

East Cowes Town Meeting 2014

Held in the Town Hall on Thursday 29th May 2014 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr M Lloyd, Chairman, Cllr P. Lloyd; Cllr. M.Barton OBE, Cllr. M.Webster, Cllr S. Hendry, Cllr. L. Hillard, Cllr R. Hooper, Mrs. C Kersey Assistant Town clerk.

Apologies: Cllr J. Rann, Cllr J. Baker-Smith and Mrs T. Bailey, Town Clerk

Members of the Public: 23

1. The Mayor welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.
 2. In the absence of the outgoing Mayor, Cllr M. Lloyd read her report for the previous year.
 3. The finance report had been circulated to the public and questions arising from the finance report :
 - The extra income of £80 000 in miscellaneous income which was explained by the sale of Bridge House
 - The amount of money spent on dog bags
 - The money spend on waste removal
 - Council was thanked for the flowers in the town.
 4. Reports from:
 - 4.1 Simon Craddock from ECBA made a presentation regarding town signage.
 - 4.2 Cllr Luisa Hillard – questions included:
 - Regarding S106 whether this was bribery money for help to get planning permission.
 - Funding for new school places. Cllr Hillard explained that this had been provided when Grange Road moved to Queensgate School.
 - County should be sorting out the 28 million deficit not thinking of how to generate money on the chain ferry.
 - Could we go to the government for a grant for an eco friendly ferry.
 - HCA are not interested in the community and want to be rid of their land by 2015.
 - GKN bulldozed the town and left it with nothing. Cllr Hillard pointed out that the 2006 planning for regeneration was in place and waterside access is to go ahead.
 - It was asked about the old medical centre. Cllr Hillard said she was excited about prospects for the future and announced she had put in a community bid for it.
 - Cllr Webster voiced her objection that the bid should not have been done without ECTC ratification.
- Bus Shelters were raised as a concern, some needed repair.
 - Red funnel had got some grant money – it was asked if they can get a grant, why can't we?
 - The town needs a car park, this would improve the town. HCA should release it's street parking and the council was asked to raise this.
 - The state of the roads was raised.



- The Yorkie Bar and Pavilion have closed, there was nothing for the youngsters to do. These buildings will now fall into disrepair. Cllr Barton pointed out that it was the Isle of Wight Council's responsibility to provide youth services.
- 5. Public questions had been dealt with in the Isle of Wight Cllrs report as above.

The meeting was closed at 21.10.

Catherine Kersey
Assistant Town Clerk

