



# MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS 5.30PM

24 JULY 2024

Members present:-

Councillors: Steph Toogood (Chair), John Watkins, James Toogood

Clerk: Katherine Baldwin

MINUTE	SUBJECT	DRAFT
26/24	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b>	
	There were no members of the public present.	
27/24	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
	An apology for absence was received from Cllr Cassie Bailey.	
28/24	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	There were no Declarations of Interest	
29/24	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
	The Minutes of the Business and Community Committee meeting of 8 July 2024, having been previously circulated to Members were taken as read.	
	<b>It was unanimously resolved to:</b>	
	Accept the minutes of the Business and Community Committee meeting of 8 July 2024.	
30/24	<b>CONTRIBUTION TO FIREWORKS IN CARNIVAL WEEK</b>	
	<p>Cllr Steph Toogood noted that Ventnor Town Council had given a financial contribution to the Fireworks in Carnival week for several years. Cllr Toogood explained that the Fireworks cost approximately £3000 with contributions sought from traders in the Town. The Town Clerk explained that the Miscellaneous budget line had been used to account for this contribution in the past. However, a Miscellaneous budget had not been included in the overall budget for this year. The Town Clerk noted that the budget available to the Committee is the Community Development budget.</p> <p>Cllr John Watkins expressed that he was not in favour of making a contribution as it did not align with the Green agenda and the Fireworks often led to complaints from residents due to the effect on animals. Cllr Steph Toogood explained that she had tried to change this to a laser show but the Fireworks had already been ordered. However, Cllr Steph Toogood would suggest that laser lights are considered for next year.</p> <p>Cllr John Watkins suggested that the organisers fundraise in advance. As the Fireworks were not part of the budget for this year due to the absence of the Miscellaneous budget line, it was agreed that the matter should be referred to Full Council.</p>	
	<b>It was unanimously resolved to:</b>	
	Refer to Full Council the matter of whether Ventnor Town Council make a financial contribution to the Fireworks held in Carnival Week.	
31/24	<b>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS</b>	
	In view of the confidential nature of the following items:	
	<b>It was resolved under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings (1960) Act:</b> to exclude the Public and Press whilst the next items are under discussion as they are of a confidential nature.	

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The meeting closed at 6.12pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR

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