



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on 21st January 2014 in Bembridge Village Hall, Small Hall

PRESENT: Cllr G Kendall (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr M Tarrant, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr B Bristow, Cllr P Pugh, Cllr A Lee and Mrs E Goldring – Clerk **PUBLIC:** 3 and Cllr J Bacon IWC. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None

GUEST SPEAKER: Cllr Steve Stubbings Deputy Leader IWC budget and delivery of services.

Aim to explain the implications of the IWC budget cuts and to deliver services in a different way. IWC faces a deficit over the next 3 years of £28million made up partly of Government subsidies and escalating costs of Children's Services and Adult Social Care. Understand Bembridge Parish Council already deliver a number of services to the local community and has agreed a rise of 2.5% in the precept for 2014/15. Other Parishes may be faced with doubling precepts to take on services. Could explore more Community Interest Companies (CIC's) and the voluntary sector to assist. The list of services provided by the IWC is not a definitive list and acts as a starting point for discussions. Urge clerks to encourage message 'Do not imagine that this is not going to happen'. £8.5million alone needs to be saved from the Adult Social Care budgets.

Bembridge, Brading and Ventnor are the only 3 Parishes on the Island that raise an average or above average precept compared to our mainland colleagues which is reflective of the local service delivery. Other Parish & Town Councils have more chimney pots to spread the load but are simply not facing up to the current situation. Some projects would come with pump prime funding. Footpaths, byways and bridleways are least likely to be taken on by individual Parishes but could become an Island collective to deliver the service. Harbours and slipways may be difficult to deliver. Car parking has faced a legal knock back as Ventnor has been refused its community right to bid to take on its car parks and therefore this service may require a rethink to deliver the service as a whole.

The Lane End Car park, slipway and toilets should be offered to the RNLI as a package. School crossing patrols should be taken on by the Schools. Bank recycling units should be included in the waste contract. The Parish Council has already requested a lease for Forelands Playing Field 6 months ago awaiting consent from the department for education. Bembridge is exploring Parish Clustering with Neighbouring Parishes to explore things that we could collaborate on.

IWC subsidises trade unions and 50% of Mark Chiverton's position is funded. Feel this funding should be withdrawn. The work the trade unions undertake focuses on staff terms and conditions. There may also be some form of agreement between IWC and the trade unions which needs to be reviewed.

Balances held by IWC information was not made available as part of the budget consultation sessions. There is £8million carried forward of which £4.2million will be used towards the deficit. Legal advice suggests a Council of this size should retain a minimum of £5million in reserves for emergencies and to cover uninsured losses. IWC have been asked for their suggestions. Ask Mr R Warne how IWC is missing out on saving £70K per year. Cllr M Tarrant to forward information to Cllr Stubbings.

The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has carved us up into the North East corner of the Island. Community hubs are to be explored as a way of collaborating to deliver a variety of services. Libraries could become hubs but what about the logistics plus proposals coming forward from CCG.

CCG, NHS and IWC whole person care is major provision and if it cannot be achieved between these 3 bodies there is a major failing. To damage libraries further would cause problems but there is merit in exploring multipurpose activities to be delivered from libraries. A library is a service you cannot charge for and therefore cannot fund itself. A meeting will take place on Monday with IWC to offload the library.

The Island Roads contract, Education standards and vulnerable adult support was also discussed. The meeting agree to invite Steve back this July/August to review progress.

1. 1/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The draft Neighbourhood Plan is being presented to the Isle of Wight Council tomorrow. The Isle of Wight County Press will be in attendance to witness the handover of the first Neighbourhood Plan on the Island to make this stage. Thank you to Alan Morris, Emma Goldring, Jacqui McDade, Janet Kendall and all of the working group members who have put in a huge amount of work to achieve this.

Cllr Jonathan Bacon reiterated his praise for the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group in this milestone achievement and fully supports the production of Neighbourhood Plans.

2. 2/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr M Humphray, Cllr B Dyer, Cllr C Doe, Cllr J Marr, Cllr A Woodford.

3. 3/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3/14/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda
No interests declared.

3/14/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate
No requests for dispensations received.

4. 4/14 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th December 2013.

RESOLVED: Approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17th December 2013. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. 5/14 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note minutes of the Planning Committees held on 17th December 2013 & 7th January 2014.

RESOLVED: Note minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 17th December 2013 & 7th January 2014.

6. 6/14 WORKING GROUPS

6/14/01 To note minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 19th December 2013

RSEOLVED: Note minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 19th December 2013

6/14/02 To note minutes of the Village Partnership held on 17th December 2013 & 8th January 2014

RSEOLVED: Note minutes of the Village Partnership held on 17th December 2013 & 8th January 2014

7. 7/14 FINANCE

7/14/01 To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 17th January 2014

RESOLVED: Approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 17th January 2014

7/14/02 To approve schedule of payments to 17th January 2014

RESOLVED: Approve schedule of payments to 17th January 2014

8. 8/14 REPORTS

To receive the following reports:

8/14/01 Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC)

Proceeded 2 hours of discussions and arguments about the IWC budget and service delivery. A resume of the discussion should be received by the end of the week for distribution. Revised protocol presented to the meeting had been dramatically reduced in size and demonstrates a top down approach from IWC. Cllr P Pugh has been asked to draft a paragraph for inclusion which has been done to acknowledge any issues raised within 20 working days. An internal issues management procedure is to be developed. Coastal Path support was not addressed at the meeting. Subsequently the secretary has circulated a message for all Parish & Town Councils to respond.

8/14/02 Village Hall Management Committee. No meeting.

