

## Ventnor Town Council

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Ventnor Town Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.00 pm at the Winter Gardens, Ventnor.

### Present

**Deputy Mayor** Ms D. Robinson  
**Councillors:** Ms J. Garlick, Mrs. S. Scoccia, Messrs: Bartlett ,George, Lucas, Mew, Nettleton, Perks and Stubbings.  
**Locum Clerk:** Tina Bailey  
**RFO:** Mr M. Cox  
**In attendance:** ENO Rob Reed and 18 members of the public

### 2. Apologies for absence.

Were received from the Mayor Cllr Welsford.

### 3. Declarations of interests.

Cllr Scoccia declared an interest as member of the development control committee

### 4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the above minutes are approved

### 5. Public forum

A 15 minutes public forum with respect to the items on the agenda was offered.

### 6. CCTV presentation from Operations Manager Simon Dennis and report from ENO.

(i) The Council received a presentation and raised questions relating to the costs of £43000, the evidence of effectiveness and whether it is sensible spending? The full costs for redeployable CCTV were requested for consideration.

(ii) A comprehensive report from ENO Rob Reed was received and questions answered.

### 7. To agree Traffic Road Orders.

Objections to the following were raised.

#### **Eastern end of St Catherine's Street,**

The Town Council request that the proposed area of "no waiting at any time" should be reduced and only affect this section.

#### **Albert St - Coach Bay**

The Town Council requests that a time limit of 9am - 12 noon be applied please.

#### **Bonchurch Shute**

The Town Council notes and support the objections from residents and businesses and request that the problem is resolved by encouraging responsible parking and that the proposed restriction in not imposed.

## **8. Planning**

### **i) To agree smaller planning committee.**

The Clerk recommended that the committee consist of members interested in planning and who are happy to attend the additional meetings to discuss the plans.

### **RESOLVED**

Committee members agreed as Cllr Garlick, Lucas, Robinson, Mew, Nettleton and Perks and major plans will be reviewed by the full council.

### **ii) To view applications and receive IWC decisions.**

P/01588/09 No comment

## **9. Newsletter delivery – to discuss and agree options and costs for distribution.**

Item moved to confidential business due to commercially sensitive information

## **10. To comment on the Dog Exclusion (IW) Order 20.**

Noted with no comment.

## **11. Finances**

i) The RFO report was received and noted that finances are well within budget.

### **RESOLVED**

The accounts are approved.

ii) 2008/09 Annual Return -To receive the External Auditors report and matters raised.

In accordance with Section 14 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (S12003/533) the statutory notice together with copies of Sections 1 2 and 3 of the Annual Notice, have been posted on the notice board.

The Council notes the External Auditor's comments:

- Instructions were given to contractors to begin work on the Eastern Cliffs to establish allotments when no resolution to this effect has been made by the Council. Work was aborted and it has since been resolved that the work will not go ahead. This resulted in unlawful expenditure of £5000 being incurred by the council. The Council must carry out an urgent review of Financial Regulations and procedures to ensure this does not happen again.
- The Council has not carried out a review of the effectiveness of its systems of internal audit. This review should be carried out annually.

## **12. Concession takeover - To discuss and agree expenditure required for equipment in kitchen and bar.**

Three items were discussed. Extractor fans cleaning; purchase of a new oven and new sink unit.

### **RESOLVED**

That the above items are agreed for purchase.

## **13. Christmas Arrangements- purchase of tree.**

Cllr Robinson offered to source a cheaper tree from an alternative supplier than the usual supplier. Agreed.

**14. Councillors question or matters to be placed on the next agenda.**

- Energy audit report for agenda next month.
- Winter Gardens Action group – questions tabled
- Cascade proposed infill of arches – why? Urgent meeting with Architect requested.
- Spring Hill Gardens Cmte – report from Cllr Mew that things are progressing well.

Pursuant to Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press were excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business transacted ( as appended to the minutes on following page)

The meeting closed at 20.30

Mayor.....

Date.....