



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

7PM

11 NOVEMBER 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Stephen Cockett (Chair), Jason Mack, Jamie Macaulay, Colm Watling, Dave Logan, Brian Lucas, James Toogood and Ian Bond

No.	SUBJECT
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	PUBLIC FORUM
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	There was one member of the public present at this time who commented that he had watched the live-streaming of meetings and found the audio to be problematic.
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	County Councillor Gary Peace was welcomed by the Deputy Mayor.
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115/19	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
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	Apologies for Absence were received from the Mayor and Councillor Delian Fry.
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116/19	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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	There were no Declarations of Interest at this time.
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117/19	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 14 October 2019, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.b) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meeting of 31 October were noted.c) The Minutes of the Library Steering Group meeting of 29 October 2019 were noted. |
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118/19	FINANCE REPORT
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Finance report for this meeting (87/19) had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 31 October 2019 and a list of all payments made during October 2019.b) Also included was a listing of budget variances during the first seven months of the 2019/20 financial year.c) Councillor Brian Lucas asked for details of the payment for Tank repair and Councillor James Toogood provided them. |
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	It was proposed by Councillor Brian Lucas, seconded by Councillor James Toogood and unanimously resolved that: the Finance Report be accepted.
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119/19	VENTNOR WEST WARD ELECTION
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Report 88/19 provided Members with the details of the election process to fill the vacancy in Ventnor West Ward.b) The Chair said he much enjoyed working with Tony Marvin and Councillor James Toogood asked that thanks be expressed to Tony for his excellent service. |
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120/19	COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Recent resignations have resulted in vacancies in the membership of both the Planning and Staffing Committees as detailed in Report 89/19 |
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- b) The Chair introduced the Report and clarified that he was already a member of the Town Council's Staffing Committee.
 - c) Councillors James Toogood and Colm Watling both indicated their interest in joining the Planning Committee.
 - d) Councillor Ian Bond recommended that training for Planning Committee Members would be valuable and asked that the Clerk explore local provision for it.
 - e) He added that he hoped the Planning Committee would consider recommending the Town Council to adopt an appropriate Protocol for the Committee's conduct of its business.

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

- i) appoint Councillors James Toogood and Colm Watling to the Town Council's Planning Committee;
 - ii) ask the Clerk to explore training for Planning Committee members and Planning Committee to consider a Protocol for the conduct of its business to recommend to the Town Council; and
 - iii) appoint Councillor James Toogood to the Town Council's Staffing Committee.
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121/19 NEW PUBLIC TOILET

- a) The detailed plans for the new public toilet in the Central Car Park commissioned from healthmatic have been received and were attached to Report 90/19.
- b) Councillor James Toogood set out the case of moving to a built facility rather than the currently proposed modular approach.
- c) He described the discussions he had had with staff and Members and was now keen to have permission to explore the cost of this method.
- d) Councillor Brian Lucas said he supported that proposal totally given the lightweight nature of the modular one and the substantial use the toilet could be expected to sustain.

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

- i) explore best value for the town;
 - ii) inform healthmatic that no further input is required from them at this time;
 - iii) commission new detailed drawings and submit a planning application; and
 - iv) develop and deploy a formal tender process.
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122/19 VENTNOR CENTRAL: CURRENT USE

- a) The updated Fire Risk Assessment commissioned from Fire Risk Inspector Harry Prior had been received and attached to Report 91/19.
- b) The Assets and Services Group meeting of 31 October recommended that both Ground and Mezzanine floors be cleared of contents and made inaccessible with the Upper Hall being reserved for the sole use by the Baby Box Project.
- c) Councillor Brian Lucas said it was a shame we need to limit use but compliance with the Fire Risk Assessment is essential.

It was proposed by Councillor Dave Logan, seconded by Councillor Ian Bond and unanimously resolved to:

endorse the recommendation of the Assets and Services Working Group.

123/19 VENTNOR CENTRAL: FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

An update on discussions about the future of the current project for the future development of the building was provided in Report 92/19.

124/19 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS 2020

A proposed schedule of Town Council meetings during the calendar year 2020 was included in Report 93/19.

It was proposed by Councillor Jason Mack, seconded by Councillor James Toogood and unanimously resolved to:

adopt the schedule of meetings of the Town Council as set out in Report 93/19 for this meeting.

125/19 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 85/19 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
 - b) It included information on the Annual Remembrance Ceremonies, the Agency Day at St Margaret's Hall, Upper Ventnor Community Association, South Wight Parishes Health and Wellbeing Forum, the Children's Services Project at Boniface Fields and the meetings of the Working Groups.
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PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

The Meeting closed at 7.45pm

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

DATE
