



MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING

BRADING TOWN HALL

22 JULY 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Lodi Brand (Mayor), Marianne Sullivan, Robin Attwood, Deborah Gardiner, Tony Toogood, Julie Smith, Paul Morris, Irene Burkett

ITEM SUBJECT

PUBLIC FORUM

- a) 54 members of the public were present as the Mayor opened the Public Forum.
- b) A member of the public asked about securing access to the ramp leading to the disabled access door to the Brading Centre and its toilet for people with disabilities.
- c) Another member of the public pointed out that the two numbers of the two planning applications considered at the 3 June 2010 meeting had been transposed and it was agreed that they would be amended.
- d) The matter of the signage for Hornsey Rise was raised but the meeting was reminded that a decision on that issue had been made at the 1 July 2010 meeting.
- e) The Chair of BRAG said that the details of the development of the signal box were not easy to find on web site and suggested that a better display of all the Station facilities could attract significant numbers of additional visitors.
- f) A question was asked about the outcome of the funding application for the installation of audio visual equipment in the Town Hall. The Town Clerk reported that in a particularly competitive year with decreased COMMA funding available the application had been unsuccessful but that the search for alternative sources would continue.
- g) The BRAG Secretary asked if the publication of *Brading Matters* would be continued and the Town Clerk said he was planning to return to that means of communication very soon.
- h) Questions were asked about the progress of the planning applications for the Brading the Experience site.
- i) The possibility of providing an additional Disabled Parking Bay more central to the Town than the current ones was raised.
- j) In response to an observation that obtaining listed status for buildings in the High Street would provide at least some protection against its continuously changing character the Deputy Town Clerk said that listed status was very difficult to get.
- k) The Town Council meeting commenced at 7.42pm.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robin Atwood declared a personal interest in agenda item 6. Councillor Julie Smith declared an interest in agenda item 9a.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 1 July 2010 were approved as an accurate record of the business of that meeting and signed by the Mayor accordingly.

4 FINANCE

- a) The Finance Report for this meeting had been previously circulated to Members.
- b) The payments made since the last meeting were considered, questions on them answered and the payments approved.
- c) It was noted that year to date payments were well within budget.
- d) The Town Clerk reported that there would be no penalty charge for early repayment of the Public Works Loan Board loan if the repayment was made in full by the 31 July. It was also noted that as interest receivable on a 2-year Bond would now be of the order of 3% compared with the 1.9% rate of the borrowed funds, the Town Council would be able to more than recoup the borrowing cost while retaining the potential to use the funds for future funding of development activity.
- e) Councillor Marianne Sullivan said she strongly felt that the loan should be repaid in full and was supported in that view by Councillor Robin Attwood. Councillor Julie Smith said she would like to meet with the RFO to discuss the matter more fully.
- f) Councillor Paul Morris said that it would be advantageous to retain the funds and was supported in that view by Councillor Irene Burkett and Councillor Deborah Gardiner who said she felt it would be best to follow the RFO's advice given the changed funding circumstances of today.

It was resolved

with Councillors Lodi Brand, Tony Toogood, Deborah Gardiner, Irene Burkett and Paul Morris voting in favour and Councillors Marianne Sullivan, Julie Smith and Robin Attwood voting against

that:

the Responsible Finance Officer's advice be followed.

5 BEECH GROVE PLAY AREA

- a) The Deputy Town Clerk introduced the Report for this item together with the detailed estimate received from KOMPAN and drawings of the proposed layout for the new Play Area that had been produced by KOMPAN following the local consultation events of Friday 2 July.
 - b) It was clear that it is very important to complete the work before the arrival of autumn weather. KOMPAN had committed to completing the installation by the end of August subject to timely placement of order. Consequently the Town Clerk reported that he has made that commitment and asked the Town Council for retrospective approval.
 - c) Councillor Marianne Sullivan said how delighted she was that this excellent facility is about to be made available to the Town's children and young people.
 - d) The Deputy Town Clerk thanked all those who had contributed to the consultation as that had made a real difference to both the process and the resulting design. The Mayor thanked the Working Group for their involvement in the project's development.
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It was resolved that:

the contract with KOMPAN for the installation of the new play area at Beech Grove in line with the supplied design and cost estimates up to a maximum of £50,000 be approved.

6 TOWN TRUST

- a) The Mayor introduced this item by stating that the Town Council has no intention of taking over the Town Trust or trying to transfer the Trust's assets to itself. He stressed that the Town Council respected the importance of a fully independent Town Trust.
- b) The Town Clerk introduced his report on this matter and highlighted the clear advice from the Charity Commission that the Town Council had the right to appoint three Nominative Trustees at any time.

