



MINUTES OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

7PM

9 FEBRUARY 2026

DRAFT

Members present:-

Councillors: Steph Toogood (Chair), Ian Bond, Brayden Gibbins, Karl Hunter, Steve Milford, Ernie Polak-Harvey, James Toogood, & John Watkins.

Clerk: Morgan Williams

MINUTE SUBJECT

01/26 PUBLIC FORUM

There were 8 members of public present.

County Councillor Ed Blake provided a brief update regarding pressing issues around town. The Bath Road court case pre-hearing was held, with a decision date in August. The Isle of Wight Council are hoping for temporary fix by August, although there are ongoing concerns about some parts of the road. The road through Wroxall was due to be reopened early thanks to conducive weather. Cllr Ed Blake also noted his support of the Expression of Interest regarding the UK Town of Culture entry, hoping that the piece is well constructed and successful.

Local resident Cliff Kane raised the issue of dog mess which seems prevalent in town at the moment. He asked whether there is anything that can be done about it. The Chair stated that unfortunately there is very little we can do as a town council – even with a warden it's difficult and costly to police/enforce, but that the Council would be willing to discuss options further in the future.

Another member of public shared the view that dog mess was a big problem in town, having to walk in the road with 4-post walker difficult to avoid the dog mess.

Maggie Nelmes asked if VTC are willing and able to support Tree Wardens. Cllr Ernie Polak-Harvey agreed to follow up directly with her.

02/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Steve Cooper, Linda Jefferies & Mark Jefferies.

03/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from Steve Milford regarding agenda item 15, as he is a trustee of Baby Box who operate from the building.

04/26 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 8 December 2025 - having been previously circulated to Members - were taken as read.

It was unanimously resolved to:

accept the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 8 December 2025.

Minutes of the Business & Community Committee of 14th January 2026, and the Planning Committee of 15th January 2026 were provided for information only.

05/26 UK TOWN OF CULTURE COMPETITION

Members agreed to discuss this agenda item next. Jack Whitewood, of Ventnor Exchange was invited to give a presentation about their upcoming application to the UK Town of Culture Competition – which requires the support of the local Council.

The inaugural competition was launched, based on the “City of Culture” programme. Any town can enter, the eventual aim being to produce a 6-month celebration of the winning town in 2028 to celebrate the role of towns across the country. Ventnor Exchange are very keen to enter this

competition on behalf of Ventnor. The winning town would receive a £3m investment. Jack noted that it would be very competitive with slim odds, but very well worth submitting an Expression of Interest, noting that some other local towns have also registered their interests in entering the competition. There must be a key delivery body which he stated would be Ventnor Exchange, to be supported by the local council. There is no financial commitment required from the Council, but Jack was keen for the Council, to engage with the process which will also entail significant public engagement. At this stage, he was requesting the initial endorsement of the process and the idea with the key element being the story of the town. Jack also noted that it would be worth considering, at least as a mental exercise, what improvements Ventnor may see from such a significant investment.

Cllr Ernie Polak-Harvey asked about the timeline. It was clarified that this first stage where towns can express an interest in applying runs until end of March, long listed towns would then have 6 months to complete a full application. The winner would be revealed in January 2027. It would then be in 2028 to deliver the 6 months of celebratory activity.

Cllr Ian Bond moved the motion tabled in his name, which was seconded by Cllr Steve Milford, and unanimously agreed as follows:

The Council notes the Department of Culture, Media & Sport's announcement of a 'UK Town of Culture 2028 competition', with a 31 March 2026 deadline for Expressions of Interest, that Ventnor is eligible to enter under the 'small town' (population under 20,000) category, and that the Ventnor Exchange is proposing to assemble a bid from the town.

The Government's Expert Advisory Panel, chaired by Phil Redmond, will assess applications against three criteria:

- Your story – the unique story and identity of the town;
- Culture for everyone – how an inclusive cultural programme will be designed;
- Making it happen – how the programme will be delivered.

The winning town, to be decided by the Secretary of State in early 2027, will receive £3 million to deliver a cultural programme of around six months in 2028, with two further awards of £250,000 for the other finalists. Those towns that are shortlisted will receive £60,000 to support development of a full bid.

Accordingly, the Council resolves:

- to support, in principle, an Expression of Interest for Ventnor to participate in the UK Town of Culture competition;
- that the bid will require a partnership to be put together for the bid project, involving the Council, local cultural organisations and the community, and delegates to its Policy & Resources Committee responsibility for agreeing an appropriate governance structure to engage with such a partnership;
- that Ventnor Exchange will be the appropriate partner to assemble and lead the partnership and act as "Delivery Body" for the bid, with most likely the IOWC required to fulfil the role of "Accountable Body", should the bid succeed;
- to receive a further report at its April meeting, and notes:
- the need for early discussion with the IOWC for their officer input, should the partnership agree to proceed;
- that there are no financial implications for the Council at this stage.

