



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

ST MARGARET'S HALL

7PM

20 MAY 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Steve Stubbings (Mayor), Jason Mack., Harry Rees, Jim Toogood, Ken Knapman, Stewart Blackmore, Tony Marvin

NO. SUBJECT

PUBLIC FORUM

- a) The Mayor opened the Public Forum with 5 members of the public present.
- b) A member of the public said that flags are going up on beaches as well as Tide Tables later this week.

70/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Leigh Geddes and Brian Lucas.

71/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor declared an interest as a County Councillor.

Councillor Harry Rees declared an interest as Chair of Ventnor Social Club.

72/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 15 April 2013, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
- b) The Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting of 13 May 2013, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
- c) The Minutes of the Annual Town meeting of 13 May 2013, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
- d) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meetings of 16 April 2013 and 14 May 2013 were received.

73/13 FINANCE REPORT

- a) The Finance report for this meeting had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 30 April 2013 and a list of payments made during April 2013.
- b) An accompanying paper set out expenditure in relation to the Budget lines for the year to 30 April 2013 with variances from year-to-date budget provision.

It was unanimously resolved that:
the Finance Report be accepted

74/13 ANNUAL RETURN

The Annual Return for the financial year 2012/13 had been previously circulated to Members and was included in the papers for this meeting.

It was unanimously resolved that:
the Annual Return for the financial year 2012/13 be accepted as presented and the Mayor be authorised to sign Section 2 accordingly.

75/13 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Two possible schedules for 2013/14 were included in the papers for this meeting, one continuing the current practice of meeting on the third Monday of each month and the other reverting to the second Monday from August

It was unanimously resolved that:

the Town Council meetings be moved to the second Monday of each month from August onwards.

76/13 ESPLANADE LOADING BAY

- a) Councillor Jim Toogood introduced this item, outlining his concerns about regular misuse of the Esplanade loading bay.
- b) He suggested, following discussions with Isle of Wight Council officers, that the Town Council request that the for that bay loading time be changed from 25 minutes to 5 minutes which would provide a basis for enforcement action.

It was unanimously resolved that:

the Town Council request that the Isle of Wight Council be asked to institute this amendment as soon as possible.

77/13 CO-OPTION PROCESS

- a) Following the decision of the Annual Town Council Meeting to fill the remaining vacancies for St Lawrence and Ventnor West by co-option, Report 40/13 set out a timetable to implement the Town Council's Co-option policy.
- b) The membership of the interviewing group was discussed

It was unanimously resolved that:

- i) the proposed timetable be adopted; and
 - ii) the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Leigh Geddes, Brian Lucas and Jim Toogood be appointed as the interviewing group.
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78/13 COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND

- a) Report 41/13 set out the basis of the decision by the Town Clerk following discussions with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to submit an application to the current round of the Coastal Communities Fund in advance of its 13 May deadline a copy of which had been circulated to Members.
- b) The decision to submit in advance of the Town Council meeting reflected post-election changes in the Island's political leadership that had opened up the potential for the Town Council's proposals for the future of the Coastal Centre to be developed and the tight deadline.

It was unanimously resolved that:

the decision to submit the application in these circumstances be formally endorsed.

79/13 PUBLIC BUILDINGS WORKING GROUP

Report 42/13 for this meeting recommended the setting up of a Working Group to explore the potential future uses of the town's remaining public buildings

It was unanimously resolved that:

a Public Buildings Working Group be established of the Deputy Mayor and Councillors Jim Toogood, Stewart Blackmore, Tony Marvin and Brian Lucas to work with the Clerk in identifying proposals for the future of the town's public buildings as the basis for strategic recommendations to future Town Council meetings.

80/13 IWALC REPORT

- a) Councillor Harry Rees reported on the latest developments in the business of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC).
- b) He reported that last week's meeting welcomed the changes at County Hall and agreed to take advice on the fact that the current Secretary and Treasurer had both been elected to the Isle of Wight Council.
- c) The meeting was addressed by the Police Commissioner who when asked confirmed that he was responsible for a single budget across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and that Neighbourhood Watch schemes would continue to be funded.
- d) He was pleased to report that he and IWALC's Chair would soon be meeting with the Island's MP to progress the campaign for Assisted Area Status.

81/13 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

The report from the Town Clerks – 43/13 – provided information about the Ventnor Business Association, a meeting with the town's traders, public benches, paddling pool, putting green, seminar session, the 9-5 project and the new Twitter feed.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Mayor re-opened the Public Forum.

The Meeting closed at 7.45pm

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