

YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT YARMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, MILL ROAD, YARMOUTH ON TUESDAY 28 JULY 2009 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors S Cowley (Town Mayor), R Corbett, P Garlick, A Ingrams, S Mence, S Poston and B Tongue.

IN ATTENDANCE: R H Blezzard (Town Clerk)

S Dyer CC

D Bogg (Interim Chief Executive, Wightlink)) For

Ms K Jackson, (Marketing Manager, Wightlink)) Minute

J Matthews (Lymington/Yarmouth Manager, Wightlink)) 182/09

APOLOGIES: Councillor R Goodridge

PART 1

180/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mence declared a personal interest in Minute 191/09 by reason of being Chair of the Yarmouth Coastal Defence Committee and a personal interest in Minute 194/09 by reason of being Secretary of the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan Steering Committee.

181/09 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public reported that she had complained to the Isle of Wight Council about dog fouling around the "tourist lectern at Thorley. This will be pursued.

182/09 YARMOUTH/LYMINGTON FERRY SERVICE

The Mayor welcomed Mr Bogg, Ms Jackson and Mr Matthews to the meeting. Mr Bogg gave an overview of developments since the new ferries came into service and accepted that there had been teething troubles for a number of reasons.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to ask questions.

Members of the public expressed considerable disquiet about the lack of disabled facilities on the new ferries, lack of punctuality and problems with marshalling of cars for embarkation leading to congestion in the town. There was serious concern that the new ferries were unsuitable for the Lymington/Yarmouth crossing and that the foot passenger capacity was inadequate at certain peak times such as the Old Gaffers' Festival. Mr Bogg undertook to find answers to the complaints made and to Report back with them.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

RESOLVED: That Mr Bogg and his colleagues be thanked for their contribution to the meeting.

183/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16 June 2009, the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2009 (Part 1) and the minutes of the special meeting held on 14 July 2009 be taken as read subject to the following amendment:
Meeting of 16 June 2009 (Part 1): Minute 160/09 Finance: Amend “Mayor’s Salary”
To read “Clerk’s Salary.”

190/09 POLICE MATTERS

No Police report was given, but a letter of thanks from the West Wight Safer Neighbourhood Team for the grant given by the Council to support a youth engagement project was read out.

RESOLVED: That the letter be received and noted.

191/09 HARBOUR ISSUES

No items were raised for discussion.

192/09 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £25,802.10 and a schedule of accounts for payment. A request from the Community Plan Steering Committee for its advertising expenses to paid by the Council was withdrawn.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted and the following accounts be authorised and paid:

Cheque	Payee		£
870	Isle of Wight Council	Clerk’s Salary, May/June 2009	1081.20
871	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds Maintenance	546.25
872	PAS (IW)	Internal Audit Fee, 2008/9	322.00
873	Colin Newnham Services	Seat Installation	170.20
874	Vision ITC Ltd	Internet hosting and support	112.70
875	Staples	Printer Ink	48.08
876	N Chandler	Bus shelter repairs	323.75
877	Mrs C Lewis	Locum Clerk services	<u>33.00</u>
			2,637.88

193/09 PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Decisions

Members had before them details of one planning decision made by Isle of Wight Council.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

193/09 PLANNING ISSUES (Continued)

Planning Aid South

Members had before them a letter from Planning Aid South offering to send a speaker to attend a future meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: That Planning Aid South be invited to send a speaker to a future meeting of the Council.

Tapnell Farm, Construction Notification

Members were advised of the receipt of the construction notification in respect of works approved to be carried out at Tapnell Farm.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

194/09 COMMUNITY PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Members had before them a report of the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan Steering Committee which was added to verbally by Councillor Mence. Members were advised that the third and final draft of the Plan will be presented to the Council for approval on 8 September 2009.

RESOLVED: (a) That the report be approved and adopted;
(b) That 1200 copies of the approved plan be printed and;
(c) That a filing cabinet be purchased to store the Plan archive material.

