



# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS 7PM

11 DECEMBER 2017

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Jason Mack (Chair), Tony Marvin, Leigh Geddes, James Toogood, Brian Lucas, Billy Hill, Dave Logan, Stephen Cockett.

## NO. SUBJECT

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### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

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### 132/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ed Gouge, Stewart Blackmore and Delian Fry.

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### 133/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this time.

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### 134/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 13 November 2017, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
  - b) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meeting of 5 November were noted.
  - c) The Minutes of the Ventnor Partnership Library Steering Group meeting of 28 November were noted.
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### 135/17 FINANCE REPORT

- a) The Finance report for this meeting (92/17) had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 30 November 2017 and a list of all payments made during November 2017.
- b) Also included was a listing of budget variances during the first eight months of the financial year.

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

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### 136/17 ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC)

- a) Report 93/17 recorded the decision of IWALC's Executive meeting of 16 November to reject the Town Council's proposal to set up a working group to consider ways of increasing its effectiveness and value to Members.
- b) The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Executive meeting and noted that IWALC had also decided to withdraw from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC).
- c) Councillor Brian Lucas asked about the cost of full membership of HALC and the Clerk said it would be about same as now once the NALC fee is added to the £677 charges by HALC.

**It was proposed by Councillor Jason Mack, seconded by Councillor Brian Lucas and unanimously resolved that:**

- i) the Town Council will not renew its Membership of IWALC from the 2018/19 financial
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- year and asks its Clerk to inform IWALC's secretary accordingly in advance of the deadline date of 31 December; and
- ii) asks its Clerk to take the necessary steps for the Town Council to become a Development Partner within the Hampshire Association of Local Councils.
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#### 137/17 ENGLISH INDICES OF DEPRIVATION 2015

- a) Report 84/17 provided a summary of the outcomes from the latest Index of Multiple Deprivation in relation to the Island in general and Ventnor in particular.
- b) Councillor Brian Lucas commented that the information would be very useful for funding applications.
- c) The Mayor said that it reinforced the importance of the Town Council's commitment to Community and Economic Development reflected in its staff team.
- d) Councillor James Toogood stressed the potential significance of the proposed Upper Ventnor development in the Town Council's Regeneration Plan as job opportunities are vital for residents.
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#### 138/17 BONIFACE FIELDS

- a) Report 95/17 summarised the development to date with the Town Council's Regeneration Project at Boniface Fields.
- b) Councillor James Toogood told the meeting that a scale drawing of the site should be available from our Architect for the project next week and that would enable the detailed planning of the site to get underway.
- c) Councillor Billy Hill commented that he had noticed informal use of the area by young people and that site security would be an important consideration.
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#### 139/17 LIVE STREAMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

- a) A proposal to provide live streaming of Town Council meetings from early in the New Year was the subject of Report 96/17.
- b) Councillor Tony Marvin asked that a related Protocol be provided and adopted by the Town Council.

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

the Town Council will commence live streaming of its Meetings from the meeting of 12 February 2018 subject to a satisfactory un-streamed rehearsal at its January meeting.

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#### 140/17 JANUARY 2018 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Report 97/17 identified the grounds for moving the January Town Council meeting from its customary second Monday of the month to the 15 January.

**It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Brian Lucas and unanimously resolved that:**

the date of the next meeting of the Town Council be amended to 15 January 2018.

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#### 142/17 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 98/17 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
- b) It included information on the Town Council's Youth Service work, the meetings of the South Wight Locality Parishes Health & Wellbeing Forum, the Town and Parish Councils' meeting with the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council, the latest meeting of the Library Steering Group and the latest meetings of the Community Development and Assets & Services Working Groups.
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**PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public in attendance at this time.

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**143/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

In view of the confidential nature of the following item:

**it was resolved under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings (1960) Act:** to exclude the Public and Press whilst the next items are under discussion as they are of a confidential nature.

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The Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

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