

East Cowes Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of East Cowes Town Council held on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 7pm in the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes.

Present:

Mayor: Cllr M. Lloyd
Cllrs: Barton O.B.E, Hendry, Hillard, Hooper, P. Lloyd, Rann and Webster,
Town Clerk: Tina Bailey
Members of the public:

4557/15 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Nominations: Margaret Webster
Mike Lloyd

RESOLVED

That the election will be undertaken by written ballot and not a show of hands

RESOLVED

Cllr Margaret Webster was duly elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

4558/15 TO RECEIVE THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

4559/15 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Nominations: Peter Lloyd
Stephen Hendry

RESOLVED

That the election will be undertaken by written ballot and not a show of hands

RESOLVED

Cllr Stephen Hendry was elected Deputy Mayor

Public Forum - 15 minutes are allocated for members of the public to comment and ask questions relating to Town Council business.

Matters raised included Red Funnel; Regeneration plans; E Cowes Regeneration /logo; Landslip; Town Council's continuing support for fight against sewage; Spectrum Housing properties.

IW Councillor Reports

Cllr Hillard provided a report and Cllr Baker Smith had sent her apologies.

4560/15 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Planning and Environment Committee	(6)
Library Committee	(4)
HR Committee	(4)
Facilities Committee	(4)
Town Hall Committee	(4)
EC in Bloom Working Group	(3)

Proposed

That the appointed members of all committees and working groups remain the same as the previous year.

RESOLVED

That the appointed members of all committees and working groups continue the same as the previous year

4561/15 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**IWALC**

As the IWALC meetings are held on the same date as East Cowes Town Council meetings, it was proposed that Cllr Mike Lloyd attend as Town Council representative on alternative months.

RESOLVED

That the Town council agree that Cllr M Lloyd will attend Town council meetings and IWALC meetings on alternative months.

Cowes Harbour Commission**RESOLVED**

That Cllr Barton remains the appointed member.

4562/15 TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2015/16

Planning if required	Full Town Council Meeting	Annual Town Meeting
	18 th June	
9 th July	16 th July	
6 th August	20 th August	
10 th Sept	17 th September	
8 th October	15 th October	
5 th November	19 th November	
	10 th December (2 nd week)	
7 th January	21 st January	
11 th February	18 th February	
10 th March	17 th March	
7 th April	21 st April	28 th April
12 th May	19 th May	

RESOLVED

That the calendar of meeting dates are accepted and a decision whether to meet in August will be undertaken at the July meeting.

4563/15 TO CONFIRM BANK SIGNATORIES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Clerk also requested one additional signatory.

RESOLVED

That the current signatories Cllr P. Lloyd, Rann and Webster are confirmed for the ensuing year

That Cllr Hendry is appointed as a fourth signatory.

4564/15 REGISTER OF INTERESTS REMINDER

Councillors were reminded of their statutory obligations to ensure their registers were updated of any changes.

4565/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

4566/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 1) To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non- pecuniary interests
Cllr Hillard declared an interest as an IW Councillor and Executive Member.

- 2) To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None

4567/15 MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 19th April 2015 and the Annual Town Meeting held on 30th April 2015.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meetings held on 19th April 2015 and the Annual Town Meeting held on 30th April 2015 were approved and duly signed.

4568/15 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM PCSO STEVE HULL IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT TOWARDS A SKATEPARK FUN DAY.

PCSO Hull was thanked for his presentation and the grant application will be considered with any other applications received at the next meeting.

4569/15 TO ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk explained the benefits of the General Power of Competence and the criteria required to become eligible to use it. If the council loses its qualified clerk or has insufficient elected councillors it must record its ineligibility at the next relevant annual meeting of the council and if it has already started an activity it can finish that but not start anything new.

RESOLVED

East Cowes Town Council confirm its eligibility to adopt the General Power of Competence as it fulfils the criteria , by having a qualified Clerk who has passed section 7 of CiLCA and elected Councillors who equal or exceed two thirds of the Council (Localism Act 2011, section 8) .

4570/15 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

1) Town Hall Committee Meeting

Minutes received and noted.

2) Clerk's report and Correspondence

- The current East Cowes Community Partnership have decided not to continue and asked if the Town Council could take over on an interim basis. The Clerk advised that the Town Council could not act as a holding facility for another organisation's funds. The Mayor offered to discuss the matter with Mr Suckling and report back at the next meeting.
- Stones – ask Mrs Kemp to keep in touch with any progress
- Cowes TC – request for contribution towards fireworks- to invite Cowes Councillor to meeting with Mayor and two councillors, to discuss.
- Solar panels on Town Hall roof. The Clerk referred to details on the IWC website and the fact that as tenants, the installation of solar panels and any subsequent maintenance would not be the Town Council's responsibility.
- IWC – the next meeting of the planning for the future of the Medina Valley is on Tuesday 14th July at 6pm. Cllrs Barton and Rann will attend.

3) Previous Mayor's report

Cllr Lloyd reported on his attendance at the Orp Blyskawica ceremony and concerns regarding the area of blue slipper clay at the landslip, which some members of the public have become stuck in.

4) Reports or matters raised from Town Councillors

Destination Cowes – it was agreed that the Mayor and Cllrs M Lloyd and P Lloyd as representatives for the Destination Cowes meetings

5) Update on Community Resilience plan

A meeting is required to complete the plan.

4571/15

FINANCES

1) To receive the financial report and bank reconciliation

Noted

2) To approve payments

RESOLVED

The payments as presented were approved for payment

3) To approve the accounting statement and annual governance statement for year ending 31st March 2015.

RESOLVED

That the statement of accounting statement and annual governance statement for year ending 31st March 2015 are approved and duly signed.

4572/15

DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

To respond to the consultation from the IWC on the management of the transfer of services.

The Clerk reported that due to problems raised in the transfer of discretionary services, the Scrutiny Committee had sent out a questionnaire to all council's. The Clerk presented a written response, which the Mayor read out.

RESOLVED

That the written response is submitted.

The Mayor closed the meeting closed at 20.57

Mayor

Dated: 18th June 2015