06/26 FINANCE REPORT

The report provided members with information about year-to-date expenditure against the budget heads as well as a commentary about the likely year-end position of the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Steve Milford, seconded by Cllr James Toogood and unanimously resolved to:

accept the Finance Report

07/26 BUDGET DECISIONS REPORT

The report provided members with information regarding changes to services needed to fit with the draft budget for 2026/27. The two areas affected were Beach Safety and Car Parking charges.

Members suggested that as well as the increase in tariff charges, the cost of parking permits should be increased by a similar percentage, thus making 12-month permits £160 and 6-month permits £85.

It was proposed by Cllr Ernie Polak-Harvey, seconded by Cllr Ian Bond, and unanimously resolved to:

- Reduce Beach Safety provision to 8 weeks through the summer; and
 - Increase car parking charges as discussed including increasing the permit cost.
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08/26 BUDGET 2026/27

The report provided Members with information regarding setting the budget for 2026/27. The Band D percentage increase being 8.77% as per the draft budget tabled. This had been reduced significantly from earlier drafts discussed at informal budget meetings.

One of the more significant considerations was the provision for staff salary increases. The Unions' initial pay demand was for 10%, and the Budget allowed for 7.5%. Cllr Ian Bond noted that the Clerk was right that with very limited reserves, even though an increase as high as 7.5% is unlikely, it would not be sensible for the Council to risk failing to have funds budgeted to pay the staff. Assuming the actual Pay Award is lower than 7.5%, he hoped that the provision would mean re-establishing some reserves in the coming year. Cllr Bond also noted that the council is responsible for maintenance of a number of properties, with no specific "sinking fund" budget provision and limited reserves. Hoping that the pay rise is lower than 7.5%, he suggested that the Council can start putting funds aside, particularly towards long-term maintenance of properties.

It was proposed by Cllr Steve Milford, seconded by Cllr Ian Bond, and unanimously resolved to:

Accept the budget as presented, with a precept requirement of £655,454 and authorise the Clerk to notify the Isle of Wight Council accordingly.

09/26 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

The report provided members with information regarding the appointment of an internal auditor for 2025/26.

It was proposed by Cllr Karl Hunter, seconded by Cllr James Toogood, and unanimously resolved to:

Appoint Mrs Maxine Warr as Ventnor Town Council's Internal Auditor for the 2025/26 financial year having considered her competency and independence.

10/26 CHANGE OF DATE FOR APRIL 2026 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Members are asked to agree to a change of date to the April 2026 Town Council Meeting, from 13th April to 20th April.

It was proposed by Cllr Ian Bond, seconded by Cllr Ernie Polak-Harvey and unanimously agreed to

Hold the next Town Council meeting on 20th April instead of 13th April 2026.

11/26 VENTNOR COMMUNITY ORCHARD LICENCE

The paper introduced the situation whereby although the first orchard trees were planted some time ago, the Town Council held no formal Licence for this use of the land. The Isle of Wight Council had prepared the Heads of Terms for such a licence now, for a 6-year term.

It was proposed by Cllr Steve Milford, seconded by Cllr James Toogood, and unanimously agreed to

Approve the Heads of Terms of the Licence for the Community Orchard site, subject to satisfactory agreement that the trees already existing on the site remained the financial responsibility of the Isle of Wight Council.

12/26 BARNARDO'S FAMILY CENTRES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT REVIEW

The Clerk requested that this item be withdrawn from the Full Council meeting as it falls within delegated authority and no decision is required at this time. The Clerk had circulated the partnership agreement to members in advance of the meeting in case they wished to discuss the item. The Chair checked with Members that they were content to accept the withdrawal.

The item was withdrawn, and dealt with under delegated authority

13/26 DOG POO POSTER COMPETITION

The Business & Voluntary Sector Officer introduced the initiative, stating that the previous poster produced in the last competition was designed by someone who was 9 years old at the time, but now 15. It would be great to start again, noting that there isn't budget for anything bigger but that this provides a good opportunity to get kids involved and generate publicity that dog owners need to be responsible. The Business & Voluntary Sector Officer said that she would agree to donate an Amazon voucher for the winner of the competition.

