

# East Cowes Town Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the East Cowes Library Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at in the Goold Room, East Cowes Town Hall at 10.30am

**Present:** Cllr Barton O.B.E. (Chairman) Cllrs. Rann, Webster, M. Lloyd and Hillard  
**In attendance:** Mrs Perdita Potter and Mr Niall Morrow  
**Town Clerk:** Tina Bailey

## 1. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 were approved as a true record.

## 2. DOWN HOUSE

It was reported that Valerie Taylor, Locum Clerk, is looking into the possibility of issuing a notice of intent under the Community Right to Buy which means NHS Estates will have to initially withdraw Down House from sale. Mrs Taylor has contacted NHS Estates in Portsmouth and is waiting for an appointment to be made to discuss the matter further. Cllrs Barton and Lloyd will attend.

Wendy Perera needs to be contacted for confirmation that money can be spent on this venture. Mrs Taylor has previously indicated that she has already received this information and will forward it to the Town Clerk.

The location of the building as a suitable venue was questioned as it is situated up a hill and the majority of library users are in the older age group. The premises have plenty of space and various suggestions were put forward and discussed including using some rooms as an enterprise centre and the potential for a youth club.

The Clerk advised that a venture of this scale would need to be project managed by professionals to ensure the best outcome.

### **CURRENT SITUATION:**

The design for the new building to house the library have been completed and Adam Ridett will be asked to put any further work on hold for the time being .

### **RESOLVED**

The committee agrees to wait to hear the outcome from the meeting with NHS Estates Portsmouth and formerly agree to delay any further work for the adjacent Town Hall site for the time being.

**LIBRARY**

- Details were provided on the revised charges and the new system recently introduced.
- It was reported that usage is falling off with the increased use of reading on line and noted that this is a trend that will continue.
- Books can be downloaded from the library and people should be encouraged to see what is on offer. It was suggested that the sale of coffee could be introduced.
- Computer usage is 98% job search
- The library does hire some DVDS .

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be convened as soon as possible after the meeting with NHS Estates has taken place.

Chairman.....

Date .....