



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2024 AT 7.11 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett (Chair), A Bamford, E Cox, B Hinton MBE, B Hobbs, D James, C Jarman, F Turan and W Whyte

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: H Rowell

1. APOLOGIES:

Councillors: J Medland, N Thomas, C Bray and D Hicklin.

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THE 5th MARCH 2024.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March (having been circulated) were agreed (AB/DJ).

**3. TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON
THE AGENDA.**

Cllr Whyte declared an interest in item 16 as the architect for the Parish Hall.

**4. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES).**

None.

**5. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD
COUNCILLORS.**

Reports received see Appendix 1.

**6. CLERK'S REPORT (CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS).
Skate Park Fundraising Event 22nd March.**

The event included a screening of the film Savage Waters, skate movies and music from Martha Egleton and friends plus Hastag who gave their time for free. There was a successful raffle and auction with amazing prizes donated by Camp Bestival Dorset, BIRD & WOLF, Eddie's Surf Academy, LTJ Jewellery, Rapanui, Sugar and Spice Lingerie, Wight Trash, Canopy Skate Park, West Wight Sports and Community Centre, Mermaid Gin, Surf Ears,

Rob da Bank, Savage Waters, and Matt Knight. MHALCo gave the use of the Memorial Hall for free and the evening raised £2000.00 for the new skate park, with over 120 people attending a great evening of entertainment. All contributors have been written to and thanked for their support.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

Noted.

8. TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - LIST CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION.

This item was deferred to the next Planning Meeting.

9. TO CONSIDER THE QUOTE FOR THE LIGHTS AT THE MUGA.

It was agreed to obtain a quote to just replace the lights that have blown.

10. IWALC REPORT - CLLR BAMFORD.

Cllr Bamford reported that they have been promoting the value of IWALC to non-member councils. They also took part in the governance consultation for the Isle of Wight Council. IWALC have written to IWC to support the adoption of the Island Plan, even if changes are required later. Planning Training takes place on the 3rd April and Training for new councillors is being arranged. The next Topic Meeting is about housing which all councillors who are members of IWALC can attend.

11. REPORT FROM THE SKATE PARK AND MUGA COMMITTEE.

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

12. SPINFISH UPDATE.

It was agreed to contact Rights of Way about closing the footpath and find a company to conduct a structural survey in relation to the work that needs to be completed.

13. BOAT PARK POLICY PROPOSAL.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next Planning Meeting.

14. DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING MAY 2024.

It was agreed to move the Annual Meeting to the 14th May 2024 as requested by the Clerk.

15. UPDATE ABOUT SCHOOL CROSSING – CLLR KENNETT.

A positive meeting was held with the Freshwater and Yarmouth School to discuss the possibility of moving the school zebra crossing due to concerns about its proximity to the corner of the road. A further meeting is being held with the Isle of Wight Council following the Easter Holidays to discuss safety concerns.

16. UPDATE PARISH HALL – CLLR KENNETT.

Really successful event to raise funds for the maintenance of the Parish Hall.

17. GATE LANE TOILETS COMMITTEE – CLLR COX.

Following the completion of the Gate Lane Toilets rebuild it was agreed to dissolve the Committee that had been responsible for this project.

18. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

- The Lady of Shallot

- Update on the Deeds of the Memorial Hall

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

19. STAFFING COMMITTEE REPORT – CLLR JAMES.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.