The chair asked for clarity that the competition would be open to home-schooled children as well as those in school – which was confirmed by the Business & Voluntary Sector Officer. It was discussed that the competition could run until the Easter holiday.

It was proposed by Cllr Ernie Polak-Harvey, seconded by Cllr Karl Hunter, and unanimously agreed to

Approve the initiative, and delegate the running of the competition to the Clerk and Business & Community Committee

14/26 LEESON ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Clerk introduced the item, following Island Roads' invitation to comment on the proposal to introduce No Waiting/No Loading restrictions along both sides of Leeson Road near Smugglers Haven.

Cllr Karl Hunter noted that he was not aware of traffic flow being an issue in recent times. He suggested that there was a danger of over-governance and intervention when it is not essential. If it were for environmental reasons such as landslip then it may be better justified, but this doesn't seem to be. Without any evidence of a safety concern it would be difficult to support the proposal.

Members agreed that the occupiers of the two houses on the North side of the road with no off-street parking would be affected, as this proposal would deprive the residents of nearby parking.

It was proposed by Cllr Karl Hunter, seconded by Cllr Ian Bond, and unanimously agreed to:

Instruct the clerk to write to Island Roads in opposition to the proposal.

15/26 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

In view of the confidential nature of the following items:

Ventnor Central / Former Youth Centre.

It was resolved under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings (1960) Act:

To exclude the Public and Press whilst the next items are under discussion as they are of a confidential nature.

The meeting closed at 8:18pm

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

DATE

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

DRAFT

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

10AM

12 FEBRUARY 2026

Members present:-

Councillors: Ian Bond (Chair), Mark Jefferies, Linda Jefferies, & Steve Milford

Clerk: Morgan Williams

MINUTE SUBJECT

01/26 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

02/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllr Steve Cooper were conveyed by the Chair.

03/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Steve Milford declared an interest regarding agenda item 6, as Trustee of Baby Box who operate from the former Youth Centre.

04/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2025 - having been previously circulated to Members - were taken as read and approved.

05/26 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CERTIFICATE REPORTS

The Clerk updated members that the EICRs were booked in for the Esplanade toilets, Shore Road toilets, Central Car Park toilets, Boniface Fields, and the First Aid Hut. They would be completed during week commencing 16th March, with the results brought to the next committee meeting.

Members noted this update, with no decision required.

06/26 SALISBURY GARDENS

The Clerk updated members that measures to remove the precarious wood work on the West-facing side of Salisbury Gardens that had been completed, with any holes covered to avoid entrance by pigeons etc.

It was unanimously agreed that:

The Committee noted that these works were now complete.

07/26 VENTNOR CENTRAL/FORMER YOUTH CLUB

Members were updated on progress with discussions about the building with the Isle of Wight Council. The Clerk had attended a site visit on Tuesday with IWC officers to walk the scaffolding. The initial finding was that much of the stonework and associated masonry was in very poor condition. The indication was that the expenditure required to bring the building back into a usable state was likely in the tens-of-thousands of pounds.

The Isle of Wight Council had funded the scaffolding, and would re-establish access via the entrance on Victoria Street to enable the staff and volunteers of the charities occupying the hall to retrieve items from there as required.

Cllr Mark Jefferies informed the committee that it was unlikely that the Isle of Wight Council would be able to fund significant repairs.

Members noted that:

Alternative accommodation for the charities was actively being sought, that VTC had agreed to empty the lower ground floor of the building which was underway, and that the Clerk was attempting to negotiate a reduction in Business Rates for the time that the building was unusable.

08/26 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

In view of the confidential nature of the following items:

- Esplanade Toilets
- Deep Clean Quotations

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.

09/26 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Thursday 14th May 2026 at 10am.

The meeting closed at 10:33am

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR

DATE



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

LG1, SALISBURY GARDENS

10:00AM

3 MARCH 2026

Members present:-

DRAFT

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

Joint Clerks: Alison Killick & Morgan Williams

MINUTE SUBJECT

01/26 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

02/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

03/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mark Jefferies declared an interest in Item 4) Hire of Ventnor Park.

04/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 2 DECEMBER 2025

The Minutes of the meeting of 2 December 2025 - having been previously circulated - were taken as read.

It was unanimously resolved to:

Accept the minutes of the Environment and Transport Committee meeting of 2 December 2025.

05/26 HIRE OF VENTNOR PARK

Clerk Morgan Williams introduced this agenda item.

As per tabled report, the Carnival Committee seek permission from Ventnor Town Council to hire Ventnor Park for a Community Fair on Saturday 8 August.

