



East Cowes Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of East Cowes Town Council held on Thursday 17th March 2016 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes.

Present:

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

4652/16 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Barton

4653/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

4654/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th February 2016 were approved and duly signed.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 18th February 2016 were approved and duly signed with the following amendment:

RESOLVED

That Cllr L. Hillard was not present at the Planning Meeting.

4655/16 DISSOLUTION OF THE EAST COWES COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. To accept the balance of funds gifted to the Town Council, for the purchase of seating on the Esplanade.

This agenda item was withdrawn.

4656/16 ESPLANADE

To receive a report from Cllrs. Barton and Hooper following their meeting with Southern Water.

Cllrs Barton and Hooper met with Southern Water representatives on site on Tuesday 8 March at 10.30 a.m. at the pumping station on the Esplanade and were given a tour of the facility which gauges flow and overflow in the area of East Cowes. A follow up meeting will be arranged in April to revisit the site when there was a low tide with SW to further investigate

4657/16 IWALC/ HALC MEMBERSHIP

To review costs and benefits of membership.

The Clerk reported that membership costs of IWALC are £1000 and HALC £700. Membership of both groups was discussed.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council become members of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) for review in a year's time.

4658/16 ECBA MEETING AND CHRISTMAS 2016

To receive a report from Cllr Hendry regarding the recent ECBA meeting and suggestions for Christmas 2016

The report was noted.

- 4659/16. PANTOMIME PROVISION 2016**
The provision of the annual pantomime at the Town Hall was discussed
RESOLVED
That a meeting will be arranged in due course to draft criteria for approval, for the advertisement of Expressions of Interest to provide a pantomime at the Town Hall in Dec 2016.
- 4660/16 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2016**
RESOLVED
The minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on 25th February 2016 are noted.
- 4661/16 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON TRANSFER OF DISCRETIONARY SERVICES.**
ENVIRONMENT OFFICER– will be having an introductory meeting in the area with the IWC in the next couple of weeks, to chat through the role and communications
NEW MUGA AND PLAY AREA- Victoria Grove Recreation Ground
IWC have spoken with their procurement team and can produce an agreement to pass the funding across to the Town Council –a meeting will be arranged with all parties after Easter to discuss this further.
ESPLANADE TOILETS AND SHELTER PROPOSED LEASE AND SUGGESTED COMBINED LEASE FOR PADDLING POOL AND PLAYAREA
The Clerk advised that no lease had ever been signed for the Esplanade toilets and presented correspondence from IWC, which contradicted the initial proposals made relating to transfer of freeholds.
RESOLVED
The Town Council decline to sign any revised licences/leases for the time being until the full and complete details of the proposed transfer of all discretionary services for the entire Esplanade area are made available for the Council's consideration.
- 4662/16 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM**
The Mayor
The Mayor's report was received and noted
The Clerk
The Clerk's report was noted.
Correspondence received.
- Details of a commemorative medal costing £1.99 each to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday was presented and discussed.
RESOLVED
That the Town Council will fund half the costs for the provision of a commemorative medal for each child attending Holy Cross and Queensgate schools, if the two PTA's will contribute the other half of the costs.
 - The Patron's Lunch Invitation- request for Town Council representative to join the committee
RESOLVED
Cllr Mike Lloyd was appointed

- Signage – Insurance is now in place at cost of £43. The Clerk had been advised that it was thought that a sum of money possibly £3000 had been put aside for maintenance for the Town Council – to be confirmed. The planting around the base was queried? The date of the installation of the sculpture is pending the outcome of the Red Funnel planning application.
- ORP BLYSKAWICA commemoration event Sunday 1st May 2016
- Letter received from the French Town of Quincy suggesting a twinning arrangement was noted but declined as the council is already twinned as part of Cowes, with the town of Deauville.

Councillor’s reports

Street cleaning – the issue of cigarette butts littering the pavements and around the Sea Breeze café was raised. The area should be swept daily by Island Roads and any issues should be reported with the specific location. The Environment Officer will also be able to deal with and monitor this matter.

Destination Cowes – a report was provided and concern again raised regarding the lack of any formal constitution and governance rules. The issue will be raised with the group again, as it is fundamental to the provision of any financial contribution from the Town Council.

Old Road – various concerns were raised by Councillors. Cllr Hillard as IW Cllr, had recently sent an email asking for the Town Council’s support regarding the safety of school children and their parents when walking to Holy Cross School and to request improvements, by asking IWC for capital funding for urgent highway improvements before the resurfacing works scheduled in 2016/17.

RESOLVED

The Council fully support the need for a safe route to school along Old Road and will request that this road is assessed as a priority to secure capital funding to carry out the most urgent highway improvements before the road is resurfaced as scheduled in 2016/17.

IW Councillors report.

Cllr Hillard presented her report and asked the Town Council to officially support Fight for the Wight campaign

RESOLVED

That the Town Council support the Fight the Wight Campaign

4663/16

FINANCES

1. **To note the expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation.**

RESOLVED

That the Bank reconciliation was noted.
That the expenditure against budget will be produced next month as the final figures of this year’s accounts.

2. **To agree payments as presented.**

RESOLVED

That the payments as presented are approved
That a new Direct Debit to the IWC for Osborne Rd toilets rates bill is approved

The Mayor closed the meeting at 20.04

Mayor.....

21st April 2016