

Ventnor Town Council

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Ventnor Town Council held on Monday 21st December 2009 at 7.00 pm at the Winter Gardens, Ventnor.

Present

Mayor Cllr C Welsford
Deputy Mayor Ms D. Robinson
Councillors: Ms J. Garlick, Mrs. S. Scoccia, Messrs: George, Lucas, Mew, Perks and Stubbings.
Town Clerk: Tina Bailey
In attendance: 30 members of the public

2. Apologies for absence.

Were received from Cllr Bartlett.

3. Declarations of interests.

None

4 Public forum

Several questions were raised regarding the recent Traffic Road Order's in St Catherine Street and Wheelers Bay car park.

5 CCTV – to discuss costs of purchasing a redeployable camera

A camera unit with the necessary Wi Fi Interface and DVR costs £8717.94 with Airtime agreement (10gbyte monthly limit per annum) of £692.31 and total costs £9410.25. Discussion included whether it would be waste of public money and is it effective; there is no budget available and cost would have to be built into the precept; noted that the IWC have specific cameras that can be re-deployed as needed.

RESOLVED

The Council do not support the purchase of a re-deployable camera but will re examine the matter again in Dec 2010.

6. Encraft – project development study

Report to be provided to all Councillors and discussed in February 2010.

7. IW Association of Local Councils

Following Cllr Robinson as IWALC representative, Cllr Mew offered to take over the role and suggested the issue of membership be deferred until the membership fees were due.

8. Clerk's report

- 8.1 The Clerk requested the Council adopt the following completed HR policies.
- a) Health and Safety Statement (Health and Safety policy currently under review)
 - b) Model dignity at work policy and procedure
 - c) Disciplinary Policy and Procedure
 - d) Model Grievance Procedure
 - e) Equal Opportunities Policy
 - f) Parental Leave Policy
 - g) Maternity Provisions
 - h) Stress Management Policy
 - i) Holiday Entitlement Policy

RESOLVED

That the Town Council adopts the above HR policies.

8.2 Audit Report meeting deferred until January 11th 2010.

8.3 Website – Insufficient time on receipt of website proposals for Councillors to discuss and review tenders before year end deadline for grant.

9. Planning

- No planning applications had been received.
- Questions were raised regarding the recent planning meeting which included the Wind Turbines application, which the Council discussed and agreed with the suggestion that in cases of major planning applications, a separate public meeting could be held in advance of the Town Council meeting to provide the public with more time to put forward their views.
- Cllr Mew commented on a TV programme showing the benefit of a wind turbine in generating income for the community. Agenda item for future meeting.

10. RFO Financial report

Received and noted.

11. Audit Commission -Appointment of New External Auditor

Noted.

12. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th November 2009 and the Extraordinary meeting of the 4th December 2009

RESOLVED

That the above minutes were approved

The meeting closed at 21.00

Mayor.....

Date.....