It was unanimously resolved to:

Agree to the Carnival's request to hire Ventnor Park from 4pm onwards on Friday 7 August to 7pm on Saturday 8 August 2026 for a Community Fair.

06/26 No:31 Bus

Cllr Steve Milford introduced this agenda item.

As per tabled report, the No:31 Bus Working Group discussed the current operation of the service.

Detail was provided regarding the upcoming contractor's increase in costs, the current running days, current grant funding and subsequent option of applying for new grant funding.

It was unanimously resolved to:

- approve the renewal of the service contract with the current contractor, noting the 5% increase in costs from 1 April 2026.
- agree to switch the service from Saturdays to Thursdays as from 1 July 2026
- confirm with the operator their acceptance of the fare of £3.
- delegate to the Clerk/officers the application of a new grant from 1 July 2026 to continue with the additional running day and its associated costs covering the financial years: 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29.

07/26 FREE PARKING REQUESTS

At its last meeting, the Environment & Transport committee agreed that officers would draft a decision matrix allowing for free parking requests to be delegated to them, thereby saving time in the decision-making process.

As per tabled report for this meeting - by answering a series of questions – the requestee must reach a minimum score to be granted the request.

It was unanimously resolved to:

Adopt this simplified procedure

Include within the Scheme of Delegations as per decision matrix criteria.

08/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The committee agreed to meet again at 10am on 26 May 2026.

The meeting closed at 10:40am

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR

DATE



MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

9:30PM

5 FEBRUARY 2026

PRESENT

Councillors: John Watkins (Chair), Steph Toogood, Jim Toogood, Karl Hunter.

ITEM SUBJECT

1) PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

2) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence received from Cllr Steve Cooper.

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors James Toogood and Steph Toogood declared interests regarding agenda item 5(c) as the item relates to a property neighbouring theirs.

4) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 15 January 2026 – having been previously circulated to members - were taken as read and approved.

5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 25/00569/FUL: 37B MADEIRA ROAD

It was unanimously resolved that:

Ventnor Town Council supports this application and notes that this improves the amenity of the property.

b) 25/01842/FUL: ST MAUR HOTEL, CASTLE ROAD

It was unanimously resolved that:

Ventnor Town Council strongly supports this application, with members commenting that the well thought out proposal to improve holiday accommodation whilst also providing owners' accommodation is a sensible one.

c) 25/01852/RVC: LA VENESS, ESPLANADE

As two members of the committee had declared an interest relating to this item, the quorum was not met, and it was not possible to form a resolution.

The Meeting closed at 09:41am.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

DATE:



MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

4:30PM

14 APRIL 2026

PRESENT

DRAFT

Councillors: John Watkins (Chair), Jim Toogood & Karl Hunter.

ITEM	SUBJECT
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1) PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

2) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence received from Cllrs Steve Cooper & Steph Toogood.

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received at this time.

4) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 5 February 2026 – having been previously circulated to members - were taken as read and approved.

5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 26/00215/HOU: DAWNS VIEW, CASTLE ROAD

It was unanimously resolved that:

Ventnor Town Council strongly supports this application. The variation of materials makes this application an interesting proposal.

b) 26/00129/HOU: 26 CASTLE CLOSE

It was unanimously resolved that:

Ventnor Town Council strongly supports this application. The proposal enhances the existing property.

c) 26/00403/HOU: 17 DUDLEY ROAD

It was unanimously resolved that:

Ventnor Town Council supports this application. The proposal will bring a somewhat old building back into a property that will fit the existing street scene, to include original-effect windows.

d) 26/00281/HOU: SWISS COTTAGE, 7 ST BONIFACE ROAD

It was unanimously resolved that:

Ventnor Town Council oppose this application. Under 4.2 of the submitted Heritage Statement, it states “visual authenticity.” This proposal contradicts that because it is completely altering the existing window design.

The Meeting closed at 4:55pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

DATE:



MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

LG1 ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

11:00AM

3 MARCH 2026

Members present:-

Councillors: Steve Cooper (Chair), Ian Bond, Steve Milford, John Watkins & Ernie Polak-Harvey

Clerks: Morgan Williams & Alison Killick

MINUTE SUBJECT

03/26

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of public present at the meeting.

04/26

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

05/26

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interests received at this time.

06/26

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2025 & 27 JANUARY 2026

The Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 20 November 2025 & 27 January 2026, having been previously circulated to Members were taken as read.

It was unanimously resolved to:

Accept the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 20 November 2025 & 27 January 2026.

