



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

7PM

9 JULY 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Stewart Blackmore (Chair), Tony Marvin, James Toogood, Jason Mack, Brian Lucas, Ian Bond, Billy Hill, Dave Logan, Stephen Cockett.

NO. SUBJECT

PUBLIC FORUM

There were two members of the public present and County Councillor Gary Peace was also in attendance.

There were no questions or comments at this time.

73/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Leigh Geddes.

74/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor James Toogood declared an interest in respect of item 6 on the Agenda as he had been involved in the development of the Heritage Trail.

75/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting 11 June 2018 having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
 - b) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meeting 28 June 2018 were noted.
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76/18 FINANCE REPORT

- a) The Finance report for this meeting (69/18) had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 30 June 2018 and a list of all payments made during June 2018.
- b) Also included was a listing of budget variances during the first three months of the financial year.

It was proposed by Councillor Billy Hill, seconded by Councillor Ian Bond and unanimously resolved that:
the Finance Report be accepted.

77/18 COMMUNITY LED HOUSING PROGRAMME

- a) The Mayor opened this item by reminding Members of the shortage of affordable housing both on the Island and nationally where the average mortgage is now eight times the average wage.
 - b) As lead Member for Housing and Health Councillor Jason Mack introduced Report 70/18 for this meeting that set out the potential significance of the Isle of Wight Council's recently established Community Led Housing Programme.
 - c) He commented on the welcome introduction of this new fund for affordable housing and its potential for enabling two of the Town Council's identified regeneration sites – Ventnor Central and land in Upper Ventnor to be progressed on the basis of it.
 - d) Councillor Brian Lucas asked who would carry out the feasibility studies and the Clerk replied that this would lie with whichever Community Organisation was set up to access the funding and lead the associated projects.
 - e) Councillor Billy Hill proposed that in view of the importance of the 20 July round-table
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meeting an additional Councillor should attend along with the Clerk and Councillor Jason Mack. Following the seconding of the proposal by Councillor Brian Lucas it was lost on the casting vote of the Mayor.

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

subject to a positive outcome from the meeting with the Isle of Wight Council on 20 July the Town Council agrees to provide the match funding of up to £1,000 for feasibility studies in respect of each of the Ventnor Central and Upper Ventnor sites.

78/18 VENTNOR HERITAGE TRAIL

- a) Attached to Report 71/18 for this meeting was a proposal from the Chair of the Ventnor and Undercliff Heritage Partnership for the ongoing funding of the Heritage Trail from the financial year 2019/10 onwards.
- b) Councillor Jason Mack said that the Trail had been developed using the right materials and had its interpretation boards in the right places

It was proposed by Councillor Tony Marvin, seconded by Councillor Jason Mack and unanimously resolved that the Town Council:

agrees to the inclusion of £700 in its Budget for 2019/20 and following years for the funding of the Heritage Trail given the project's contribution to the Councils Strategic Plan.

79/18 VENTNOR DAY

- a) The Mayor said that the event had provided a wonderful day using the great asset of the Salisbury Gardens' Green and that everyone involved in its planning and delivery.
- b) Report 721/18 provided a summary of the event for the record.
- c) There was a careful discussion of the best date for the 2019 event.

It was proposed by Councillor Brian Lucas, seconded by Councillor James Toogood and unanimously resolved that the Town Council:

welcomes the success of the event in its third year, thanks all involved in its planning and delivery and agrees to hold the 2019 event on Saturday 22 June.

80/18 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 73/18 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
 - b) It included information on the submission of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, Consultation outcomes, Talking Mental Health, the completion of the Wheelers Bay, the meetings of the Working Groups and the Clerk's Twitter Account.
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PUBLIC FORUM

- a) The Chair of the Ventnor and Undercliff Heritage Partnership, Richard Downing thanked the Town Council for its support of the Heritage Trail support.
 - b) There were no other questions or comments.
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THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.44PM

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

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