

Minutes of a meeting of VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL held at The Winter Gardens, Ventnor, IW on 20th April 2009.

Present: Councillor Mrs.S.J.Scoccia Town Mayor
 Councillor Mrs.M.Cawley Deputy Town Mayor
 Councillors A.C.Bartlett, C.J.Eivers, 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 J.S.Fitzgerald-Bond.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2009 were approved and signed.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

3. REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER.

The quarterly progress report for the period December 2008 to March 2009 was submitted and answers given to members questions.

4. NO COLD CALLING AREAS IN VENTNOR

The Town Mayor said that as financial limitations had prevented the Town Council proceeding with this scheme for the whole of the town she had obtained a price for preparing the material required for limited areas at this stage within the sum of £500 available in the Council's budget for the present financial year and she had invited members to suggest areas which they considered should be included at this time. It was agreed that the Town Council should proceed along these lines and that the matter be further considered when alternative estimates had been obtained.

5. LAND AT STEEPHILL DOWN ROAD, VENTNOR

Councillor R.J.Mew stated that he was greatly concerned at the deteriorating condition of the land on the north side of Steephill Down Road. He asked that the Town Council request the IW Council to clear the site of all the existing litter and put back the fencing which had previously been in place. He suggested that part of the site although it had been considered in the past for allotments might be investigated again for this purpose. It was Resolved - To support these recommendations.

6. RAILINGS ON THE ESPLANADE

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the IW Council stating that having taken into account the overwhelming public opinion regarding this minor health and safety issue and the views of the Town Council a decision had been made not to install the railings on to The Esplanade as previously planned. The Town Council were pleased to receive this letter.

7. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICER

The report of the Financial Officer was circulated to members. It was Resolved - To place on record the appreciation of the work of the Financial Officer in dealing with the complexities of the Town Council's financial affairs particularly at this difficult time.

8. IW ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Councillor Mew reported on the activities of the Association.