members of the Council welcomed the plans for Ryde to host the 218 National Pride Event.

It was RESOLVED that Councillors Julian Critchley, Phil Jordan and Karen Lucioni were appointed as Town Council representatives to the Pride Organising Committee for 2018.

171/17 RYDE CARNIVAL

Representatives of Ryde Carnival Association gave a presentation about this year's carnivals and informed Council about the proposed 2018 Carnivals.

172/17 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21 September 2017 were received.

The recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17 October were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that

(A) REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER ON THE EXTERNAL AUDIT OF 2017 ANNUAL RETURN

The report from the Responsible Financial Officer on the External Audit of the 2017 Annual Return and the matters arising from the audit were noted..

(B) THE TOWN COUNCIL'S GRANT POLICIES & PROCESSES

- i. the Council's Community and Marketing Grants processes be amalgamated from 1 April 2018 and that all the associated paperwork for both processes be updated by officers, including the production of one application pack.**
- ii. to note that applicants will be able to apply for either or both elements (promotion and core costs) as part of an application.**
- iii. the Finance Committee consider grant applications 3 times a year in September, January and May.**
- iv. the budget allocated to the Community element of the newly amalgamated grants process be increased to £21,000.**
- v. a new budget of £21,000 be allocated to the Marketing element of the newly amalgamated grant process and that the budget allocated to Marketing be reduced to £29,000.**

- vi. The budgets allocated to each element of the newly amalgamated grants process be split equally between each round of applications, i.e. £7,000 per element per round and that any awards clearly state which budget award will be allocated from.
- vii. the following organisations be recommended to have funding allocated on a long term basis without the need for an annual re applications:
 - New Carnival Company (IW Mardi Gras)
 - Ryde Carnival Association (Ryde Carnival)
 - Classic Car Extravaganza
 - Ryde Arts Festival
 - Harp on Wight
- viii. the above recommendations be taken forward as part of the budget and precept setting process for 2018/2019.

(C) PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR THE RYDE TOWN MAP & EVENTS POSTER

- i. the existing specification for the Town Map and Events Poster be retained, subject to agreeing to the purchase of the intellectual property rights of the front cover design from the current contractor, and commence a procurement process in accordance with the Council's approved contract standing orders to enable new contract arrangements to be put in place to enable the continuance of this service.
- ii. the Town Map and Events Poster be tendered as one, but with the ability to award either as a whole or individually, whatever is deemed best value for the Council.
- iii. the contract be awarded for a period of four years with a potential maximum one year extension to be agreed by the Council, to maximise contractor interest in the service, enable economy of scale to be achieved and give best value to the Council.
- iv. Full Council gives delegated authority to the Finance Committee to award the contract following successful completion of the procurement process. (This is in accordance with Clause 2.8.4 of the Council's Contract Standing Orders).
- v. following the award of any contract(s), the Clerk to the Council liaises with the Marketing Working Party to agree any design changes that are required during the course of the contract period to either the Town Map or Events Poster, and that any significant financial implications are reported and agreed by the Finance Committee prior to any changes being implemented.

- vi. **an amended specification for the Town Map and Events Poster to include the provision of digital versions of both for use on, and enable access through web and other digitally based platforms. Consultation on the amended specification to be made with members of the Marketing Working Party in liaison with the Clerk to the Council with any subsequent changes made in consultation with the Chair of Finance.**

173/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 19 September 2017 were received.

174/17 NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP

It was **RESOLVED** that following a request from Councillor Karen Lucioni, she be appointed to the Network Ryde Steering Group.

175/17 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. **Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £28,376.92 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.**

176/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 4 December 2017 - Methodist Church Hall, Garfield Road, Ryde.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signed Mayor/Chairman

Date.....

