



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS 7PM

10 SEPTEMBER 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Stewart Blackmore (Chair), Tony Marvin, Leigh Geddes, James Toogood, Brian Lucas, Dave Logan, Billy Hill, Delian Fry, Stephen Cockett

NO. SUBJECT

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

95/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Bond and Jason Mack.

96/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor and Councillor Tony Marvin declared an interest in Agenda item 5.

97/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 13 August 2018, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
- b) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meeting of 28 August 2018 were noted.

83/18 FINANCE REPORT

- a) The Finance report for this meeting (83/18) had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 31 August 2018 and a list of all payments made during August 2018.
- b) Also included was a listing of budget variances during the first five 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.

98/18 WAR MEMORIAL REPAIR

- a) Report 84/18 for this meeting included the information that the War Memorials Trust had awarded a grant of £1,740 towards the repair but as that was based on 50% of the cheaper quotation as opposed to the potential 75% of the more expensive an additional £1,642 match funding is required.
- b) Councillor James Toogood said that it was really important to ensure that the repair was completed before 11 November.
- c) Councillor Tony Marvin reminded the meeting that the ownership of the Memorial was unknown and needs to be investigated.

It was proposed by Councillor Dave Logan, seconded by Councillor James Toogood and unanimously resolved to:

- i) approve the additional £1,642 net cost of the repairs on the basis identified in section 3(b) of Report 84/18; and
- ii) authorise its Clerk to commission the repairs from Wight Stonemasonry Ltd.

99/18 REGENERATION STRATEGY RESPONSE

- a) Following the meeting on 29 August of the task-and-finish group set up by the August Town Council meeting to discuss the draft Regeneration Strategy the Clerk had prepared a draft response based on replies to each of the questions posed for the consultation that had been circulated to and agreed by the group's members.
- b) The draft response is attached to Report 85/18 for this meeting.
- c) Councillor Leigh Geddes said that she thought the draft to be an excellent response to the consultation.
- d) Councillor Delian Fry drew attention to the risk of Ventnor's uniqueness being diminished by inclusion in the Bay and the Clerk responded by referring to the advantages that came with the inclusion and the element of the response that asked for the town's specific identification as a Smaller Regeneration Area in the Island Plan be reflected in the Regeneration Strategy.
- e) Councillor Billy Hill added that although he had initially shared the concern about inclusion in the larger area he was persuaded by the benefits of it.
- f) Councillor Dave Logan said that it is important for the Town Council to be proactive in plans for the Island's regeneration and that he felt that was reflected in this response.

It was proposed by Councillor James Toogood, seconded by Councillor Tony Marvin and unanimously resolved to:

- i) accept the draft response in the context of the Town Council's relationship with the Regeneration team and its programme; and
- ii) agree its submission within the consultation process.

100/18 VENTNOR DAY 2019

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

Standing Orders be suspended for this item only.

- a) Report 86/18 included the recommendation of the Community Development Working Group meeting of 24 July to change the date for Ventnor Day 2019 from 22 June agreed by the July Town Council meeting to 6 July.
- b) Councillor Billy Hill proposed an amendment that the decision be referred back to the staff team with a request to consider other dates and that was seconded by Councillor Brian Lucas.
- c) The Mayor asked for a vote on the proposal and the amendment was lost.

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

accept the recommendation of the Community Development Working Group meeting of 24 July and set the date for Ventnor Day 2019 as 6 July and establish connections with other local events held on the same day.

102/18 ST LAWRENCE ADDRESSES

- a) Councillor Stephen Cockett introduced this item.
- b) A request had been received from two St Lawrence residents for a letter of support from the Town Council for the residents' proposal to the Royal Mail to retain the St Lawrence designation in the address details of the area's residences; a copy of the request was attached to Report 87/18.

It was proposed by Councillor Stephen Cockett, seconded by Councillor Dave Logan and unanimously resolved to:

provide the requested letter of support.

104/18 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 88/18 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
- b) It included information on the Community Led Housing Programme, the Pop-Up Library, Spring Hill Garden, Salisbury Gardens, the latest meetings of the Working Groups and the latest meeting of the South Wight Parishes Health and Wellbeing Forum.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments or questions at this time.

The Meeting closed at 8 pm

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

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