

YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THORLEY PARISH CHURCH, THORLEY STREET, THORLEY ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2009 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors S Dyer (Town Mayor), R Corbett, S Cowley, R Goodridge,
A Hollist, D Kennett, S Mence and S Poston.

IN ATTENDANCE: R H Blezzard (Town Clerk)
W Burt CC
PC T Campany (Yarmouth Police).

APOLOGIES: None

PART 1

51/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors Dyer, Goodridge and Kennett each declared a prejudicial interest in Minute and withdrew from the meeting whilst it was discussed.

52/09 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Attention was drawn to the Thorley bus shelters being in need of repair. The repairs will be put in hand.

53/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2009 (Part 1) be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

54/09 POLICE MATTERS

PC Campany reported that there had been a theft from the Harbour Commissioners car park ticket machine coin box and the theft of a gear box from a boat.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

55/09 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £15,370.18 and a schedule of accounts for payment.

RESOLVED: (a) That the information be received and noted and the following accounts be authorised and paid;

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount £
838	Isle of Wight Council	Clerk's Salary, February 2009	544.91
839	Isle of Wight Council	Room Hire	37.66
840	R H Blezzard	Expenses	<u>135.83</u>
			718.40

(b) That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to approve the payment of any other bills before the year end to be confirmed at the next meeting.

56/09 QUOTES FOR WORKS IN 2009

Members had before them the following quotes per cut for grass cutting in 2009:

	Recreation Ground	Mount	Yarmouth Cemetery
Brighstone Landscaping	£45.00	£50.00	£120.00
Wyevale Grounds Mtce.	£68.60	£65.30	£262.50

RESOLVED: That the quote from Brighstone Landscapes for the Recreation Ground and The Mount be accepted and the quotes in respect of Yarmouth Cemetery be passed to the Yarmouth PCC for consideration.

Members had before them the following quote in the sum of £350.00 from Mr Chandler for the annual repair and maintenance of street furniture:

Treat all seats, tables and bus shelters:	£350.00
Repairs to seats and tables:	£79.10
Repairs to one Thorley bus shelter:	£150.00
Repairs to notice boards:	<u>£17.50</u>
	£596.60

RESOLVED: That the quote be accepted and Mr Chandler be asked to repair Both Thorley bus shelters.

57/09 PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Applications

Members considered two planning applications.

RESOLVED: That the Council makes the observations set out below:

P/00219/09 – LBC/06636/E – LBC for retention and completion of steelworks in conjunction with approved internal alterations and replacement of defective floor structure at The Old Rectory, Yarmouth. NO OBJECTION

P/00234/09 – TCP/24471/K – Proposed shelter and visual screening bund (revised scheme) at Tapnell Farm, Newport Road, Yarmouth. NO OBJECTION

Planning Decisions

Members had before them details of a recent planning decision made by the Isle of Wight Council.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

Other Planning Issues

Members had before them a letter from the Chief Executive of the Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners regarding Planning Application P/00110/09 – TCP/27635/D- Use of part of building as coffee lounge to include retail sales of liquid refreshments, sweets, biscuits/cakes, newspapers & various souvenir items at Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners, Harbour Master's Office, The Quay, Yarmouth.

RESOLVED: that the letter be noted.

Members had before them a letter from

58/09 COMMUNITY PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Members had before them a report of the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan Steering Committee.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved and adopted.

59/09 WEST WIGHT LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Members had before them a copy of the West Wight Landscape Partnership Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLVED: That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting.

60/09 LOCAL BUS SERVICE CONSULTATION

Members had before them a letter from the Isle of Wight Council advising that the current contract for bus services contracted by the Isle of Wight Council from Southern Vectis terminates on 29 August 2009. Views on the future contract were sought.

RESOLVED: That the Isle of Wight Council be advised that the Council is currently consulting on local bus services as part of the Community Plan process and that the current service is the minimum that would be acceptable.

61/09 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2009 – 2014

Members had before them the Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Management Plan 2009 -2014. Concern was expressed about the possible loss of Yarmouth Fire Station and the lack of recruitment of retained firefighters.

RESOLVED: That a response incorporating the concerns expressed be Composed by Councillor Corbett and the Town Clerk.

62/09 ALLEGED POLITICAL BIAS IN NALC COMMUNICATIONS

Members had before them a note from the Chair of IWALC following receipt of a complaint from a member of another council that NALC communications contain Political bias.

RESOLVED: That Yarmouth Town Council has no complaint about the content of NALC documents and wishes to see the continued distribution of NALC documents without censorship

63/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Members had before them a list of correspondence.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

64/09 THORLEY ISSUES

No issues were raised

65/09 YARMOUTH ISSUES

Members discussed the planned closure of Yarmouth Bridge for essential Maintenance and the disruption that will have during the summer.

RESOLVED: That the Isle of Wight Council be asked to reconsider the timing of the closure of the bridge and to consider longer working shifts to reduce the period of closure.

Attention was drawn to the 875th Anniversary of the Borough Charter being granted to Yarmouth in 2010 and the need for appropriate celebrations.

RESOLVED: That this matter be considered following the 2009 Council election.

Other matters raised were St James Day Celebrations and grants to outside bodies.

RESOLVED: That these be agenda items for the April Council meeting.

66/09 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

W Burt CC reported that an extra £1M could be going into the Youth Service despite rumours of cutbacks. He further reported that the report on Yarmouth Primary School be the Independent Review Panel had not yet been received but that it was likely to recommend a federation with Shalfleet. W Burt CC agreed to request that double shifts be worked on the Bridge maintenance to reduce the time it is out of use. Finally he reported that the Roads PFI has been delayed.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

67/09 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported on the following matters:

- 1. Donation of Seat** – The seat will be delivered the week commencing 9 March and temporary storage arrangements are needed. Councillor Kennett agreed to store it until it can be secured in place.
- 2. Allotments** – A request had been received from a member of the public for the Council to consider providing allotment gardens. The possibility will be investigated and a report back given.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

69/09 REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Poston reported a recent additional meeting of IWALC called to receive presentations on planning and the Highways PFI and also on a meeting of the West Wight Landscape Partnership. Councillor Hollist reported on the "Question Crime" event held recently at the Medina Theatre.

RESOLVED: That Peter Fellows of the West Wight Landscape Partnership be invited to attend a future Council meeting.

70/09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the following be agenda items at the next meeting:
Grants to outside bodies; St James Day Fayre: Allotment Provision.

71/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note that the next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held at Town Hall on Tuesday 7 April 2009 at 6.30pm and the Annual Town Meeting will be held at Yarmouth Primary School on Tuesday 17 March 2009 at 7pm.

72/09 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.

