



# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

7PM

12 JUNE 2017

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Jason Mack (Chair), Tony Marvin, Leigh Geddes, Ed Gouge, Billy Hill, Dave Logan, Stephen Cockett.

## NO. SUBJECT

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### PUBLIC FORUM

- a) There were no members of the public present.
  - b) PCSO Chris Urry was welcomed to the meeting by the Mayor to provide an update on the team's work. He told the meeting that most crimes were down over the last quarter compared with the previous one and adding that the team is aware of the damage to the Pay & Display Machines and that Ventnor remains a good place to live with low levels of criminal activity.
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### 54/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Delian Fry, Brian Lucas, Stewart Blackmore and Jim Toogood.

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### 55/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this time.

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### 56/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 22 May 2017, having been previously circulated to Members, were taken as read.
  - b) The Minutes of the Town Council's Planning Committee meeting of 30 May 2017 were noted.
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### 57/17 FINANCE REPORT

- a) The Finance report for this meeting (40/17) had been previously circulated to Members and included information on Bank Balances at 31 May 2017 and a list of all payments made during May 2017.
- b) Also included was a listing of budget variances during the first two months of the financial year.

**It was proposed by Councillor Tony Marvin, seconded by Councillor Ed Gouge and unanimously resolved that:**  
the Finance Report be accepted.

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### 58/17 ANNUAL RETURN 2016/17: GOVERNANCE

- a) The Annual Return for 2016/17 the Town Council is required to submit to its External Auditor by 10 July 2017, had been previously circulated to Members.
- b) Members considered the Governance Statements in the Return's Section 1.

**It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Tony Marvin and unanimously resolved that:**  
the Governance Statements in Section 1 of the Annual Return for the financial year 2016/17 be endorsed as presented and the Mayor be authorised to sign Section 1 accordingly.

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#### 59/17 ANNUAL RETURN 2016/17: ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

Members considered the Accounts Statements for the financial year 2016/17 in Section 2 of the Annual Return 2016/17 as completed in the circulated copy.

**It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Tony Marvin and unanimously resolved that the Town Council:**

- i) approves the Accounting Statements set out in Section 2 of the Annual Return;
  - ii) authorises its Mayor to sign Section 2 accordingly;
  - iii) notes the contents of the Internal Auditor's Report in Section 4; and
  - iv) asks its Town Clerk to submit the completed return together with the required additional papers identified in section 4 of Report 42/17 in advance of the 10 July 2017 deadline.
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#### 60/17 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

- a) Proposals for the base Grounds Maintenance charge for 2017/18 and the extension of the current contract to 31 March 2019 were set out in Report 43/17 for this meeting.
- b) Councillor Stephen Cockett asked if a copy of the list of the 18 areas included in the Contract could be provided to him.

**It was proposed by Councillor Leigh Geddes, seconded by Councillor Billy Hill and unanimously resolved that the Town Council agrees:**

- i) the base price of its contract with John O'Conner for 2017/18 at £21,187; and
  - ii) the extension of that contract to 31 March 2019 with a further annual 2.5% inflation increase for 2018/19.
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#### 61/17 PADDLING POOL AREA LEASE

- a) The Isle of Wight Council's draft lease for both the area of the Eastern Esplanade including the Paddling Pool and the Public Toilets and the Deed of Surrender of the existing lease for the Paddling Pool had been considered by the Assets & Services Working Group and included in the previously circulated papers for this meeting.
- b) Councillor Tony Marvin commented that the lease was not as detailed in some areas such as boundary walls as he would have expected.
- c) Councillor Stephen Cockett asked about the furniture on the site and was informed that it was the responsibility of Island Roads. He also asked what the benefits were of taking on the lease and Councillor Tony Marvin responded that it was about ensuring the area was maintained to the high standards the Town Council expects.
- d) Councillor Dave Logan asked if there were any financial implications of accepting the lease.

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

the draft lease for the area of the Eastern Esplanade including the Paddling Pool and the Public Toilets and the Deed of Surrender of the existing lease for the Paddling Pool be accepted and the Mayor be authorised to sign both accordingly.

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#### 62/17 IWALC CONSTITUTION

- a) The amendments to the Constitution of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) proposed by its Executive Committee for approval at its Annual General Meeting were included in the previously circulated papers for this meeting.
- b) Councillor Billy Hill said that he was uncomfortable with the proposed amendments as they appeared to be the opposite of inclusion and transparency

**It was proposed by Councillor Tony Marvin, seconded by Councillor Leigh Geddes and unanimously resolved that the Town Council submits two amendments to the proposed changes, namely:**

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- i) the exclusion of the phrase *Nominees should be voting members of the Executive Committee* from the proposed addition to Clause 9; and
  - ii) the rejection of the proposed amendment to Clause 3(b).
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**64/17 ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC)**

The Mayor reported on his appointment as IWALC's Deputy Representative to the Health & Wellbeing Board as well as its Representative to both Community Action IW and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

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**65/17 TOWN CLERKS' REPORT**

- a) The Town Clerks' Report – 46/17 – recorded recent activity which did not require Town Council decisions at this time.
  - b) It included information on the meetings of the new Regeneration Working Group, the Community Development Working Group and the Assets & Services Working Group.
  - c) It also provided some detail on the routine meeting with the Upper Ventnor Community Association Committee and a site visit to the Free School Portakabins.
  - d) The Mayor provided further details about the potential uses of the Portakabins and led a short discussion about them.
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**PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no questions or comments at this time.

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**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20PM**

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SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

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