

EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD ON THE 5th MARCH 2014 AT THE TOWN HALL, EAST COWES.

20 Members of the Public were present at the Meeting.

Cllr Rann invited Members of the Public to speak to the Council.

Mr David Burnett raised 5 questions relating to the proposal by the Isle of Wight Council to dispose of a piece of land by the Property Disposal and Capital programme Committee on the 11th March 2014 on East Cowes Waterfront. (Questions attached to the minutes). The questions raised could not be answered by East Cowes Town Council as they were questions aimed at the Isle of Wight Council.

Mrs Sarah Burdett raised 10 Questions relating to the proposal by the Isle of Wight Council to dispose of a piece of land by the Property Disposal and Capital programme Committee on the 11th March 2014 on East Cowes Waterfront. (Questions attached to the minutes) The questions raised could not be answered by East Cowes Town Council as they were questions aimed at the Isle of Wight Council

Mr Burdett and Mrs Burdett said they would be raising the questions with the Isle of Wight Property and Disposal Committee on the 11th March 2014.

Angela Harris from the Business Association commented that she had sent in a letter about the proposed sale of land.

Questions and comments were also made about the about the public use of the land. Could it get village green status? Complaints were made that one of the town's slipways had already been removed. It was raised about the public right of way and also people wanting to be able to continue to use the public toilets on the sea front.

David Burdett raised a question about the Classic Boat Museum and he was told that his question could only be answered by the Isle of Wight Council as East Cowes Town Council did not own land and the Clerk would forward the question to the Isle of Wight Council.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Rann (Mayor) Cllr Webster, Cllr Hillard, Cllr M Lloyd, Cllr P. Lloyd and Cllr Hendry.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Barton due to illness.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declaration of a personal interest in agenda item P/00096/14 was made by Cllr P. Lloyd

Declaration of a personal interest in agenda item P/00096/14 was made by Cllr Hillard and also as an Isle of Wight Councillor on agenda items appertaining to the Isle of Wight Council.

3. RED FUNNEL PRESENTATION , "BUSY DAY PROCEDURE" BY NICK SMITH

Nick Smith the Terminal Manager of Red Funnel reported to the Council that they had been working hard to reduce the impact on the town and it had been significantly reduced and they were aiming to reduce it further.

He reported that the logistic yard sometimes causes problems and they had invested in text messaging urging people to not arrive 1 hour early. A.N.P.R. technology was speeding up the checking in process and gets vehicles off the road quicker.

He reported that their handling of key events had improved and they were increasing investment to try to improve Cowes Week.

They were continuing with contingency plan, as boats were being put under extreme pressure and they were looking at what they will do if a boat breaks down on a busy day. Part of their contingency planning was looking at flooding caused by high tides. They are working with Island Roads to try to alleviate problems.

The Mayor thanked Nick Smith for coming to the Council meeting to update them on what he and the company were doing and it is appreciated by the Council.

4. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ANY OTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

P/00096/14 St. James Hall, Falcon Road, East Cowes. Proposed change of use of redundant hall, conversion to form single dwelling with parking.

Councillors discussed this planning application.

RESOLVED:-

THAT East Cowes Town Council has no objections to this planning application.

5. TO NOTE AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSED LEASEHOLD DISPOSAL OF LAND AT EAST COWES SEAFRONT TO ENABLE ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED NEW EAST COWES MARINA.

This is due to be considered by the IW Council's Property Disposal and Capital subcommittee on 11th March 2014.

Councillors had a full and frank discussion on the proposed leasehold disposal of land at East Cowes seafront by the Isle of Wight Council to enable access to the proposed new East Cowes Marina by the Isle of Wight Council. Protection of public access to the seafront, access to the toilets and public right of way and a slipway that the town had already lost were amongst the issues raised by Councillors.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Town Council supports the proposed lease of land at Albany Road subject to a guarantee that the public access will remain, that there will be no building of structures upon it and that the Isle of Wight Council seeks greater financial or community benefit in return.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerk would write to the Isle of Wight Council and inform them of the Councils and the town residents' concerns and would also send them a copy of the Councils resolution.

6. TO DISCUSS /NOTE ANY CORRESPONDENCE THAT IS RECEIVED FROM THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

No correspondence had been received.

The Locum Clerk reported that there was no approval of the Planning Minutes held on the 5th February on the Agenda and she would be bringing them to the next full Council Meeting for approval.

Councillors said they had not received copies of the minutes so the Locum Clerk said she would send them copies of the minutes so they had them for the meeting.