



East Cowes Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of East Cowes Town Council held at the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes on Thursday 21st April 2016 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Mayor: Cllr M. Webster
Cllrs: Barton O.B.E. Hendry, Hillard, M. Lloyd and P. Lloyd
Town Clerk: Tina Bailey
Members of the public and press: 5

Public Forum:

Public questions were asked regarding Red Funnel marshalling area and Crossways field. PCSO Hull attended the meeting and presented a report.

466416 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from

4665/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- (i) To receive declarations of pecuniary and non- pecuniary interests
Cllr Hillard declared an interest as an IWC Councillor.
- (ii) To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None

4666/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2016 were approved and duly signed.

4667/16 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15TH April 2016

Cllr P Lloyd, chairman of the committee reported that the main roof renewal and repair work is now completed. The exterior painting and window repairs commence 1st May and contractors for both the installation of the disabled toilet and external work have been agreed.

4668/16 CONSULTATION – IW LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

It was noted that:

- This is a very large document with maps which show more extensive flood areas.
- That any development should have money put forward for more flood defences.
- Surface water flooding is an issue and should be taken into account i.e. the possible pedestrianisation of lower York Ave.

669/16 TO RECEIVE REPORS AND UPDATES FROM

1. The Clerk's report with updates

Ref: Min 4656/16 Southern Water

A letter was provide to Cllrs Barton and Hooper reporting the Investigation Technician had inspected the outfall pipe in low tide and had not found any issue of concern.

Cllr Barton was not satisfied with this response, as they had been promised the opportunity to attend this inspection with the Technician and wished to do so. Clerk will contact Southern Water.

Ref: Min 4650/16 FOI request for income for floating bridge was presented and noted. It was questioned if the funding for the new Floating Bridge had been ring fenced? Cllr Hillard will enquire and report to the next Town Council meeting

Ref: Min 4662/16 Queens 90th Birthday Commemorative Medals

The Clerk confirmed that as the conditions of the resolution cannot be met, the resolution will not be instigated.

Old Road Safety Concerns

Island Roads confirmed this road has been included on the Safety Assessment Register for both traffic calming and accessibility improvements and they will try to obtain records of previously proposed schemes to review.

Esplanade

The Clerk undertook an inspection with the Facilities Officer and reported that:

- Island Roads were cleaning the section of closed road, which was a great improvement to the area.
- Paddling Pool - The pre season maintenance work to open the pool was underway and noted that the gates are in need of attention and that the condition of the fencing around the pool was deteriorating.
- Playarea - In certain areas, the matting is in very poor condition and this has been reported to IWC for urgent repair, which under our current agreement, the IWC are responsible for. The play equipment will be cleaned of all accumulated dirt and debris. The Town Council's annual RoSPA inspection of all play areas and the skate park has been arranged.
- Toilets - The toilet doors have been repaired and painting is being undertaken after the toilets are closed in the evening.

Environment Officer – IWC has yet to confirm the officer supporting East Cowes and the start date.

Beach Cleaning/Waste Management 2016 – Email received notifying that the IWC intend stopping waste management and slipway cleaning on beaches. Cllr Hillard clarified that this does not affect East Cowes as there are no wire litter baskets on the beach.

2. Mayor's report

The Mayor reported on the Councillors visit to Norris Castle and her civic attendance at two church services held for the Queen's birthday.

The Mayor also announced that she was donating the Mayor's allowance of £500 to be divided equally to both Queensgate and Holy Cross schools for use by the schools to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

3. Councillors Reports

- Destination Cowes - it was reported that another meeting is being scheduled and a formal constitution is now being drafted.
- Queens Patrons lunch – a progress report was provided.
- Amey Waste forum – update reported. Amey will attend Town/Parish Council meetings to discuss the new arrangements.

RESOLVED

That Amey will be invited to the Annual Town Meeting in May.

4. IW Cllr Report

Cllr Hillard presented her report and also advised that CHC cannot support the beach replenishment of shingle and that the Red Funnel issues are being talked through with IWC.

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FINANCES

1. To note the expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation

RESOLVED

That the expenditure against budget to the year end is noted
That the bank reconciliation is noted.

2. To agree payments schedule as presented

RESOLVED

That the payments as presented are agreed for payment

3. To accept the 2015-2016 accounts.

The 2015 -2016 Receipts and Payments and Summary were presented

RESOLVED

That the 2015-2016 accounts are accepted.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 20.05

Mayor.....

Dated: 19th May 2016