



East Cowes Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of East Cowes Town Council held at the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes on Thursday 18th February 2016 at 7.15 pm.

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: 6

Public Forum:

The date of the beach clean will be 17th April 2016, midday to 2pm.

4645/16 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

4646/16 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

4647/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2016 were approved and duly signed.

4648/16 TO REVIEW THE ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Annual risk assessment was presented for discussion.

RESOLVED

That the annual Risk Assessment is noted and accepted.

4649/16 DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

1 Update on takeover of Osborne Rd toilets

The Clerk reported, the IWC has suggested a Tenancy at Will should be applied to enable the toilets to remain open for use from 1st April 2016, whilst the details of a contract transferring the freehold of the toilets to the Town Council is drafted. A meeting of The Facilities Committee was arranged for 26th February.

2 To arrange a meeting to discuss long term planning for the takeover of additional services

A date for a meeting will be arranged in due course when further details of responsibilities of the transfer are available.

4650/16 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Mayor

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk reported from PCSO Steve Hull that

- The skate park fun day might be held on Sat 23rd July but will be confirmed.
- ECBA is setting up an online shop watch scheme

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- Floating Bridge Freedom of Information.

A response detailing income has been received. Another request is to be requested, as the Council would like to know the expenditure for the same period.

- Destination Cowes

An update on the recent meeting was provided with a request for a contribution for £1500. The Clerk advised in accordance with financial regulations and audit, that the Town Council could not make any contribution until a full constitution and all appropriate financial safeguards were adopted by the group and approved by the Town Council.

RESOLVED

Subject to robust fiscal regulations and safeguards, a contribution of £1500 is agreed in principle.

- Waste Collection – leaflets with a collection calendar will be distributed to every household at the end of March /beginning of April.
- Repairs to the damaged library roof will be undertaken by IWC.
- Suggested restructuring of committees.
The Clerk advised that this should be undertaken at the annual meeting in May when committee members are approved.
- Town Hall repairs nearly finished pending completion of installation. Payment will be made on completion of the specification. Repair to a lintel is an additional cost.

IW Councillor

Cllr Hillard reported that large quantity of shingle has been left over from the works on the Cowes harbour breakwater and it has been suggested this could be used on East Cowes beach. This proposal is being investigated and formal consent will be required from the Cowes Harbour Master. £3500 will be needed to fund the task.

RESOLVED

That a letter will be sent to Cowes Harbour Master advising that the Town Council support the proposal in principle.

Councillor Barton left the meeting.

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FINANCES

- 1 To note expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation

RESOLVED

That expenditure against budget and the bank reconciliation is noted.

- 2 To agree payments as presented

RESOLVED

That the list of payments is approved.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 20.29

Mayor
17th March 2016