195/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Members had before them a list of correspondence.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

196/09 THORLEY ISSUES

It was reported that the plans had been drawn up for the adaptations to Thorley church to make the building suitable for community use.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

197/09 YARMOUTH ISSUES

Members considered the following issues:

Overgrown Hedges

Attention was drawn to the overgrown hedges by Yarmouth Cemetery and the adjacent land. It was reported that the Isle of Wight Council is seeking to hold the Town Council responsible as in 2008 when it is clearly not a Town Council responsibility.

RESOLVED: That the Isle of Wight Council be again advised that this matter is not a Town Council responsibility.

197/09 YARMOUTH ISSUES (Continued)

Yarmouth Fire Station Proposed Closure

A report was given of the consultation meeting held the previous evening on the future organisation of the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service. It was noted that a 43% reduction in the number of retained firefighters was proposed along with the closure of Yarmouth Fire Station. A letter of objection to the proposed closure had been sent to the Cabinet Member for Fire and Community Safety on 12 May but to date no reply had been received.

RESOLVED: (a) That a meeting be requested with the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council to object to the proposed closure of Yarmouth Fire Station
(b) That a sum of £50 be allocated to promote a letter writing campaign by the public to object to the fire station closure.

Illegal Parking, Victoria Road

Attention was drawn to a vehicle parking on the grass by the Victoria Road entrance to the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: that this matter be drawn to the attention of South Wight Housing.

Highways Matters, St James Street

Attention was drawn to the difficulties faced by vehicles trying to turn into St James Street following the recent highways improvements there.

RESOLVED: That this matter be drawn to the attention of the Highways Department.

198/09 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Members had before them a written report from S Dyer CC which was added to verbally. S Dyer CC reported that the road from Bouldnor to Wilmingham would be closed the following week and requested the use of the Council office for surgeries.

RESOLVED: (a) That the report be received and noted and;
(b) That S Dyer CC be granted free use of the Council office for Councillor surgeries.

199/09 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Members had before them the Town Clerk's written report which included the following:

- 1. Dog Fouling:** The cheapest price quoted for a bin is for a Townscape Products Rover which is £73.70. It is unlikely that the Isle of Wight Council will cover the cost of emptying but this has to be confirmed. A letter had been received from a local resident asking for enforcement action to be taken to deal with the problem.
- 2. Flags:** The Town Trust has requested the Council to replace the flags at the Common.. Cheapest quotes are from Able Flags: Union Flag: £49.76, St George's Flag: £34.51, Yarmouth flag: £162 each for two plus £5 each for anti fray and £10 delivery charge.

199/09 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT (Continued)

- 3. Bridge Road Toilets:** Talks between the Isle of Wight Council and the Harbour Commissioners on potential options ongoing. In the unlikely event of Bridge Road toilet refurbishment going ahead it will take place after the Summer,
- 4. Code of Conduct and Other Training:** Details were circulated.

RESOLVED: (a) That the report be received and noted;
(b) That a Townscape Rover dog bin be ordered and the Environmental Neighbourhood Officers be asked to take enforcement action to deal with the problem of dog fouling;
(c) That one Union Flag, one St George's flag and two Yarmouth flags all with anti fray be ordered from Able Flags and;
(d) That the Isle of Wight Council be asked to provide Code of Conduct training in Yarmouth.

200/09 REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Tongue submitted a written report of a meeting of the Carnival Committee held on 13 July when it had been reported the Mayor will open the Carnival Week on 8 August and present the prizes on 14 August.

Councillor Mence reported that THE Coastal Defence Working Group had looked back at what had been learned following a visit to view sea defences at the Duver at Seaview. The Group was due to go out by boat on two separate days to look at the Coast and the River Yar.

Councillor Garlick reported that the signatories for the Holmes Charity needed to be changed from Town Trustees to councillors.

RESOLVED: that the reports be received and noted.

201/09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the following be agenda items at the next meeting:
St James Day and Yarmouth Charter Celebrations 2010;
Adoption of Community Plan.

202/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: to note that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 September 2009 at Thorley Parish Church commencing at 6.30pm

203/09 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

