



# NORTH STREET PLAYGROUND

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 57/19

8 JULY 2019

The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to consider a request) from the recently formed Longdown Residents' Association for the Town Council to negotiate with the Isle of Wight Council for the transfer of the ownership and management of the North Street Playground.

## NO. DETAILS

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### 1) BACKGROUND

- a) As Members are aware, the Longdown Residents' Association has been reformed following the response of the local community to the Isle of Wight Council's removal, without notice or consultation, of the swings from the Playground.
  - b) Well-attended residents' meetings have resulted in a local decision to re-establish the Association with a new Constitution and elected Officers and Committee Members.
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### 2) LONGDOWN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

- a) The Association has agreed to cover the Longdown area of Ventnor (North Street, South Street, West Street, East Street, part of High Street, St. Catherine's Street, Clarence Road, Blendworth Terrace, Kent Road, Beaconsfield Road, Madeira Road and Albert Street.
  - b) The Constitution provides for all that area's residents to have automatic membership of the Association without a membership fee.
  - c) Its aims are to:
    - Improve Longdown, including environment, facilities, community spirit and services for all residents.
    - Represent and support the residents of the area and to help solve any problems which may affect the area
    - To represent the interest of Residents and put forward the collective viewpoint following active consultation
    - Enhance the quality of life in Longdown
  - d) The Association has asked the Town Council to take on ownership and management responsibilities for the Playground once the swings have been replaced.
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### 3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to ask its Clerk, advised by the Assets and Services Working Group, to:

- Initiate discussions with the Isle of Wight Council about their willingness to transfer responsibility for the Playground to the Town Council and the basis for any agreed transfer;
  - Identify the cost consequences for the Town Council in relation to the management and maintenance if the transfer proceeds; and
  - Report back to a future Town Council meeting with recommendations.
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