



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

<u>Present</u>	Councillors: Henry Adams (Mayor), Adrian Axford, 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.
<u>In Attendance</u>	Saskia Blackmore, Clerk, Ryde Town Council Adrienne White, Clerk, Ryde Town Council (Minutes)
<u>Also Present</u>	Members of the Public Isle of Wight County Press Police Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman
<u>Public Question Time</u>	<p>Questions were raised about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes by the Isle of Wight Council to Garden Waste arrangements• Anglesea Street and traffic access• Council Tax• Aspire's Community Right to Bid for the former Ryde Youth Centre• The Big Sleep Out on 2 March in Appley Park• The Dover Street shelter <p>Later in the meeting there was a lengthy discussion around the minuting of Public Question Time and whether or not an item entitled 'matters arising' could be added to future agendas.</p> <p>It was explained that Public Question Time does not form part of agenda for meetings and as such there is no legal requirement to include a record of the questions asked in the minutes of the meeting. However, in the interest of transparency, and to politely acknowledge the input from members of the public, any matter raised was noted, but without names of questioners being included. The Clerk also advised that it is considered poor practice to have an agenda item entitled 'matters arising'. In order to move this matter forward the Clerk agreed to no longer record any matters raised in Public Question Time in the minutes of Full Council meetings.</p>

	<p>Councillor Michael Lilley left the meeting room.</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley returned to the meeting room.</p>
01/18	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Charles Chapman.</p>
02/18	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</p> <p>Councillor Jim Moody declared a non pecuniary (personal) interest in agenda item 9 (Finance) as he is a member of Historic Ryde Society. He advised that he would take no part in the discussion or the vote.</p> <p>Councillor Henry Adams declared a non pecuniary (personal) interest in agenda item 9 (Finance) as he is a member of Historic Ryde Society and Ryde Carnival Association.</p> <p>Councillor Malcolm Ross declared a non pecuniary (personal) interest in agenda item 9 (Finance) as he is a member of Ryde Carnival Association.</p>
03/18	<p>REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS</p> <p>There were no individual requests for dispensations.</p>
04/18	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 4 December 2017 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.</p>
05/18	<p>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</p> <p>Councillor Christine Hall asked if there were any plans for Ryde Town Council to commemorate its 10th year anniversary and celebrate what the Town Council has achieved over the last 10 years. The Mayor agreed this would be a good idea. It was suggested that this could be initially discussed by the Working Party that may be established later on in the agenda.</p> <p>Councillor Julian Critchley raised concerns about the homeless persons that have been moving around various doorways in the Town and asked if there was anything that could be done to point them in the direction of some assistance.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Isle of Wight Councils' Community Support Officer had been made aware and that he had visited the reported sites to offer support.</p> <p>Councillor Tim Wakeley raised concerns around Ryde Harbour and the lack of information available from the Isle of Wight Council in regard to it's upkeep and the publication of financial records. He was also concerned that there had been recent speculation that the harbour was up for sale.</p>

Councillor Wakeley reported that a letter had been sent to an Isle of Wight Councillor and that the letter had been passed to an Isle of Wight Council Officer for response. The Town Council Planning Committee had also been informed and were also making enquiries to the Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Wayne Whittle agreed to speak with the Isle of Wight Council and request a meeting to discuss the concerns raised.

Councillor Michael Lilley supported Councillor Wakeley who had been informed that the Ryde Harbour was not on the market but that informal discussions to possible purchasers were taking place. It was also suggested that the Isle of Wight Council may be setting up a Harbour Committee to oversee all Isle of Wight Harbours.

Council requested that a letter be sent to the Isle of Wight Council asking that they meet with Ryde Town Council to discuss the future of the Harbour.

Councillor Tim Wakeley reported that following Isle of Wight Councillor Dave Stewart attending the Full Council meeting held on December 2017, that he had forwarded a letter outlining the points that had been raised (Beach management and other facilities). Although an early acknowledgement had been received stating a full response would follow, Councillor Wakeley reported that no reply had yet been given, despite also having been subsequently chased by the Clerks and himself.

Council requested that a letter be sent to the Isle of Wight Council again requesting a detailed response to the outstanding important issues.

Councillor Michael Lilley left the meeting room.

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REPORTS

The Police gave an update on the crime figures compared to those for the same time period last year.

Councillor Wayne Whittle and Councillor Adrian Axford asked if there was any further news about the Dover Street and Fiveways Shelters.

Councillor Tim Wakeley left the meeting room.

Councillor Malcolm Ross asked if the police were able to assist with cars that parked upon pavements. The police can help if the vehicle in question is providing a full obstruction to the pavement.

Councillor Tim Wakeley and Councillor Michael Lilley returned to the meeting room.

Councillor Nancy Farrell asked the police if it was possible for them to provide statistics for domestic abuse to a future meeting.

