



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

7PM

11 JULY 2022

Members Present

Councillors: Steph Toogood (Chair), Stephen Cockett, Steve Cooper, Brian Lucas, John Watkins, James Toogood, Dave Logan and Ian Bond.

MINUTE SUBJECT,

PUBLIC FORUM

- a) There was one member of the public present who expressed concerns about the absence of any events planned for the Esplanade and the Mayor invited suggestion. The member of the public also asked if larger signage for the public toilets could be provided, and Councillor James Toogood supported that suggestion.
- b) County Councillor Rodney Downer was present and gave an update on progress with the problem at the Shore Road toilets. He added that he had attended both Ventnor Day and Bonchurch Open Gardens.

66/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this time.

67/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Phil Warren, Mark Jefferies, and Julie Hutchison.

68/22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 13 June 2022, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 14 June 2022 were noted.

69/22 FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Report for this meeting, 51/22, had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances on 30 June 2022 and a list of all payments made during June 2022.

Councillor Brian Lucas asked that the current problems with the Cascade lighting be addressed.

It was proposed by Councillor Steve Cooper, seconded by Councillor James Toogood and unanimously resolved that:
the Finance Report be accepted.

70/22 VENTNOR PARK SIGNAGE

- a) Report 52/22 for this meeting included a draft for the proposed signage at both of the Park Road entrances to Ventnor Park and a quotation for the production and installation of them.
- b) Councillor Ian Bond commented that it is not a map and doesn't show routes to specific places, there is too much text in too small a font and it does not answer the most asked questions.
- c) Councillor Brian Lucas responded that he was content with the text but that the font is too small.
- d) The Clerk reminded Members that the Minute agreeing to a sign specified a pictogram, not a map.
- e) Councillor Stephen Cockett said that he agreed some editing would be appropriate and

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- that some additional indications of particular places within the Park are required.
- f) Councillor Dave Logan commented that the sign made sense to him as a park user and was very pleasant to look at.

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

to commission the production and installation of the signage at both Park Road entrances at the quoted cost of £1,260 following the adjustments identified in the discussion including signage for Steephill and the café and toilets and some testing of Park user responses by Councillors Ian Bond and James Toogood with the amended version being circulated by email to Members for comment.

71/22 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP

- a) Report 53/22 set out the case for the Town Council applying for membership of the Island's Chamber of Commerce.
- b) Councillor Steve Cooper asked for details of the HR support provided to its members and the Town Council's Business Development Officer responded.

It was proposed by Councillor John Watkins, seconded by Councillor Ian Bond, and unanimously resolved:

to apply for membership of the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce at the cost of £315 for twelve months.

72/22 MAJOR PROJECTS

- a) Report 54/22 summarised the Major Projects developed by the Town Councils elected in 2009, 2013 and 2017 leading to a list including those still uncompleted and potential new matters for the current Council.
- b) Appendix A to the Report was a list of the Major Projects in progress at the conclusion of the term of office of the Town Council of 2017/21.
- c) Appendix B to the Report was a list updated by the Town Council's senior staff team that included those in Appendix A needing continuing work and those identified recommended by the staff team for inclusion in the term of the current Town Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Brian Lucas, seconded by Councillor Steve Cooper and unanimously resolved to:

adopt the projects as listed in Appendix B to Report 73/22 for this meeting as this Town Council's Major Projects targets.

74/22 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 55/22 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
- b) It included Ventnor Day, the latest meeting of Town and Parish Council representatives with the Island's MP, the visit of Radio Solent, the submission of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and the dates of the Working Group.
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75/22 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

In view of the confidential nature of the following item:

it was proposed by Councillor Brian Lucas, seconded by Councillor Mark Jefferies, and unanimously 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.

76/22 BONIFACE FIELDS: ALLOTMENTS

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

DATE
