



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

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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
