



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

7PM

20 MAY 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Stewart Blackmore (Chair), Tony Marvin, Brian Lucas, Dave Logan, Stephen Cockett, Ian Bond, Colm Watling, Jamie Macaulay

No. SUBJECT

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present at this time.

53/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Leigh Geddes, Delian Fry and Jason Mack.

54/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

55/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 8 April 2019, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
 - b) The Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting of May, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
 - c) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meeting of 16 April 2019 were noted.
 - d) The Minutes of the Library Steering Group Meeting of 16 April were noted.
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56/19 FINANCE REPORT

- a) The Finance report for this meeting (36/19) had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 30 April 2019 and a list of all payments made during April 2019.
 - b) Also included was a listing of budget variances during April, the first month of the 2019/20 financial year.
 - c) Councillor Brian Lucas expressed concern about the reliability of the distribution of the Beacon given that the Town Council is paying for it to carry a quarterly news section for the Town Council.
 - d) Councillor Ian Bond asked about the apparent shortfall in car park income that the Clerk said he thought was likely to be the consequence of delayed collections.
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57/19 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Income & Expenditure Accounts for the 2018/19 financial year were attached to Report 37/19 for this meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Stephen Cockett, seconded by Councillor IB and unanimously resolved that:

the Income and Expenditure Account and related Balance Sheet attached to Report 37/19 for this meeting be approved and adopted as its Annual Accounts for the financial year 2018/19.

58/19 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report 38/19 included the report of the Town Council's Internal Auditor, Gareth Hughes, for the financial year 2018/19.

It was proposed by Councillor Brian Lucas, seconded by Councillor Ian Bond and unanimously resolved that:

- i) the Internal Auditor's Report be accepted and Gareth Hughes be thanked for his thorough preparation of it; and
 - ii) Gareth Hughes be appointed as the Town Council's Internal Auditor for 2018/19.
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59/19 NORTH STREET PLAYGROUND

- a) The latest developments in the response to the removal of the swings from the Playground were recorded in Report 39/19.
 - b) Members noted that a second meeting of local residents to discuss the future of the Playground was being held at the same time as this meeting and that Councillor Leigh Geddes and the Town Council's Community Development Officer were attending it.
 - c) The decision of the Isle of Wight Council to fund and arrange the replacement of the swings was welcomed.
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60/19 VENTNOR WAR MEMORIAL

Attached to Report 40/19 was the official notice of the Listing of Ventnor War Memoria by the recommendation of Historic England (List Entry Number 1463041).

61/19 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 41/19 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
 - b) It included information on the Annual Town Meeting, the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWLC), the latest meeting of the South Wight Parishes Health & Wellbeing Forum, New services at St Margaret's Hall, the Society of Local Council Clerks Isle of Wight Branch, visiting Students and the latest meetings of the Working Groups.
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PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments or questions at this time.

62/18 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

In view of the confidential nature of the following item:

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.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

DATE
