



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk's Report 18th December 2024

Matters arising from previous meeting:

Minute No: 127/24

The radar gun was purchased at a slightly lower cost than was agreed at the previous council. Cllr C Adams has stored the new gun with the Resilience Team equipment.

Minute No: 128/24

Isle of Wight Rights of Way have been informed of the Parish Council's agreement to the provision of a litter bin and will inform us when the bin is required.

Minute No: 129/24

A response was submitted on behalf of the Bembridge Parish Council in reply to the consultation on hybrid meetings and proxy voting.

Minute No: 130/24

Further information was requested from Ryde Town Council on the scheme and the proposal is brought back to Council at agenda item 7.

Minute No: 131/24

The LGA pay awards for 2024/25 were implemented in the November payroll.

Event/Project updates:

The Christmas Star competition will be taking place in December with judging around the village on 19th and 20th December. Winners will be awarded with certificates and gift vouchers at the Friendship Circle coffee morning on 4th January 2025.

Office/Lengthsmen updates:

The Lengthsmen, along with Cllr M Groom, have carried out an incredible job of clearing and cutting back the hedges at the rear of Lane End Cemetery. Not only does this improve the appearance of the cemetery but it also brings in more natural light, and improves the safety of the path at the rear of the cemetery leading to Crossway.



Before



During cut back of hedge



After

Following a resolution by the Assets and Estates Committee, and following the RoSPA report recommendations, we have also taken delivery of a replacement slide for the junior playground. We hope to have the new slide in place within the next few weeks.

Items on the Agenda:

Agenda item 7: Ryde Town Council – Information Support Service

Following discussion at the last meeting of the Council, further clarification of the scheme was sought from Ryde Town Council and the answers are as follows:

1. How much money is actually needed?

Basing figures on the number of Bembridge residents who have used the Help Centre in the last year, we are saying a contribution of £300 from Bembridge – using the cost per user as £23.81

2. Will you be requiring a similar amount each 6 months? And for how long moving forward?

This is the cost for the second half of this year as we are looking to do this a pilot project which could possibly be picked up by an Island wide community organisation so it can be replicated everywhere.

We will be reviewing the service in February to evaluate its potential for the future and can share the results of that assessment with you.

3. What exactly would be provided?

Ryde Information and Support Service is an informal and friendly source of support for people who might need reassurance. Its emphasis is on practical support and this might include:

- Help dealing with correspondence*
- Accessing online information*
- Filling in online and paper forms*

A poster advertising the service is attached to the papers.

Agenda item 8: Interim Internal Audit

The Interim Internal Audit was carried out on the 26th November and the report is attached to the papers.

It is recommended that to meet best practice requirements the Council should consider and record its agreement to the statements in agenda items 8.1 and 8.2, and at 8.3. review the report and agree any actions regarding the recommendations included within.

Agenda item 9: Picture Competition for Annual Report

It was agreed at the previous meeting of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee that the Council should hold a competition inviting photography entries to be included as the cover photograph for the Annual Report.

We have received 10 entries (included in the papers). The Council will need to view all ten and decide on a winner for inclusion in the Annual Report which will be printed in early January.

Agenda item 10: Local Council Award Scheme

The application for a Silver Award in the Local Council Awards Scheme is attached in the papers. The Council is required to resolve that the criteria has been met and that the Council agree that the application should be made before the next deadline of 3rd January 2025.

Thank you,

Mark Rochell, Clerk/RFO Bembridge Parish Council.