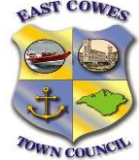


East Cowes Town Council



DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of East Cowes Town Council held on Thursday 18th September 2014 at 7pm in the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes.

Members present: Mayor: Cllr M Lloyd
Cllrs: Hendry, Hillard, Hooper, P. Lloyd, Rann and Webster.
Town Clerk: Tina Bailey
In attendance: IW Cllr. J. Baker-Smith
Members of public: 15

Public Forum

Questions raised and answered re Floating Bridge and Down House.

Police report

None

4461/14 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr M Barton O.B.E.

4462/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Cllr Hillard declared an interest as an IWC member and in relation to minute 4466/14 as an IWC Executive member for sustainability.

To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.

None

4463/14 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS ON 17TH JULY 2014 AND 24TH JULY 2014

Cllr Hillard asked for the minutes to record that she did not agree the presented draft minutes of 17th July 2014 and presented a revised version of minute 4453/14.

RESOLVED

That the revised draft minute as presented by Cllr Hillard was rejected.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meetings on 17th July 2014 and 24th July 2014 as presented by the Clerk were approved.

4464/14 SPECIAL RESOLUTION - RECISSION OF DECISION

To vote on the special resolution signed by four councillors, to rescind minute no: 4458/14 24TH July 2014 “ In principal to support a community purchase of the Down House site and undertake a public consultation and investigate a joint venture purchase of the site.”

RESOLVED

That the minute no: 4458/14 24TH July 2014 “ In principal to support a community purchase of the Down House site and undertake a public consultation and investigate a joint venture purchase of the site” is rescinded.

Isle of Wight Council to be informed of decision.

4465/14 TO RECEIVE A MOTION FROM CLLR P. LLOYD

That all the Bridge House money raised totalling £78000 is to be used solely to help meet the capital expenditure requirement for the upgrading of the East Cowes Town Hall.

RESOLVED

That all Bridge House money raised, actual total of £78966, is to be used solely to help meet the capital expenditure requirement for the upgrading of the East Cowes Town Hall.

4466/14 IWC DISCRETIONARY SERVICES - TO CONSIDER AND RESPOND TO THE CHOICES REGARDING GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND BEACH CLEANING CONTRACTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER SERVICE.

RESOLVED

To defer all decisions until the next the meeting in October

To ask the Community Partnership to attend the next meeting to inform the Council of their future plans in Springhill Woodland.

4467/14 ISLAND ROADS – TO DISCUSS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS FUND.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council will not make any contribution but will consider earmarking money in the precept next year, for funding small highway improvements in East Cowes.

4468/14 ESPLANADE PLAY AREA

To discuss fencing the entire children's play area to prevent dog entry and fouling.

RESOLVED

- (i) To investigate the legal requirements for the safety of children using a play area
- (ii) To obtain quotes for fencing
- (iii) To provide IWC with details required.

4469/14 TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES, AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED

- a) Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures
- b) Time off Work Policy
- c) Staff recruitment and retention policy
- d) Equality and Diversity Policy
- e) Retention of Documents Policy
- f) Vexatious Complainants Policy
- g) Complaints Procedure
- h) Data Protection Policy
- i) Health and Safety Policy
- j) Dignity at Work Policy

RESOLVED

That the above policies are adopted.

4470/14 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence noted.

4471/14 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON TOWN HALL WORKING PARTY

Report noted

4472/14 DOWN HOUSE

To agree the terms of reference for a Working Party and detailed schedule of requirements with timescale.

4473/14 SIGNAGE

To agree the purchase of a larger notice board with side openings for the Town Council and re location of the current notice board.

RESOLVED

That the purchase of a larger Town Council notice board is agreed in principle with costs to be ratified when obtained and the current board will be relocated to the Esplanade play area.

4474/14 To agree the Town Council taking over responsibility of all new signage, notice boards and sculptures.

Already agreed in principle, but due to the vagueness of the original resolution and to satisfy audit practice, the costs for insurance cover of the items needs to be included and ratified. Insurance quote applied for. For ratification at next meeting.

4475/14 FINANCES

(a) To approve the schedule of payments as presented

RESOLVED

That the schedule of payments is approved.

(b) To receive the bank reconciliation and the expenditure against budget to the end of August 2014

RESOLVED

That the bank reconciliation and expenditure against budget noted

That a simplified and clearer expenditure against budget format is provided in future and that the RFO attends the next meeting to explain the accounts.

(c) To receive the Audit opinion from BDO

The Audit has not yet been concluded.

4476/14 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS OR MATTERS RAISED FROM:

The Mayor reported on his attendance at a civic event.

Town Councillors

Cllr Hooper expressed his disappointed that he was the only Town Councillor at the Floating Bridge protest held outside County Hall but commented that all the people who turned up did a brilliant job.

IW Councillors:

Cllr Baker Smith stated her report would be available on the IWC website.
Cllr Hillard's report noted.

4477/14 TO RECEIVE A STATEMENT FROM CLLR M. LLOYD

Cllr M. Lloyd stated that he has been exonerated from all Code of Conduct allegations.

4478/14 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted regarding staffing, tenders and a legal matter, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw". (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1 (2))

RESOLVED

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The public left the room and confidential minute's 4479/4480/4481 were dealt with.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 21.10

Mayor Date

