

# East Cowes Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of East Cowes Town Council held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes.

## **Present:**

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

**Public Forum:** Questions raised and answered: Web; Christmas tree lighting; litter under the Umbrella Tree; Café furniture on streets (IWC licencing issue).

## **AGENDA**

### **4622 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Hillard

### **4623 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests  
Min no: 4625 (1) Well Rd car park – Interest declared by Councillors Hendry and Hooper as residents of Church Path.

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

### **4624 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and the Extra - Ordinary Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015.

### **4625 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON WELL RD CAR PARK AND ESPLANADE IMPROVEMENTS**

#### **1. Well Rd car park**

A Surveyor at Jones Lang confirmed that planning consent had been granted for this area. The Clerk will find out when the consent expires.

#### **2. Esplanade**

The Town Council's request is under consideration with IWC. Noted that additional S106 money may be available with the new Marina construction.

### **4626 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE BUDGET REVIEW MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2015; TOWN HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015; LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 23<sup>RD</sup> NOV 2015; AAP PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON 26<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2015.**

All minutes noted.

### **4627 TO RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE AAP MEDINA VALLEY CONSULTATION**

Deep water concerns have been covered.

Concern raised regarding the suggested waste site in Whippingham. The location next to the technology park and near to the schools would be completely unacceptable. It was noted that no reference to any such site has been made by Amey. Need clarification of what exactly is proposed for this site?

The above will be added to the comments from the AAP Planning meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov and submitted.

**4628 TO RECEIVE HR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO EMPLOY A PART TIME IWC ENVIRONMENT OFFICER**

Questions raised regarding duties, monitoring and details for a service Level Agreement.

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Council accept the HR recommendation to contract a part time IWC Environment Officer subject to:

- The IWC providing copy of a Service Level Agreement
- That the duties and terms of the SLA will be agreed by the Facilities Committee
- That the Town Council will receive the recommendations of the Facilities Committee and make a final decision, with a potential start date of 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**4629 TO RECEIVE PLANS AND AGREE THE INSTALLATION OF A DISABLED TOILET/BABY CHANGING ROOM IN THE TOWN HALL.**

Further to a review of the provision of compliance with the Equalities Act 2010, the installation of a disabled toilet is needed. Plans were distributed and initial costs of approx. £10000 have been received. If agreed, quotes will be obtained in accordance with Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

**RESOLVED**

That the plans and installation of a disabled toilet and baby changing room in the Town Hall are approved.

**4630 TO RECEIVE THE MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayors report was received and noted.

The Town Council Christmas charity event was very successful and donations of £100 will be forwarded to both the IOW Heart Care Club and the Earl Mountbatten Hospice.

**4631 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

**Osborne Rd Toilets**

An expression of interest and awaiting details of strategy for devolution

**Internal Auditor**

The Clerk reported that further to minute: 4609/15 Mr Barry Townsend has confirmed his availability as Internal Auditor.

**RESOLVED**

That Mr Barry Townsend be appointed Internal Auditor for the 2015/16 audit.

**4632 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS OR MATTERS RAISED FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS**

The following matters were raised

- Further to the press release regarding Victoria Marina Camper Nicholsons Marinas/ Westwood Real Estate will be asked to attend a meeting with the Town Council to present the proposed plans.
- Barnardo's need to purchase a shed for storage of items for their drop and swap facility. Can the Town Council help with a grant? Agenda item next month
- Email communication – noted that emails sent 'fyi -for your information' do not require any response or debate and that town council business should be undertaken at meetings only not via email.
- Floating Bridge charges – income for the half year will be requested from IWC.
- Seagull feeding – reminder for magazine requested.
- Noted the landslip has moved again.

- Waste Forum report – the publicity for the changeover was not distributed and many households were unaware of the changes. Promised improvements for next year.
- Adelaide Grove – new pavements between Falcon Rd to Yarborough Rd have turned green with moss and will become slippery. Island Roads will be informed.
- Red Funnel plans – Cannot keep ping ponging decisions. Town Council is not being kept informed. Still no response with the information requested as per our comments to the plan. There is a lack of joined up thinking and a meeting should be arranged between Red Funnel, ECTC and IW Council in order that everyone can have a collective understanding as to what is going on.

Cllr Barton left the meeting.

**4633 FINANCES**

- 1 To receive and note the expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation**  
**RESOLVED**  
Noted
- 2 To agree payments as presented.**  
**RESOLVED**  
Payments list as presented agreed.
- 3 To receive details of any proposed expenditure for inclusion in the 2016/17 budget**  
Request for funding for a quarterly newsletter or regular inclusion in the Beacon.  
Noted: funding was allocated in this year’s budget but as the Clerk’s work load is already at full capacity, no additional time has been available to pursue the implementation of any newsletter.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 19.55

Mayor .....

Date .....