



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

10.30AM

29 MAY 2025

Members present:-

Councillors: Mark Jefferies (Chair), Ian Bond, Steve Milford, Karl Hunter

Non-Committee members: Steph Toogood, Linda Jefferies

Clerk: Katherine Burden

Other Officers: Catherine Hammond

MINUTE SUBJECT

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07/25 PUBLIC FORUM

There were 2 members of the public present and 2 non-Committee Councillors.

Cllr Steph Toogood spoke in respect of parking permits for Bonchurch Garage. Cllr Toogood explained that this is a short-term solution to a huge problem. Parking Services have agreed to look at this issue in the long term but does not have any short-term solutions. It is a problem all year round and not just seasonal. Residents need a short-term solution while working on a long-term solution with parking services.

Members of the public spoke in respect of parking permits for Bonchurch Garage and asked how this would be funded, whether it would be open to other businesses in the town and noted that there is a problem with parking everywhere in Ventnor.

Cllr Linda Jefferies spoke in respect of parking permits for Bonchurch Garage and noted that if you give to one you need to give to another.

08/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

09/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

10/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 6 JANUARY 2025

There was one correction to 05/25 as the larger bus has sixteen seats, not twelve.

Cllr Steve Milford raised a matter arising and requested that the review of the No. 31 Bus is added to the next agenda.

It was unanimously resolved to:

Accept the minutes of the Environment and Transport Committee meeting of 6 January 2025 subject to the change in 05/25.

11/25 PARKING PERMITS

There was some discussion about the issues around offering parking permits to Bonchurch Garage and not to other businesses. It was suggested that permits could be offered to Bonchurch Garage at the same rate as residents currently pay which is £150 for one year to park in a named car park.

Cllr Karl Hunter had spoken with the owner of Bonchurch Garage and a resident and noted that the problem is to the east of the Garage, not to the west. There was some discussion as to other possible options including referring the matter to the Isle of Wight Council as the Highways Authority. Cllr Mark Jefferies suggested raising the matter with the County Councillor for Bonchurch.

It was agreed to:

Offer up to eight permits at the resident rate of £150 per permit for one year.

12/25 REQUESTS TO USE VENTNOR PARK

Cllr Steve Cooper expressed that the requests should be approved as it would increase footfall to the town. Cllr Ian Bond wished it to be made clear to those requesting to use the park that the park should remain accessible to other users and no charges could be levied to enter the park.

It was agreed to:

Approve the requests to use Ventnor Park as follows:

- a) Ventnor Exchange for the Ventnor Fringe. This is for the whole park area from 14th-29th July which includes build and take down.
- b) Ventnor Carnival. This is for the whole park area on Friday 15th August for a Carnival Fayre.
- c) The Revd Tom Burden on behalf of St Catherine's Church with Churches in Ventnor being invited to participate. This is for the lower park area including the bandstand on Sunday 29th June from 4-6pm with a picnic from 4-5pm followed by Praise and Worship from 5-6pm.

13/25 COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Cllr Steve Cooper had met with local residents regarding the Community Orchard who had expressed disappointment with the lack of care and maintenance of the Orchard. There was some discussion as to how to take this forward. The Maintenance Manager would install the sign at the Orchard.

It was agreed:

- a) To purchase a hose to enable watering of the trees.
- b) To investigate watering bags for the base of the trees.
- c) That the Town Clerk would draft a Terms of Reference for the formation of a Community Orchard Working Group and present it to members at the next meeting.
- d) To ask Community Payback if they could assist with the maintenance 3 times a year.

14/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 July 2025 at 09.00am

The meeting closed at 11.15am

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR

DATE