



East Cowes Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of East Cowes Town Council held on Thursday 15th October 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes.

Present:

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

Public Forum: Questions raised included. Sports facilities; Frank James Hospital; Church path.

4613/15 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None

4614/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

1. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests
Cllr Hillard declared an interest as an IW Councillor and IWC Executive Member for Sustainability and Organisational Change and specifically to Min no: 4618/15(4)

2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None

4615/15. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 17th Sept 2015

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2015 were duly agreed and signed

4616/15 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ESPLANADE (PRINCIPAL PARK)

During a meeting with IWC regarding 2016 Discretionary Services, the issue of the need for improvements along the Esplanade was raised and the following initial ideas were put forward for consideration.

Old Putting Green: To improve the landscaping in this area and construct a terrace and sensory garden with wide paths, tables and seating to become a view point.

Shelters: Rebuild lost shelter, (capital cost).
Refurbish Cambridge Road shelter

Car Park: Extend the existing car parking area in front of the Boat Park.
There may be a possibility that the IWC and the Town Council could share income cost if parking charges were to be introduced.

Shore cottage: Seating on the grassed area

Woodland area: Seating

Cafe area: Additional toilets along the Esplanade are very much needed.
There is a concrete area beside the Café which could accommodate the building of two new toilets.

The Esplanade is defined as a Principal Park and the Town Council would be required to make a formal application to the IWC. The problems relating from the landslip are separate to this matter.

It was suggested that any improvements should be deferred as there are other greater priorities in the Town requiring expenditure. The general consensus was that any improvements on the Esplanade, an area of importance to both residents and tourists are much needed and long overdue.

Motion put forward that the Town Council wish to approach the IWC with a joint effort scheme to improve the Esplanade in phases and apply to attract s106 money.

RESOLVED

The Town Council wish to approach the IWC with a joint effort scheme to improve the Esplanade in phases and apply to attract s106 money.

Abstentions: Three

4617/15 TO RECEIVE THE MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor advised that an invitation from CHC to attend a ceremony to celebrate the completion of the breakwater had been deferred.

4618/15. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Clerk confirmed that arrangements for a new electricity meter to be installed at the Pavilion have been made through IWC which will allow the Skatepark lights to be reconnected.

The area alongside the Skatepark is being considered for the proposed new outdoor area to be installed by IWC which will enable it to be floodlit by the Skatepark lights. The Town Council has asked if the existing bulbs could be replaced with LED, as part of the proposals.

2. The IWC have advised they do not have any funds to run the new play area and would be looking for the Town Council to take over the responsibility after installation.
3. The AGEUK Coordinator for the Men in a Shed scheme had contacted the Town Council enquiring about any suitable premises in East Cowes and had been referred to Community Action IW who are responsible for the refurbishment and reopening of the Pavilion.
4. Correspondence: CPO/ Red Funnel Solent Gateways project.
Cllr Hillard declared an interest in this item as an IW Councillor and Executive Member for Sustainability and Organisational Change and IW Ward Councillor.

The IWC will be holding an Executive meeting to consider a report on making available Compulsory Purchase Order powers in order to conclude the current and ongoing discussions between land owners and Red Funnel, in order to bring forward the Solent Gateway project and have asked for any views held by the Town Council that they wish to be included.

RESOLVED

The Town Council are not in a position to consider the CPO as they were unable to respond to the plans submitted by Red Funnel because the red line is not shown and comments made from Island Roads have not been provided. The Town Council stated in their letter to Planning that they do not feel the IWC is in a position to determine the planning application and

consider this also applies to the process of CPO. It was questioned why this is being discussed before the plans have been discussed and a decision made?

4619/15 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS OR MATTERS RAISED FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Parking strategy presentation.

Cllrs Rann and M Lloyd were the only Town/ Parish Councillors who attended the parking strategy presentation.

Well Rd Car Park.

It has been noted that the lease for the area is still available and continues to be advertised. It was suggested that the lease could be taken over by the Town Council who could then run the car park

RESOLVED

That the Town Council investigate ways to take back Well Rd car park for the use of the Town.

Floating bridge

Cllr Hillard was asked to obtain car figure usage for this year and last year from the IWC.

4620/15. TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS FROM IW WARD COUNCILLORS

Cllr Hillard provided a verbal report.

4621/15 FINANCES

- 1 To receive and note the expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation

RESOLVED

That the expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation are noted.

- 2 To agree payments as presented.

RESOLVED

That the payments are agreed for payment

- 3 To receive the conclusion of Annual Audit.

RESOLVED

That the comments are noted and the Conclusion of the Annual Audit approved.

The Mayor closed the meeting.

Mayor.....

Dated: 15th November 2015