



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

7PM

13 NOVEMBER 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Jason Mack (Chair), Tony Marvin, Leigh Geddes, Delian Fry, Brian Lucas, Billy Hill, Dave Logan, Stephen Cockett, Ed Gouge, Stewart Blackmore..

NO. SUBJECT

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

121/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

122/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this time.

123/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 9 October 2017, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
- b) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meetings of 18 October and 8 November 2017 were noted.

124/17 FINANCE REPORT

- a) The Finance report for this meeting (84/17) had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 31 October 2017 and a list of all payments made during October 2017.
- b) Also included was a listing of budget variances during the first seven months of the financial year.

It was proposed by Councillor Tony Marvin, seconded by Councillor Ed Gouge and unanimously resolved that:
the Finance Report be accepted.

125/17 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2018

Report 85/17 for this meeting set out proposed dates for the Town Council's 2018 meetings.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Leigh Geddes and unanimously resolved that:

the dates for 2018 be adopted as set out in Report 85/17

126/17 BEACH SAFETY 2017 SEASON

- a) The incidents recorded by the project during the 2017 season were summarised in Report 86/17 for this meeting.
- b) The Mayor recorded thanks to Brian Roberts from taking on the project so effectively.
- c) Councillor Brian Lucas said the project was incredible value for money and it would be worth making people more aware of the significance of the service.

127/17 STAFFING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- a) As the Annual Meeting of the Town Council had only appointed three Members to the Staffing Committee, the fact that its quorum was three had presented problems in agreeing suitable dates.
- b) Report 87/17 recommended the appointment of one or two additional Members.

It was proposed by Councillor Leigh Geddes, seconded by Councillor Stewart Blackmore and unanimously resolved that:

Councillor Billy Hill be appointed a Members of the Staffing Committee.

Councillor Billy Hill left the meeting at this point.

128/17 ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC)

- a) Councillor Brian Lucas asked if the IWALC meeting on Thursday had decision making powers and the Clerk assured that it did.
- b) Councillor Stewart Blackmore said that he had long believed that the organisation was not fit for purpose and believed that the money could be better spent elsewhere.
- c) Councillor Tony Marvin asked when notice had to be given if member councils wished to withdraw and the Clerk replied that the Constitution required notice to be given by 31 December.

It was proposed by Councillor Tony Marvin, seconded by Councillor Leigh Geddes and unanimously resolved that:

a decision about continued membership of IWALC would be made at the December meeting of the Town Council.

129/17 MARLBOROUGH ROAD PUBLIC TOILETS' LEASE

- a) The Town Council's Assets and Services Working Group meeting of 7 November 2017 had unanimously recommended the Town Council to agree the draft lease attached to Report 89/17 as the basis for the Town Council's management of the Toilets.
- b) Councillor Brian Lucas observed that a 125-year lease was as good as a freehold transfer for practical purposes

It was proposed by Councillor Tony Marvin, seconded by Councillor Brian Lucas and unanimously resolved that:

the draft lease attached to Report 89/17 be accepted.

130/17 DEPRIVATION: HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Councillor Billy Hill re-joined the meeting at this point.

- a) The Mayor added to the summary of the Business Plan for addressing deprivation on the Island adopted by the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting of 19 October included in Report 91/17 for this meeting from his attendance at it.
- b) In the context of the Town Council's renewed focus on deprivation, this prompted a detailed discussion of the Happy Island Business Plan adopted by the Board with a wide range of concerns about its limitations and flaws to which all Members contributed and from which a clear consensus emerged as summarised in the following Resolution.

It was proposed by Councillor Stewart Blackmore, seconded by Councillor Tony Marvin and unanimously resolved that:

Ventnor Town Council deprecates the exclusion of Ventnor from the Health and Wellbeing Board's Happy Island strategy as it includes the fourth most deprived area on the Island and is confirmed as such by the European Union's deprivation rankings.

The Town Council judges the strategy as also being flawed in its reliance on the ABCD model of community development, the absence of any reference to the role of Town and Parish Councils in the Board's anti-deprivation strategy, the proposed timing of lessons to be learned

and the use of the Place Standard Tool as the measure of progress.

131/17 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 82/17 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
 - b) It included information on Salisbury Gardens' room lettings, the achievement of the Level 3 Diploma in Business Administration by the Town Council's Admin Apprentice, the success of the 2017 Seasonal Services, the latest meeting of the South Wight Parishes Health and Wellbeing Forum, another visit from Medina Valley Students and the meetings of the Working Groups.
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PUBLIC FORUM

PCSO Chris Urry had provided a report for the meeting that he was unable to attend and the Mayor read it to the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30PM

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

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