

Minutes of a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the **ANZAC ROOM**, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven on **TUESDAY, 20th JANUARY 2015 at 6.30pm.**

Committee Members Councillors: C Bishop R Maskell
Mrs S Bratchie Mrs E Merry
I Buchanan R Robertson (Chair)
Mrs R Coles Mrs E Russell
J Harris A Sargent
Ms J Harrison-Hicks Mrs. E Simmons
P. Howson A Smith
Mrs. H Livings (Vice Chair) Ms. C Terry
J Livings

Present Councillors: C Bishop R Maskell
J Harris Mrs E Merry
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Mrs. H Livings (Vice Chair) Mrs E Russell
J Livings A Sargent
A Smith
Ms. C Terry

In Attendance John Kocher - Responsible Finance Officer & Corporate Services Manager
Sally Landers - Administration Officer

C296 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Joan Goldrich – North Ward (Residents Association)

- Raised query with regards to the title of Town Manager post as opposed to Town Clerk

Cllr. J Livings stated the Town Manager post incorporated the role of Town Clerk

- Joan Goldrich stated some residents preferred the Peacehaven Directory as opposed to Peacehaven Times as delivery was more reliable
- Requested that financial reports were published in larger print

J Kocher noted and will action in future reports

Peter Seed – West Ward

- Requested clarification with regards to agenda item 7, paragraph 7.2, where it is noted that the annual fee for allotments has increased to £26, however on page 39/47 the fees states £25.50

Cllr. R Robertson stated this would be clarified under agenda item 7

- With regards to paragraph 4.6, what plans do the Councillors have to spend Centenary Park income

Cllr. A Sargent stated there would be income from the café and that the tennis courts are being resurfaced in order that they can be used all year. There was also potential to hold events and cycling activities at the site.

The amount of £206k will be allocated to future maintenance of Centenary Park and that there was a time limit of 5 years on these funds

C296 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME continued

Cllr. A Smith (Chair Big Park Project) confirmed the monies available were for maintenance, this was the residue of 106 monies

- With regards to the old motel site and the containers that have been sited there, please note that one is now open and empty

C297 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Accepted:-

Cllr. Mrs. R Coles - Illness
Cllr. Mrs. E Simmonds – Family Commitments
Cllr. Ms. J Harrison-Hicks – Illness
Cllr. I Buchanan – work commitments
Cllr. Ms. S Bratchie – work commitments

C298 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th OCTOBER 2014

Cllr. J Harris proposed
Cllr. A Sargent seconded

Signed as a correct record

Matters Arising:-

None

C299 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 Please note the report on agenda item 7 has been amended, copies of which have been issued and are available to members of the public.
- 2 An additional confidential agenda item has been added, this being item 10.

Matters Arising:-

Cllr. R Robertson thanked the Chair of each Committee, Cllr. A Sargent (Leisure & Amenities), Cllr. R Coles (Planning & Highways) and Cllr. J Livings (Policy & Finance) for their input into the reports

Cllr. C Bishop objected to receiving the financial reports at short notice

C300 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None

1 Committee – Leisure & Amenities 4th November 2014

The Chair asked that the Minutes of the above meeting be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr. J Harris

RESOLVED that the Minutes be adopted.

2 Committee – Planning & Highways 18th November 2014

The Vice Chair asked that the Minutes of the above meeting be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr. J Livings

RESOLVED that the Minutes be adopted.

3 Committee – Policy & Finance 25th November 2014

The Chair asked that the Minutes of the above meeting be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr. A Sargent

Matters arising:-

Cllr. P Howson queried the income from bingo and quiz nights and that the monies should be allocated to Community Grants

J Kocher confirmed allocation within the Leisure and Amenities remit

Cllr. J Livings stated Cllr. P Howson, plus seconder, would need to request a formal amendment at the next Policy and Finance meeting to make any changes to current allocation of income

RESOLVED that the Minutes be adopted.

4 Committee – Planning & Highways 9th December 2014

The Vice Chair asked that the Minutes of the above meeting be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr. J Livings

RESOLVED that the Minutes be adopted.

5 Committee – Planning & Highways 6th January 2015

The Vice Chair asked that the Minutes of the above meeting be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr. J Livings

RESOLVED that the Minutes be adopted.

6 Committee – Leisure & Amenities 13th January 2015

The Chair asked that the Minutes of the above meeting be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr. J Harris

RESOLVED that the Minutes be adopted.

C302 THE TOWN COUNCILS 2015-16 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Matters arising:-

Cllr. J Livings proposed acceptance and apologised for the delay in publishing the financial report however adjustments meant no increase to the precept for residents as opposed to an increase.

Cllr. P Howson requested an update on the cost of the Peace Park Project

Cllr. A Sargent will provide a written update

Cllr. P Howson queried the amount in reserves for cliff top fencing

Cllr. J Livings stated the amount allocated was in anticipation of Lewes District Council handing over responsibility to Peacehaven Town Council and that the amount was to cover future maintenance costs

Cllr. A Sargent stated that where the cliff top had suffered erosion, Lewes District Council had fenced the area off and that the reserve was in place based on potential costs

Cllr. P Howson queried the figures on page 34/47 paragraph 4.6

J Kocher confirmed the figures in the report had been rounded

Cllr. R Robertson thanked Cllr. J Livings for the report

Cllr. J Livings thanked Treasurer, J Kocher and his assistants for the report

Cllr. A Sargent seconded budget and precept

Budget and precept approved

C303 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at 6:30pm

Noted