

East Cowes Town Council

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

Present:

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

Presentations:

Men in Sheds

Lois Prior, Coordinator of the AGEUK IW 'Men in Sheds' project, presented the aims of the scheme and informed the Town Council that the first Men in Sheds location in East Cowes was being set up with the Studio School and would like to find a second location in the town.

Destination Cowes

Mark McNeil, Cowes Town Councillor outlined the objectives of the proposal to actively promote Cowes and East Cowes to benefit both towns and the desire to include all relevant local organisations. Funding was needed with a suggested contribution in the region of £2500 - £3000 for the first year. The Town Council expressed their support in principle, conditional that East Cowes is actually included. Cllrs M Lloyd and P Lloyd will remain as ECTC representatives.

Public Forum:

Questions asked regarding the situation with the landslip. It was noted that Kevin Burton from Island Roads, has been seen on site and will be asked if he could provide a report.

4634/16 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Councillor Hillard had to leave at the beginning of the meeting.
IWC J Baker Smith sent her apologies.

4635/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
(i) To receive declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests
Well Rd – declarations were received from Cllrs Hendry and Hooper as both are residents living in Church Path.
(ii) To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None

4366/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2015 were approved and duly signed.

4367/16 UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING

- Red Funnel – arrangements for a meeting are being organised
- Well Rd – IWC have stated that the site is subject to the commercial decisions of the owner and there is no action that LPA can take to move this site forward
- EC Marina – Westcourt Real Estate will be in a position to present the scheme to the Town Council in 2-3 months time.

4638/16 POLLING STATION REPLACEMENT FOR RED CROSS HALL
Request from IWC, for any suggestions for a replacement polling station to serve LLS (Osborne East) Polling District as the Red Cross Hall will no longer be available.

RESOLVED

That the Parkside Pavilion at Vectis Rd is considered to be a suitable polling station replacement.

4639/16

GRANT PAYMENT

Ref min: 4632. The cost of the shed has been confirmed at £250

RESOLVED

That the East Cowes branch of Barnado's is granted £250 towards the purchase of a shed.

4640/16

DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

Further to the letter from IWC regarding the devolvement of Discretionary Services, the Clerk advised that the Town Council will need to fully discuss the legal and financial implications and a meeting will be arranged in due course. In the meantime, the Clerk will be meeting with IWC next week, to receive the details of the takeover of Osborne toilets.

The Clerk also advised that a very timely and highly informative training session had just been held with a Solicitor from Wellers Headley's, which broadly covered the issues of contracts, tendering and trading and has allowed Town and Parish Councils' to view the IWC terms and conditions for transfer as open to negotiation.

4641/16

BEACH INFORMATION POSTER

Further to correspondence from IWC, an information poster at an estimated cost of £30 could be provided by IWC, if the Town Council apply for a non bathing seaside award from Keep Britain Tidy at an approximate cost of £510.

RESOLVED

The Town Council will look into the issue further and find out if local community groups might be interested in applying for the award if the funds were made available and will let the IWC know of any decision.

On the issue of the beach, it was questioned if the results of Southern Water's monitoring of the quality of the water were known?

RESOLVED

Southern Water will be asked to meet with Cllrs. Hooper and Barton on site, to discuss this.

4642/16

TOWN HALL – To receive recommended three year maintenance schedule and proposed allocation for the 2016/17 budget.

RESOLVED

That the recommended three year maintenance schedule and proposed allocation for the 2016/17 budget is ratified

4643/16

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

- 1. Mayor's report** – The Mayor reported on the carol service held by Queensgate and Holy Cross schools and her attendance at the training day with the Town Clerk.
- 2. Town Clerk** – no report
- 3. Councillors reports**
 - Floating Bridge charges half year income – information to be chased up
 - A report on the Community Waste Forum was received from Cllr M Lloyd

- A report on the ECBA meeting was presented by Cllr Hendry, with a request for an agenda item for February to discuss Christmas 2016. The Council was asked if they would approve Cllr Hendry as the Town Council representative for reporting back from the ECBA.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council approve Cllr Hendry as the representative with ECBA.

4. IW Councillor Report

The Clerk read out a report provided from Cllr J. Baker-Smith which included news that the pavilion will reopen in early Feb as Parkside pavilion and legal agreements regarding drains in Saunders Way are now in place.

4644/16

FINANCES

1) To discuss the draft budget and set the precept for 2016 /2017

Draft Budget

Membership of IWALC - whether to retain membership or not?

RESOLVED

Clerk to investigate membership of Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)

Proposed monthly report in Beacon

RESOLVED

Not to report in the Beacon magazine.

Rename newsletter as publicity and earmark the £3500 for possible use towards a contribution to Destination Cowes.

Draft budget amendments		£
		177440
Legal / Consultancy increase to £5000 –	plus £3500	
IWALC or HALC membership	plus £1000	
	total increase	<u>4500</u>
		<u>181940</u>

RESOLVED

That the budget, with the above two amendments is agreed.

That the precept for 2016/ 2017 is set at £182000.

2) **To note expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation**

Hall hire – noted that to date, the income is lower this year. Need to improve promotion of the hiring of the hall and advertise through IWCP /Beacon /websites.

RESOLVED

Bank reconciliation – noted

3) **To agree payments as presented**

RESOLVED

Payments agreed.

The Mayor closed the meeting.

Mayor
18th February 2016