07/26

PROPOSED POLICY: RELIGIOUS USE – SALISBURY GARDENS & OTHER COUNCIL-OWNED PREMISES

As per the tabled report and draft policy, Ventnor Town Council has historically communicated a prohibition on religious activities – specifically within Salisbury Gardens.

This position has not been officialised into a written policy.

It was unanimously resolved to:-

- reject the draft policy for Religious Use of Salisbury Gardens and other council-owned premises
- delegate to the Clerks the inclusion of a short clause in the Terms & Conditions of Hire of the Green Room that the space is not permitted for any form of religious worship/preaching.

08/26

SUPPORT-IN-KIND POLICY

As per the tabled report and draft policy, Ventnor Town Council provide support-in-kind for several events and projects, by way of printing, promotion and volunteering at events.

The draft Support-in-Kind Policy has been finalised by the Business and Community Committee at its last meeting and submitted to the Policy & Resources committee for review and committee members' approval.

It was unanimously resolved to:

approve the draft Support-in-Kind policy as tabled and inform the full Council at its next meeting.

09/26

GRIEVANCE POLICY

Chair Steve Cooper introduced this agenda item.

Ventnor Town Council's current Grievance Procedure requires a full review, bringing it up to date with current legislation.

It was unanimously resolved to:-

Draft a new policy in readiness for the next Policy & Resources committee meeting.

10/26

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Ventnor Town Council's Disciplinary Policy is due for review.

It was unanimously resolved to:

review and update the current Disciplinary Policy.

11/26 WCAG WEBSITE AUDIT

For the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for year 2025-26, local councils are required to comply with new standards.

Ventnor Town Council's website provider has conducted an audit on the website and updated our accessibility statement with findings that are tabled in the submitted report.

Members are recommended to:

Note the recommendations from the audit undertaken, which will be implemented by staff.

12/26 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

In view of the confidential nature of the following items:

- Ventnor Carnival – Partnership Agreement
- Toilet Cleaning – Boniface Fields (Allotment Toilets)
- Absence Policy
- Town Clerk arrangements
- Staff update

It was resolved under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings (1960) Act:

to exclude the Public and Press whilst the next items are under discussion as they are of a confidential nature

13/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 8 April 2026 at 10:00am.

The meeting closed at 12:55pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR

DATE



MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

LG1 ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

10:00AM

8 APRIL 2026

Members present:-

Councillors: Steve Cooper (Chair), Ian Bond, Steve Milford, John Watkins & Ernie Polak-Harvey

Clerks: Morgan Williams & Alison Killick

DRAFT

MINUTE SUBJECT

19/26 PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present at the meeting.

Ross Honeybourne raised concerns from the local community about the 8.8% increase on the Precept, also producing a report from “Ventnor Community” raising many questions.

Cllr Steve Milford responded that it is critical for the council to build up reserves on the budget.

Cllr Ian Bond responded that this is not a one-year issue, dating back to previous management.

Chair Steve Cooper responded that the SLCC sets criteria for reserves – the minimum being £100k – equivalent of 4 months on the budget. He also confirmed that a response via the Clerks will be provided against the points raised from the “Ventnor Community” report.

20/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

21/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interests received at this time.

22/26 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2026

The Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 3 March 2026, having been previously circulated to Members were taken as read.

It was unanimously resolved to:

- accept the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 3 March 2026, with the following alteration to Minute 07/26:-
- delegate to the Clerks the inclusion of a short clause in the Terms & Conditions of Hire of the Green Room that the space is not permitted for any form of religious worship/preaching, and that all use of the space must be non-discriminatory, in line with the Council’s principals of inclusivity.

23/26 STANDING ORDERS: REVIEW

Members considered the tabled report proposing that Standing Order 8 be amended to include reference to the Deputy Mayor when the Mayor is absent.

It was unanimously resolved to:

reject the proposed changes to Standing Orders.

24/26 INSURANCE: REVIEW

As per the tabled report, the Town Council’s insurance broker has provided a pre-renewal review, giving the council an opportunity to ensure the cover to be provided is sufficient.

It was unanimously resolved:

- to recommend an increase in the daily payments limit from £30k to £40k, and require that any payments over £30k require two signatories for authorisation
- to authorise the Clerks to renew the insurance policy for 2026/27 with the changes in the report written and increasing the fidelity guarantee insurance cover to cover half the precept (from its current level of £150k).

25/26 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

In view of the confidential nature of the following items:

- Town Clerk Arrangements
- Employment Matter

It was resolved under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings (1960) Act:

to exclude the Public and Press whilst the next items are under discussion as they are of a confidential nature

26/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 27 May at 10:00am.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR

DATE
