

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL held at The Winter Gardens, Ventnor, I.W. on 15th June 2009.

Present: Councillor C.Welsford Town Mayor
 Councillor M/s D.Robinson Deputy Town Mayor
 Councillors A.C.Bartlett, M/s J.Garlick, D.George, B.M.Lucas, R.J.Mew,
 D.M.Nettleton, G.J.Perks, Mrs.S.J.Scoccia and S.D.Stubbings.

The retiring Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. S.J.Scoccia
 presided at the opening of the meeting

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2009 were approved and signed.

2. RETIRING TOWN MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The retiring Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs.S.J.Scoccia, welcomed new members recently elected to the Town Council. She said that she had been honoured to serve as Town Mayor and reported upon the aims which she had been pleased to achieve. She thanked members and officers of the Council for the support they had given her.

3. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

It was Resolved - That Councillor C.Welsford be elected to serve as Town Mayor for the year 2009/2010 and Councillor Welsford thanked members for his election and made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

The Town Council placed on record their appreciation of the service given by the retiring Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

It was Resolved - That Councillor M/s D.Robinson be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the year 2009/2010.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

It was Resolved - That the appointment of Committees and representatives to serve on other bodies be as set out in Schedule 1 of these Minutes.

6. ANNUAL ALLOWANCE FOR THE TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor declared a personal interest in this matter and did not take part in the proceedings or vote upon the matter. The Deputy Town Mayor presided. It was Resolved - That the Annual Allowance for the Town Mayor for the year 2009/2010 be fixed at £1250 payable by two equal half-yearly instalments.

7. DATES OF MEETINGS

The dates of meetings of the Town Council and Committees were agreed.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Town Clerk reported upon his communications with the Head of Engineering Services and the local Highways Superintendent regarding the matters raised by the Town Council at the last meeting. Members felt that the works should be expedited and Councillors Mrs.S.J.Scoccia and C.Welsford agreed to pursue the issues with the Isle of Wight Council.

9. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICER

The report of the Financial Officer was received and it was Resolved - That the consideration of the Annual Return and Statement of Assurance upon which

9. (Continued)
members wished to raise confidential questions be considered with the public excluded at the conclusion of the meeting.
10. **REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER**
The Environment and Neighbourhoods Officer made a brief report on activities.
11. **IW ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL**
A report was received from Councillor Mew.
12. **QUESTIONS**
A number of questions were asked by members and action agreed as follows:
- Councillor M/s Robinson expressed concern regarding the nuisance from the accumulation of seaweed at The Haven. Councillor Welsford agreed to raise this matter with the appropriate officers of the IW Council and to have an item on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Councillor Mrs.Scoccia agreed to investigate concern relating to the facilities available in the restaurant at Ventnor Botanic Garden with the appropriate officers of the IW Council.
- It was agreed to place on the agenda for the next meeting the following items:
- (i) No Cold Calling area
 - (ii) To consider the existing arrangements for public members of the public to ask questions at meetings.
 - (iii) Problems regarding dog fouling
- Councillors Mew and Stubbings would meet representatives of the Rew Valley Sports Centre to discuss use of this facility by the general public and report back to the Town Council.
13. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**
It was Resolved - That the public be excluded whilst the following matter was considered in view of the confidential nature of the questions to be asked.
14. **ANNUAL RETURN AND STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE**
A discussion took place regarding an item of expenditure and the Financial Officer was asked to provide further information before the Town Council approved these documents.

Town Mayor