



# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

7PM

12 AUGUST 2019

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Stewart Blackmore (Chair), Stephen Cockett, Tony Marvin, Brian Lucas, Dave Logan, Leigh Geddes, Ian Bond, Jamie Macaulay and Delian Fry

## No. SUBJECT

### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present at this time.

### 90/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence received from Councillors Jason Mack and Colm Watling.

### 91/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Leigh Geddes declared an interest in Item 7) North Street Playground.

### 92/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 8 July 2019, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
- b) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meeting of 11 July 2019 were noted.

### 93/19 FINANCE REPORT

- a) The Finance report for this meeting (62/19) had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 31 July 2019 and a list of all payments made during July 2019.
- b) Also included was a listing of budget variances during the first four months of the 2019/20 financial year.
- c) Councillor Brian Lucas enquired about the Warmer Ventnor project. Councillor Ian Bond enquired about the £9,778 for the Public Toilets.

**It was unanimously resolved that:**  
the Finance Report be accepted.

### 94/19 VENTNOR AREA HEALTH VISITORS

- a) Report 63/19 for this meeting detailed developments since the Town Council's June meeting about the proposed move of the Ventnor-based team to Sandown.
- b) Members were frustrated it that their concerns had not been available to the meeting of the NHS Trust Board meeting.
- c) It was felt that the concerns that the Town Council identified at its June meeting had not been positively responded to even though they were addressed to the Chief Executive and that the Town Council should have been consulted before the move was agreed.
- d) It was noted that the Health Visitors will be leaving their office at Salisbury Gardens on 20 August and moving to Sandown Barracks.

### 95/19 CENTRAL CAR PARK PUBLIC TOILETS

- a) Report 64/19 recorded the outcomes of discussions with two well established national suppliers of Public Toilets to local authorities nationally.

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- b) Councillor Brian Lucas opened discussions amongst Councillors regarding the issue of establishing a suitable location within Central Car Park for the proposed new toilets, to include utilities, waste water and how many car parking spaces will be required for the build.
  - c) Marlborough Road toilets were discussed briefly regarding whether to retain them or not.

**It was proposed by Councillor Leigh Geddes, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cockett and unanimously resolved to:**

authorise its Clerk, advised by the Assets and Services Working Group, to initiate the following initial stages of the project:

- discussions with the Isle of Wight Council about the arrangements for the installation of a disability friendly Public Toilet in the Central Car Park;
  - the development of related plans and drawings required for an application for planning permission with costs to be recovered from the funding arrangements for the project; and
  - the preparation of tender documentation.
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**96/19 NORTH STREET PLAYGROUND**

- a) In accordance with Minute 84/19 of the Town Council Meeting of 8 July 2019 the Clerk has had initial discussions with the Isle of Wight Council Officer responsible for Playgrounds about that Council's intentions for their future ownership and management.
- b) The Isle of Wight Council is currently reviewing its present and future relationship with all of its Playgrounds as recorded in Report 65/19 and will inform the Town Council of the outcome in the near future.
- c) Longdown Residents Association is now formally constituted and Councillor Leigh Geddes commented that the next steps for the Association are to fund-raise and apply for Lottery funding for a specific purpose (ie., to purchase a piece of equipment).

**It was proposed by Councillor Tony Marvin, seconded by Councillor Dave Logan and unanimously resolved that the Town Council:**

notes the Review process the Isle of Wight Council is currently conducting and agrees to engage with it on its completion.

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**66/19 CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL CONSULTATION**

- a) The Isle of Wight Council has launched a consultation on potential changes to its current concessionary travel scheme.
- b) In view of the lack of information available at this time and as the Consultation is open until 8 October, this will be included on the Town Council meeting agenda of 9 September for discussion.

**It was unanimously resolved that:**

this item be deferred until 9 September Town Council meeting.

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**97/19 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY REVIEW**

- c) The Town Council is required to review its Health and Safety Policy at regular intervals.
- d) Consequently a copy of the current Policy was circulate with the Papers for this meeting as an attachment to Report 67/19.

**It was proposed by Councillor Brian Lucas, seconded by Councillor Ian Bond and unanimously resolved that:**

the Health and Safety Policy as attached to Report 67/19 for this Meeting fulfils its statutory responsibilities.

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**98/19 ISLE OF WIGHT HEALTH AND CARE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

- a) In the context of the Town Council's commitment to remain informed about the ongoing developments in the Health and Wellbeing Services available to the town's residents, the
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recently published Isle of Wight Council Health and Care Sustainability Plan was circulated to Members with the Papers for this meeting as an attachment to Report 68/19 that provided a summary of it.

b) After discussion by Members;

**It was unanimously resolved that:**

a meeting be arranged for Councillor's Stewart Blackmore, Dave Logan, Ian Bond, Delian Fry and the Clerk to review the Plan in greater detail and formulate a response.

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#### **99/19 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT**

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 69/19 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
  - b) It included information on the Fringe, the Medina Valley Centre, Upper Ventnor Community Association, the latest meeting of the South Wight Parishes Health and Wellbeing Forum, the quarterly meeting of the Island Branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks, the refurbishment of the Benches at Bonchurch Triangle, the work of our Grounds Maintenance Contractor John O'Connor in restoring the pathways on Salisbury Gardens' Green and the meetings of the Town Council's Working Groups.
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#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

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#### **100/19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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 item is under discussion as it is of a confidential nature.

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The Meeting closed at 8:20pm

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SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

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