It was resolved that:

- i) the Town Council believes that at this time it is in the best interest of all concerned with Brading's future that the Town Council exercises its right to appoint three Nominative Trustees to Brading Town Trust and so resolves;
- ii) determines that its Nominative Trustees will not be members of Brading Town Council;
- iii) delegates to its Town Clerk authority to develop and implement an appropriate recruitment and selection process similar to that used for the Co-option of Town Councillors; and
- iv) authorises its Town Clerk to inform Brading Town Trust formally of this decision and conduct all related negotiations for the effective engagement of the new Nominative Trustees with the Trust.

Councillor Robin Attwood asked that his vote against the resolution be recorded,

7 ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER SERVICE

- a) The Town Clerk introduced his report on the Isle of Wight Council's completed restructure of this important service together with the details of it set out in the letter from the Council.
 - b) Councillor Julie Smith said the changes angered her because of its impact on the Island's Towns and Villages. The Mayor said that he had brought the matter up at the recent meeting of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) where concerns had been shared.
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8 GREEN TOWN

- a) The Deputy Clerk reminded the meeting that Brading was one of the three pilots for the Island's Green Town initiative.
 - b) She reported that the formal launch of the initiative would take place on 23 September at 6pm at a venue to be arranged.
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9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) P/00879/10, Little Park Farm, West Street

Councillor Julie Smith left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Marianne Sullivan said terrific attention to detail was being observed in recognition of its listed status. She hoped that native vegetation and plants would be used in developing the grassed areas

it was resolved that:

the Town Council supports the application

Councillor Julie Smith rejoined the meeting at this point.

- b) P/00924/10, Extension to existing stable block, Quay Lane

Councillor Sullivan reported that this was a proposed extension to an existing stable block

it was resolved that:

the Town Council supports the application.

- c) P/00839, West Truckells Cottage, Hardingshute

Councillor Marianne Sullivan described the proposed changes aimed at creating two adjoining additional bedrooms.

It was resolved that:

the Town Council supports the application provided that it is conditioned to ensure the extended rooms are only for living accommodation.

- d) P/008932/10, Fairway Farm, Lower Road, Adgestone

Councillor Marianne Sullivan outlined the proposals

it was resolved that:

the Town Council supports the application provided that it is conditioned to ensure the extended rooms are only for living accommodation.

10 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

- a) The Town Clerk introduced the brief report on this matter to which the Isle of Wight Council's formal notice of Review was attached.

- b) After discussion:

it was resolved that:

the Town Council is content with the existing arrangements in all respects identified for the review in respect of its own position and that of the Parish it represents.

11 MAYOR'S REPORT

- a) The Mayor reported that he had attended the Annual General Meeting of the NHS Trust and was pleased to find that the Island's NHS came in the top 10% of Trusts in many of the performance indicators.
- b) The latest meeting of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils that he had attended earlier this month had a presentation on the coming Island Games during which an appeal was made for volunteers. It was also announced that new Training programmes would start in September.
- c) The One Island issue had been raised at IWALC and was discussed here in view of the speed at which the government proposed to move on the readjustment of the number and sizes of constituencies. Proposals included the possibility that the Island would be split into either two or three constituencies. Councillor Deborah Gardiner outlined the process in more detail including information about the launch of the One Island campaign tomorrow and that a petition would be available for signing in the post office.
- d) The Mayor reported on the meeting of the Island Strategic Partnership he had attended at
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the Ventnor Botanic Gardens on Monday 19 July.

12 CLERKS' REPORT

- a) The Deputy Clerk said that following suggestions at the last meeting notices had been produced asking people not to park on the pavement for use at shops, public houses and other places.
 - b) She also reported that Sandown Railway Club doing a model railway exhibition on 7 August.
 - c) She reported that a resident had carried out repairs to the signage for the Butterfly Walk and given it an extended life.
 - d) An approach to Cabinet member Edward Giles had resulted in notice being given to all the residents of the Mall that rubbish collections would now not take place before 9am, making it possible for residents not to have to leave their refuse out overnight.
 - e) The Deputy Town Clerk said that consideration is now being given to local listing of significant buildings and asked residents to let the Clerks know of any buildings that would be likely to qualify and therefore enjoy the degree of protection provided by the list.
 - f) The Best Kept Village competition had resulted in the award of 90 points to Brading out of the 100 available, but the ranking is not announced.
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The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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