	<p>Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman provided an update on the Southern Water water main repairs and was pleased to report that everything was currently on schedule. Councillor Churchman also reported that she had attended a parking conference and made the Town Council aware that the Isle of Wight Council had just announced a parking consultation and asked that colleagues encourage residents to complete the survey.</p> <p>Isle of Wight Councillor Michael Lilley reported about his involvement with the establishment of an Appley Tower Steering Group, which comprises a group of key local stakeholders, to discuss development and management concerns in Ryde East with the Isle of Wight Council, and reported on the recent meeting of the Ryde East Citizens Panel, which was a model that he was hoping could be rolled out across many Wards.</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley reported that he had been in discussion with Island Roads about the conditions of some of the roads in his ward, in particular 'pot holes' and any plans for future road resurfacing.</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley gave thanks to the Environment Officers in assisting with the improvement of less dog fouling in the area.</p> <p>Isle of Wight Councillors Adrian Axford advised that revised Planning schemes for Ryde House and Ryde School would be available for discussion soon.</p> <p>Isle of Wight Councillor Ian Stephens gave thanks to the Environment Officers for assisting him with flytipping issues within his ward.</p>
07/18	<p>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>The Mayor announced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • he had attended a Christmas gathering at Highfield House • he had opened 147 High Street along with Councillor Tim Wakeley. The Mayor congratulated Councillor Tim Wakeley for all of his efforts in getting 147 up and running. <p>Councillor Malcolm Ross (Deputy Mayor) visited the New Carnival Company which had been hosting guests from Brazil. Councillor Malcolm Ross was very pleased to report that Brazil were to be involved with the Mardi Gras later in the year.</p>
08/18	<p>REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS</p> <p>Councillor Jim Moody, as the Town Council representative to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils, submitted a report, that had been circulated to all Members, regarding the latest meeting of IWALC.</p> <p>Councillor Tim Wakeley reported that he had attended a youth Forum – reoffending conference, Community Alcohol Partnership meeting, the</p>

09/18	<p>Regeneration of Ryde meeting at Ryde Castle, Mock Interviews at Ryde Academy, and the launch of Network Ryde at 147 High Street, Ryde.</p> <p>Councillor Adrian Axford reported that he had been following up the electricity problems with Ryde Theatre as requested and would be meeting with colleagues and Isle of Wight Council Officers on 21 February.</p> <p>Councillor Malcolm Ross reported that he had attended the Newport Traffic Seminar and a Local Access Forum for countryside and planning.</p> <p>FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 22 November were received.</p> <p>Councillor Wakeley introduced the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21 January 2018. These were considered in some depth one by one, and following a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED that</p> <p>A. Budget and Precept Setting 2018/2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the Town Council sets a precept of £923,635 (net) to balance the budget as contained in the budget report Appendix A and to provide reserves of £120,000. ii. this be equivalent to an increase in the Band D Council Tax of £20.88 per annum or 40p per week (an increase of 22.3%) to give a total Band D Council Tax of £114.70 per annum. iii. funding be approved to the following organisations and included in the budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ryde Carnival Association - £9,000 New Carnival Company - £3,000 Classic Car Event - £1,500 Ryde Arts Festival - £3,000 Harp on Wight - £2,700 iv. a contribution of £49,100 towards Park Services delivered by the Isle of Wight Council be agreed for 2018/19. v. a contribution of £17,000 (uplifted by 5% each year) towards a Ryde Environment Officer delivered by the Isle of Wight Council and £24,000 (uplifted by 5% each year) towards Playground Equipment delivered by the Isle of Wight Council be agreed for the lifetime of this Council.
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- vi. **£70,000 be awarded to the Waterside Pool in 2018/19 and this be offset by a reduced annual contribution over the next four financial years.**
- vii. **the Footprint Trust continues to receive funding totalling £8,000 for the Warmer Homes Initiative to facilitate home visits and energy saving measures.**
- viii. **Gift to Nature continues to receive funding totalling £10,000 to support Ryde's Countryside sites.**
- ix. **the current budget of £30,000 allocated to Beach Cleaning be retained.**
- x. **the current budget of £6,000 allocated to In Bloom be retained.**
- xi. **the current budget of £34,100 allocated for the summer and winter planting/watering schemes be retained.**
- xii. **a budget of £20,000 be allocated to decorative lighting, Christmas Trees and electricity supply in 2018/19.**
- xiii. **a budget of £20,000 be allocated to the Skatepark in 2018/19.**
- xiv. **the budget allocation for allotments be increased to £15,000**
- xv. **the current budget of £20,000 allocated to Beach Safety be retained.**
- xvi. **the existing budget of £29,000 allocated to marketing projects be agreed.**
- xvii. **a budget of £150,000 be allocated to Network Ryde (Youth Services) for the year 2018/19.**
- xviii. **the existing budget of £70,000 for public conveniences be retained.**
- xix. **the existing budget of £20,000 for the Community Highways Fund, the existing budget of £50,000 for Pedestrianisation of the High Street and the current budget of £5,000 allocated to the Ryde area Action Plan be amalgamated into a new budget line for Public Realm Improvements and that the Planning Committee be given delegated authority to devise a policy for expenditure against this budget.**

- xx. the existing budget of £10,000 for Planning Enforcement be retained.
- xxi. the budget lines for the Splashpark, Flagpole, Island Games Water Feature, Mayors Honorarium, Remembrance Wreaths and Million Blooms Site be retained and the budget line relating to the Town Criers Honorarium be deleted.
- xxii. the budget report be noted and the results of the budget consultation be circulated to all Members.

