



# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

VIRTUAL MEETING

7PM

20 APRIL 2020

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Stewart Blackmore (Chair), Stephen Cockett, Jason Mack, Jamie Macaulay, Brian Lucas, Colm Watling, Ian Bond, Dave Logan, Steve Milford, Delian Fry

## No. SUBJECT

### PUBLIC FORUM

The arrangements for the meeting provided for public access for the Public Forum but no members of the public took up that opportunity.

### 34/20 MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Report 25/20 detailed the arrangements for this first virtual meeting of the Town Council.

**It was unanimously resolved that:**

the arrangements for Town Council Meetings as set out in Report 25/20 be adopted until 7 May 2021 if required.

### 35/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor James Toogood.

### 36/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this time.

### 37/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 9 March 2020, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
- b) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meetings of 17 March and 15 April 2020 were noted.

### 38/20 FINANCE REPORT

- a) The Finance Report for this meeting (26/20) had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 31 March 2020 and a list of all payments made during March 2020.
- b) Also included was a listing of budget variances during the full 2019/20 financial year.

**It was unanimously resolved that:**

the Finance Report be accepted.

### 39/20 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS 2019/20

- a) The Receipts and Payments Accounts for 2019/20 were attached to Report 27/20 for this meeting.
- b) The Clerk reminded Members that as the Town Council's receipts and payments both exceeded £200,000 these Accounts would be superseded by Income and Expenditure Accounts.

**It was unanimously resolved that:**

the Receipts and Payments Accounts for 2019/20 be noted.

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**41/20 SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS**

- a) A detailed report by the Town Council's Community Development Officer Tony McCarthy on the developments in support arrangements for the town's vulnerable residents in respect of shopping and medication collection was attached to Report 28/20
- b) Councillor Steve Milford asked if these excellent arrangements were sustainable and the Clerk replied that this aspect of the service was under consideration by the staff team but that the response from the volunteers was so strong that it was certainly sustainable in the medium term.
- c) Councillor Jamie Macaulay commented that the safety of volunteers is a priority and the Clerk assured Members that was an active consideration for the staff team leading the work.
- d) Councillor Dave Logan expressed his admiration for the leadership the Community Development Officer is providing for this work.
- e) Councillor Delian Fry said the Council would want to thank all involved in providing this level of support.
- f) The Mayor concluded the discussion of the Report by asking that his and Members' thanks be passed to Tony McCarthy and all involved in the services being provided.

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**42/20 BONIFACE FIELDS**

- a) Report 30/20 updated Members on the temporary closure of Ventnor Community Shed, raised the question of Annual Allotment Rents and provided the latest information on the Lease agreement.
- b) Members were asked to consider a recommendation from the Assets and Services Working Group that the annual £100 payments by Allotment holders be postponed until September.

**It was unanimously resolved that:**

Annual payments for Allotment holders are postponed until 1 September.

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**43/20 ANNUAL MEETINGS**

The consequences of the new Regulations ruling that Annual Town Council meetings would not be held this year were identified in Report 32/20.

**It was unanimously resolved to:**

- i) not hold its Annual Town Council Meeting for 2020; and
- ii) not to make arrangements for an Annual Town Meeting in 2020.

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**43/20 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT**

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 33/20 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
- b) It included information on Working from Home, the Youth Project Officer Post, Weather Readings, the 31 Bus Service, Internal Audit and Working Groups' meetings.

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The meeting closed at 7.45pm

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

DATE