

Minutes of a meeting of VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL held at The Winter Gardens, Ventnor, IW on 12th January 2009.

Present: Councillor Mrs.S.J.Scoccia Town Mayor
 Councillor Mrs.M.Cawley Deputy Town Mayor
 Councillors C.J.Eivers, J.S.Fitzgerald-Bond, B.M.Lucas, R.J.Mew, S.B.Milford,
 M/s D.Robinson, Mrs.V.Taylor and C.Welsford.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A.C. Bartlett who was unwell and the Town Mayor said she would convey to him the good wishes of the Council for a speedy recovery.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2008 were approved and signed.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REPORTS OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER AND THE POLICE

Short reports were made by these officers who answered questions from members.

4. WORK AT THE EASTERN ESPLANADE

Further to Minute No. 5 of the meeting held on 8th December 2008 the Town Clerk stated that he had requested an urgent meeting with officers of the IW Council but had not yet been offered dates although he had made further requests. Members expressed their annoyance and concern that this matter which was of great importance and needed early action to deal with the issues raised by the Town Council was not receiving attention. Councillor Scoccia stated that she would speak to the Chief Executive of the Isle of Wight Council and request information as to what was causing the delay and arrange a meeting as requested.

5. PUBLICATION SCHEME FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

It was Resolved - To formally adopt the revised model Publication Scheme under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998.

6. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2008.

The completion of the audit and the issue of the certificate by the District Auditor in respect of the accounts was received. There were no matters to which the auditor wished to draw attention. The Town Council placed on record their appreciation of the work of the Financial Officer.

7. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

An application from Ventnor TV for financial assistance was referred to the next meeting of the Grants Committee.

8. QUESTIONS

Questions were raised by members regarding difficulties caused by parking of vehicles at the top of Spring Hill impeding traffic and the need for the consideration of extended parking restrictions. Councillor Fitzgerald-Bond said he would raise this matter with the Highways Department.