8/14/03 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee (BYCC)

Mike Bulpitt has resigned from BYCC. Members were lead to believe the limited company had already been agreed and set up as people were being referred to as directors but it hasn't. An employee runs the bar and takes the centre bookings. Agree via email by the members to increase hours to 26 per week. Shaun Burden currently acting as Chairman. Meeting due on Saturday with Mike Collis who has offered to become a director in name. Another meeting due on 29th January to agree the way forward. The concept of a membership club has been put forward again but not favoured. The management committee would continue to run the bar and centre as the limited company would be in name only. Unrealistic to run a bar using volunteers. Tremendous asset that needs to be run properly and should become self-financing.

8/14/04 Village Partnership (plus Events Group and Green Town Steering Group)

Village Partnership delivered the Christmas Event despite the dreadful weather. Final accounts have not been prepared as donations are still coming in for the programme adverts. Steve Warburton was very generous in many ways. The indoor activities were very successful.

8/14/05 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group. Routine business.

8/14/06 Harbour. No meeting.

8/14/07 Other reports: St Helens Patient Forum will meet next week on 30th January which will be attended by Cllr P Pugh and Cllr B Bristow.

8/14/08 Clerk's report

The clerks report is as follows:-

A BEMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS

Bembridge Village Partnership hosted a very soggy day of festive celebration on Saturday 21st December. Many craft stalls we accommodated within BYCC and the festivities and Christmas spirit was not dampened. Children were delighted to see Father Christmas arrive on his sleigh and take up shop in his grotto handing out gifts. £202.00 was raised for IW Hospice and Sophie Rolf's Kiss Puppy Fund. Thank you to all of the volunteers involved in making the event a success.

SOS FUNDRAISING DAY – SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2014

The annual Lifeboat Guild "SOS" fundraising day will be held at the inshore lifeboat station at Lane End on Saturday, 25th January from 11am to 4pm. The "SOS" theme will be, as in previous years, "Sip Our Soup" and, again, there will be a selection of delicious home-made soups, prepared by the Guild members, with crusty bread or rolls, available to be sampled at the new boathouse. Both lifeboats will be able to be viewed at close quarters and the offshore boathouse together with the RNLI souvenir shop will be open all day for the event. All money raised on the day will go directly towards the RNLI, so come and enjoy a cup of hot soup, whilst supporting our lifeboats at the same time.

DRAGONS DEN

Bembridge Village Partnership is hosting a 'Dragons Den' day on Saturday 15th February 2014 at Bembridge Youth & Community Centre 4.00-7.00pm, where a grant funding pot of up to £2,000 will be available to local organisations working for the benefit of Bembridge. An informative presentation will be expected to be made to a judging panel to consider the merits of the applications. If you know any local groups that may be interested please pass on the information.

BB7 FOOTPATH CLOSED

Please note that part of Public Footpath BB7 has been closed due to a landslip. The part effected is from the junction of Public Footpath BB6 for approximately 160 metres until reaching the beach access steps until further notice.

BB4 TIDY UP

The Green Towns Steering Group and Parish Lengthsmen will be clearing footpath BB4 on Wednesday 26th February 2.30pm (weather dependent). Once cleared IWC Rights of Way will erect way markers at each end of the footpath for public information.

SPRING LITTER PICK

Bembridge spring litter pick will take place on Sunday 6th April 10.00am from Steyne Park. Are you free to help litter pick local footpaths? If yes please register your interest. Equipment and bags will be provided along with disposal of the litter collected.

NO COLD CALLING ZONE

No cold calling zones have helped to reduce the fear of doorstep crime and given confidence to residents to deal with cold callers. The Trading Standards Institute has been calling for No Cold Calling Zones to be strengthened after figures from across the country showed that some doorstep sellers would not take no for an answer. In view of this and a number of incidents involving Island homes this summer, a new sticker has been designed with the aim of making it clear that if the sticker is displayed and ignored by a doorstep trader that this constitutes a criminal offence. The sticker's wording has had legal scrutiny. A new sticker will be delivered to you shortly for your use via the Beacon distributors.

9. 9/14 ASSETS

9/14/01 To consider and agree quotes received for condition survey report works at High Street

9/14/02 To consider and agree quotes received for installation of bollards outside The Point toilets
Cllr J Marr has not had the time to collate the information and is not in attendance therefore bring back these agenda items to the next meeting.

10. 10/14 DRAGONS DEN

To agree Village Partnership's Dragon Day event on 15th February 2014 at BYCC.

Dragons Den was well received last year and it was surprising how much effort was put into the presentations by the organisations involved.

RESOLVED: Agree Village Partnership's Dragon Day event on 15th February 2014 at BYCC.

11. 11/14 IWCTP CONFERENCE

To consider attendance for IWCTP Winter Conference Facing the Future being held on 13th February at Cowes Yacht Haven. Cost £25.00 per delegate or 5 for the price of 4. The Council has a training budget to accommodate the cost. Clerk and Assistant Clerk are helping the Isle of Wight County Training Partnership with administration.

RESOLVED: Book places for Cllr Gordon Kendall, Cllr Denise Grannum, Cllr Bill Bristow, Cllr Alice Lee and Cllr Sally Pigot to attend.

12. 12/14 DEFRA COASTAL ACCESS 2nd CONSULTATION

To consider the Defra Coastal Access 2nd consultation paper and agree a response deadline 24th January 2014. **RESOLVED:** Support the Isle of Wight inclusion in the order for coastal path access.

13. 13/14 ACCOUNTS PACKAGE

To renew the annual licences to Scribe 2010 from 1st March 2014 at a cost of £442.50.

Alternatives to use would be Sage or RBS. Content with the Scribe software and service.

RESOLVED: Renew the annual licences to Scribe 2010 from 1st March 2014 at a cost of £442.50.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Full Council meeting 18th February 2014, 7.00pm Village Hall, Small Hall

Meeting Closed 20.20

Signed:.....

Dated:.....