

East Cowes Town Council



Minutes of the meeting of the East Cowes Town Council at the Town Hall on Thursday 15th September 2016 at 6.30pm

PRESENT

Mayor: Cllr M Webster
Councillors: Lloyd, Rann, Hooper and Barton O.B.E
Locum Clerk Tina Bailey
Members of public: 3

Public Forum

Saunders Way – concerns were raised regarding the parking on both sides of the road and large Lorries usage. The Clerk advised that a letter had also been received from another resident regarding the same issue. The Town Council agreed that Island Roads and IW Cllr J. Baker Smith should be invited to attend a Town Council meeting to explain the reason for the continuing lack of completion of this road and address the major safety concerns raised.

4678/16 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Hendry and Hillard.

4679/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests
None
- 2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None

4680/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2016

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2016 were agreed and duly signed.

4681/16 TO RECEIVE THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER REPORT

RESOLVED

Noted and commented that the Bestival arrangements need to be in place earlier. The Environment Officer will be invited to attend the next meeting.

4682/16 TO DISCUSS AND AGREED THE TRANSFER OF FREEHOLD (PART OF REGISTERED TITLE) OF OSBORNE ROAD TOILETS FROM IWC TO ECTC.

Copies of the lease had been circulated along with IWC correspondence. The Locum Clerk advised that the Town Council had not undertaken a structural survey on the toilet block and that if the freehold was transferred, both building and contents insurance would be required. It was noted that the Town Hall is held under a 99 year full repairing lease with the IWC and that the access to the toilets is via paths within the Town Hall boundary. It was considered that taking over the freehold for the toilets makes little sense when the adjacent Town Hall is held under a lease.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council acknowledge the need for this facility in the town and are committed to keeping the toilets open for public use.

That the Town Council will request a lease for the toilet block and decline to take over the freehold.

4683/16 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE ANY GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

No local organisations applied for grants.

4684/16 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

1. LOCUM CLERK REPORT WITH CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter and two emails received regarding parking issues in Saunders Way and along the Esplanade.

Esplanade

Cars parking on the grass along the Esplanade were reported by the Town Council to the IWC in August and it was noted that there are no notices to advise that parking is not permitted.

RESOLVED

The IWC will be informed that the Town Council would be willing to pay for bollards to stop cars parking on the grass area.

That Island Roads will be asked to review parking and restrictions on the road including the section closed due to the landslip, when they attend the meeting to discuss Saunders Way.

Replacement Shelter

The matter of replacing the shelter which was burnt down in 2014 was raised. The Locum Clerk advised that the IWC had asked the Town Council to obtain some costs for a replacement shelter in May which had been tasked to the Facilities Officer and in July, reported that a quote was still pending. The Facilities Committee will investigate progress at their scheduled meeting in October.

- **Health Training Service**

A meeting is to be arranged with the Mayor regarding the possibility of running some sessions in East Cowes. The Mayor will report back to the next meeting.

- **Continuation of youth provision at the Pavilion**

Spectrum Housing has asked to attend a meeting to enquire if the Town Council would provide the funding for this provision from 2017. It was agreed to arrange this for the next meeting.

- **Victoria Grove Recreation Ground MUGA installation**

The IWC has confirmed that the planning process has started with 2 sets of plans being currently drawn up and they will be in touch once the plans are ready. The Locum Clerk reminded that the MUGA will be the responsibility of the Town Council on completion and insurance and inspection will need to be arranged.

The Locum Clerk also reminded that the Victoria Grove Rec. is a dedicated Fields in Trust (charity) recreation ground and the pavilion is leased to a third party. If the IWC intend transferring this recreation ground to the Town Council's responsibility in 2017, the Town Council are strongly advised to obtain independent legal advice before entering into any form of transfer agreement.

- **Councillor Vacancy**

Three candidates have been nominated and an election will be held on 6th October. It is noted that the Town Council agreed poll cards for this election.

2. THE MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor represented the Town Council at various functions held in August and the Mayor reported that the four schools in the district are joining together for a picnic at Osborne House to celebrate Isle of Wight Day

3. TOWN COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- Agenda item for next meeting – Floating Bridge ticket purchase
- Sandbags stacked at Well Rd – new bags have been delivered but a container to keep them from damage or vandalism has yet to materialise. Matter to be referred to IW Cllr Luisa Hillard.
- Litter in Maresfield Rd will be reported to the Environment Officer.
- Town Hall disabled toilet - Cllr. Barton requested notification of the next Town Hall Committee meeting, as he wishes to attend.
- CHC meeting – it was reported that the CHC have raised concerns at the loss of marine and industrial facilities at the proposed development of Medina Yard in Cowes.
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4. IW COUNCILLOR REPORTS– NONE

4685/16 FINANCES

1. To note the expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED

Expenditure against budget and bank reconciliations for July and August were received and noted.

2. To agree payments list as presented.

Ref: payment for Town Hall sanitary bin provision.

The Locum Clerk noted that no contract had been provided or ratified by either the Town Council or Town Hall Committee for this new service, which has an approximate cost of £385 per annum and advised that compliance to financial regulations must be maintained at all times.

RESOLVED

That the Facilities Officer will be asked to obtain the necessary contract from the supplier for ratification by the Town Hall Committee.

That the payments list is agreed.

3. Conclusion of Audit for 2015/16

RESOLVED

That the conclusion of the Audit for 2015/16 is noted and accepted.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 20.07

Mayor
17th November 2016