



East Cowes Town Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL AT THE TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 2014 AT 7.00PM

Members present: Mayor: Cllr. Rann
Cllrs: Barton O.B.E, M. Lloyd and P. Lloyd
Town Clerk: Tina Bailey
In attendance: PC Knight
Members of public: Three

Public Forum

1. The Town Council were asked to seek enforcement of the condition placed on the planning approval for the Hawthorn Meadows granted in 2007 that Saunders Way should be connected to Kingston Rd within 18 months. The Council will write to IWC Planning reminding them of the planning condition.
2. When did the TC have a meeting with the HCA? All attempts to request a meeting with HAC have failed as they have not responded. The Town Council will try again
3. The Council were reminded that the chain ferry will not be operational for 3 weeks and asked for clarification regarding the approach ramp has been received. It was confirmed that the approach ramp is the IWC's responsibility

4401/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hooper, Hendry, Hillard and Webster

4402/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- (i) To receive and declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests
 - (ii) To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
- None

4403/14 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 2ND APRIL 2014

RESOLVED

The minute were approved and duly signed.

4404/14 TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

Crime rate is down 6.5% from 265 crimes 2012/13 to 248 2013/14. The two priority areas identified by the Local Action Group were ASB on the Esplanade and ASB surrounding Frank James Hospital and the police have actively patrolled these priorities to prevent incidents re –occurring. There were no crimes of note to be brought to the attention of the Town Council.

4405/14 FINANCES

(i) To approve the income and expenditure report

A couple of items of expenditure and the bank reconciliation were questioned.

(ii) To approve the purchase of essential office equipment for the Clerks offices.

The Clerk requested a photocopier (terms and conditions of the four year lease were provided), a filing cabinet and two locking cupboards

RESOLVED

All office items are approved for expenditure.

4406/14 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS FROM:

- (i) The Town Mayor
The Mayor reported that the David Wilson steps will be closed for a week to make them more pedestrian friendly. The Mayor's written report was noted.
- (iii) IW Councillor L Hillard
Cllr Hillard's report was noted. The council asked for Cllr Hillard to provide the designs for the proposed signage and associated costs at the next meeting.

4407/14 TO RECEIVE REPORTS / UPDATES ON:

(i) The Library/ Down House progress

The committee are debating whether to provide a purpose built library on the footprint of the Town Hall or dependent upon a meeting with NHS Estates, to explore the possibility of Down House being suitable for a community facility.

Concerns were raised that if there is too long a delay and continued prevarication that time will be lost on the original idea to have a purpose built premises.

A meeting will be called within the next fortnight to make a decision and Wendy Perera will be contacted to determine exactly what amount of S106 money can be spent and when the money would be available.

(ii) The Pavilion

In the absence of Cllr Hendry this item will be deferred to the next meeting

(iii) VERA

This matter is pending

(iv) No Cold Calling Scheme – deferred to a future date.

4408/14 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

The issue of wrecked cars around Britannia Way to Clarence Rd area was raised. Cars without tax are dealt with by Island Roads and if they have no number plate they are classified as fly tipping and dealt with by IWC.

4409/14 TO DISCUSS SETTING UP A TOWN HALL PREMISES WORKING GROUP

- (i) To agree for two Councillors to work with the Clerk to undertake a full review of the premises and every aspect of the Town Hall's usage, employing professional services where necessary.
- (ii) To provide a written report to the Council with costings for future expenditure on repair and maintenance of the building and recommendations for the management of the facilities.

The Council agreed that a working party was a good idea but it is essential to obtain professional advice. The Clerk reported on problems encountered hiring the hall at weekends

RESOLVED

That a working party will consist of Cllrs M and P Lloyd with terms of reference specific to a 4409/14 (i) and (ii).

That only one event per Saturday and Sunday will be held in the hall for the time being.

4410/14 TO AGREE A GRANT POLICY
Councillors referred to the grant policy which had been previously distributed

RESOLVED

That the grant policy is agreed.

4411/14 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERK'S REPORT
The Clerk also requested that her report be held in private at the end of the meeting

RESOLVED

Agreed.

4412/14 TO DISCUSS THE CHRISTMAS EVENT.
The Mayor presented a comprehensive report on the proposed Christmas Event

4413/14 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
RESOLVED
That the annual Town Meeting will be held on 29th May 2014..

4411/14 CLERK'S REPORT
The Clerk requested the Council's permission to use the Town Council seal for verification for a resident as required for a French pension.

RESOLVED

Permission granted

CLERK'S REPORT (Staff issue)
"That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw". (1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act

RESOLVED

The above resolution was agreed.

The meeting closed at 20.25

Mayor.....

Date