B. Historic Ryde Funding

- i. a grant of £4,000 for the year 2018/19 be given to the Historic Ryde Society to contribute to the costs of the following:
 - Extension of heating: installation of eco-friendly storage heaters throughout the area.
 - Replacement of one or two dehumidifiers.
 - Extending the existing security alarm system throughout the area,
 - Replacing existing ceiling lights with less damaging and eco-friendly LED fittings.
 - Maintenance of existing display cabinets: replacing failed halogen lights, and installing lights in unlit cabinets, with LED fittings.
 - Installation of extra lighting and sockets in extra areas; conditional on the Ryde Town council logo being displayed on all publications and marketing material.
- ii. Councillor Nancy Farrell is appointed to sit on the Board of Trustees of the Historic Ryde Society.
- iii. The above grant to the Historic Ryde Society be funded from reserves.

C. Planting and Watering Contract Award

- i. the award of the contract given for both the Planting and Watering is made to Contractor A at the annual contract value of £25,742.48, being the Best Price and Quality Ratio tender received for both the planting and watering elements of the contract. This annual cost will increase on the anniversary of the contract by an amount equivalent to the Governments Consumer Price Index (CPI) all items index.

	<p>ii. the tender term be for an initial four-year period with a potential to extend by up to a maximum of 12 months at the sole discretion and agreement by the Full Council. A minimum of three months notice is to be given to the contractor to either extend the contract or terminate the contract at the end of the initial four-year term.</p> <p>Councillor Tim Wakeley was thanked for his work on this years budget. Councillor Tim Wakeley expressed his thanks to the Responsible Financial Officer and Finance Administration Officer for the hard work put into all of the documents and information provided throughout the budget process.</p>
10/18	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 21 November and 12 December 2017 were received.</p>
11/18	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION – 01/18</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley introduced the Notice of Motion in respect of honours. It was RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Town Council establishes an Honours Working Party, as an advisory committee to the Council, with the remit to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Develop a policy on the awarding of all types of honours by the Town Council and that this Policy be recommended to a future meeting of the Full Council for approval. ii. The Policy make use of good practice developed by other parish and town councils in the awarding of all types of honours. iii. Councillors Nancy Farrell, Christine Hall, Karen Lucioni and Sue Lyons be appointed to the Working Party. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will also attend as ex-officio. iv. The Working Party appoint a Chairman at its first meeting. 2. in recognition of his contribution to engineering and invention, the Honours Working Party at its first meeting consider the awarding of the Freedom of Ryde to Mr John Ackroyd. The Working Party will be provided with a letter setting out the reasons for this proposal.

12/18	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION – 02/18</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley introduced the Notice of Motion in respect of plastic. It was RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ryde Town Council supports the efforts of the Isle of Wight Council in having a commitment to a reduction of plastic marine and town plastic pollution. 2. Ryde Town Council staff examine how the Council itself uses single use plastic in all its activities such as Network Ryde (Youth Provision) and provide a local example of good practice. 3. Councillor Michael Lilley be appointed as Member Champion to liaise with the Isle of Wight Council Cabinet Member in taking forward the IWC’s new plastic free policies.
13/18	<p>COMMITTEE VACANCY</p> <p>Councillor Malcolm Ross was appointed to the Allotments Management Committee.</p>
14/18	<p>IWALC NOMINATION</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Jim Moody be nominated as the Isle of Wight Association of Local Council’s (IWALC) representative to the National Association of Local Councils. This nomination will be considered by IWALC in March.</p>
15/18	<p>NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP</p> <p>The notes of the Network Ryde Steering Group meeting held on 18 September 2017 were received.</p> <p>Councillor Tim Wakeley gave an update on the launch of Network Ryde and was pleased to report the Youth Café was now open and attendance has been high. There is a varied programme across the week and includes and evening for the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Arts Activities. He was pleased to report the involvement of the Wheatsheaf Trust and the Foyer with the opening of the facility and that dialogue was already taking place with outside organisations.</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley congratulated Councillor Tim Wakeley for this brilliant work. Councillor Michael Lilley was pleased to have attended the opening and seen Network Ryde, The Isle of Wight Youth Trust and Aspire already linked through Network Ryde work.</p>

16/18	<p>PAYMENTS</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £26,758.06 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.
17/18	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 5 March 2018 - Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:00pm.</p> <p>Signed Mayor/Chairman</p> <p>Date.....</p>