



# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS 7PM

21 MAY 2018

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Tony Marvin (Chair) and Councillors Jason Mack, Leigh Geddes, James Toogood, Brian Lucas, Dave Logan, Stephen Cockett, Billy Hill, Ian Bond

## NO. SUBJECT

### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

### 52/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor and Councillor Delian Fry.

### 53/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this time.

### 54/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 9 April 2018, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
- b) The Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting of 14 May 2018, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
- c) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meeting of 24 April and 15 May 2018 were noted.
- d) The minutes of the Library Steering Group Meeting of 13 March were noted.

### 55/18 FINANCE REPORT

- a) The Finance report for this meeting (36/18) had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 30 April 2018 and a list of all payments made during April 2018.
- b) Also included was a listing of budget variances during the first month of the financial year.  
**It was proposed by Councillor Jason Mack, seconded by Councillor Dave Logan and unanimously resolved that:**  
the Finance Report be accepted.

### 56/18 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2017/18

- a) Report 37/18 included the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet 2017/18 for the Town Council and separated Accounts for Salisbury Gardens.
- b) Members requested further information on several items and the Clerk responded.  
**It was proposed by Councillor Leigh Geddes seconded by Councillor Brian Lucas and unanimously resolved that:**  
the Annual Accounts for 2017/18 be accepted.

### 57/18 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report 38/18 included the report of the Town Council's Internal Auditor, Gareth Hughes, for the financial year 2017/18.

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**It was proposed by Councillor Jason Mack, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cockett and unanimously resolved that:**

- i) the Internal Auditor's Report be accepted and Gareth Hughes be thanked for his thorough preparation of it; and
  - i) Gareth Hughes be appointed as the Town Council's Internal Auditor for 2018/19.
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**58/18 REPLACEMENT VAN**

- a) Councillor James Toogood outlined the reasons for the recommended vehicle to be leased, pointing out that an electrically powered vehicle was not an option as at this time there were no available local power points and that petrol powered vehicles produce more and more damaging emissions.
- b) Councillor Stephen Cockett said he agreed with the logic of the choice and hoped it could be reconsidered in a few years' time.
- c) Councillor Jason Mack expressed support for the proposal.
- d) Councillor Ian Bond asked about the anticipated mileage and observed that it would be cheaper to pay the Maintenance Manager for the use of his vehicle.
- e) The Deputy Mayor said that the Maintenance Manager's vehicle was not suitable for the required purposes.
- f) Councillor Ian Bond said there was not enough evidence that best value would be secured by disposing of the current vehicle for only £1.
- g) Councillor Billy Hill said he did not agree with the spending of just over £3,000 this year and that he thought we should meet the repair cost of the current one.
- h) Councillor Leigh Geddes said she considered there was a clear need for a reliable van suitable for carrying the tools, equipment, paint and stores required.
- i) The Deputy Mayor said that he felt the current van had reached the end of its reliable life.

**It was proposed by Councillor Leigh Geddes, seconded by Councillor James Toogood and agreed:**

to purchase a Renault Kangoo from Harwood's Garage on the basis set out in section 2(b) of Report 39/18 for this meeting; and

**It was proposed by Councillor Dave Logan, seconded by Councillor Ian Bond and agreed:**

to offer to sell the current vehicle to a member of the Town Council's staff at the valuation to be provided by Bonchurch Garage..

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**59/18 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

- a) The initial document from the Town Council's Data Protection Officer, GDPR Regulation Part 1, attached to Report 40/18 scopes the activity areas the Town Council is required to address to achieve GDPR compliance and a commitment to implementing the necessary processes.
- b) Councillor Brian Lucas asked what the major changes would have to be in the Town Council's current practice and the Chair agreed that the Town Council's Data Protection Officer could respond directly.
- c) Councillor Leigh Geddes stressed the importance of compliance.

**It was proposed by Councillor Leigh Geddes, seconded by Councillor Dave Logan and unanimously resolved that:**

the Town Council commits to the implementation of the actions required for compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation and will monitor progress through appropriate reporting by its Data Protection Officer.

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**60/18 A BLUEPRINT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

- a) Members considered the invitation to comment on the recently published Draft Blueprint for Mental Health Services
- b) Councillor Ian Bond said that the document was weak in the sections on treatment
- c) The Chair said that it also wasn't clear how the proposed developments would be funded.

**It was proposed by Councillor Jason Mack, seconded by Councillor The Deputy Mayor and unanimously resolved that:**

the Town Council asks its Lead Member for Health and Housing and its Clerk to formulate and submit a response to the Draft Blueprint on Mental Health reflecting the discussion of it at this meeting.

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**61/18 AGE FRIENDLY TOWN**

- a) Members considered the previously circulated *The Town of Ventnor: Age Friendly Communities Report* provided by Age UK.
- b) Councillor Leigh Geddes said that the draft needed further work but was on the right track.

**It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Leigh Geddes and unanimously resolved that:**

the Town Council agrees to adopt the designation *Age Friendly Town* and appoints its Deputy Mayor as its Age Friendly Champion.

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**63/18 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT**

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 18/18 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
  - b) It included information on this year's Wallgate contract, Spring Hill Gardens, the Allotment Association, the South Wight Locality Parish Councils' Health & Wellbeing Forum, the National Association of Local Councils, Student Visits and the meetings of the Town Council's Working Groups,
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**PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public in attendance at this time.

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The Meeting closed at 7.55pm

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SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

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