

East Cowes Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of East Cowes Town Council held at the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes on Thursday 16th June 2016 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Mayor: Cllr M. Webster
Cllrs: P.Lloyd, Hendry, Hillard, Rann, Hooper and M. Lloyd.
Town Clerk: Tina Bailey
Members of the public and press: 2

Presentation

Mr Kevin Newton gave a short presentation on the scheme with the innovative idea to revamp a double decker bus to provide accommodation for homeless people and explained the other organisations who will be involved in providing help and support and how the charity would function. A request for funding was moved for discussion under minute no: 4690/16 and the Town Council warmly thanked Mr Newton for attending and wished the charity every success.

Public Forum:

A question regarding the Esplanade landslip was presented and noted that an answer had already been provided by the landowners, in an email response from the IWC Senior Coastal Surveyor.

4685/16 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Cllr. Barton

4686/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
(i) To receive declarations of pecuniary and non- pecuniary interests
Cllr Hillard declared an interest as an IW Ward Councillor.
Cllr Hooper declared an interest as a Library Volunteer.
(ii) To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None

4687/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2016 were approved and duly signed.

4688/16 DESTINATION COWES
Further to min: 4682/16 to make a final decision whether to make any financial contribution.

The Council were informed that the first planned major event will be in 2017 and reminded that the original concern raised in January was regarding the lack of a constitution and details of financial administration; the latter had been addressed. Discussion raised concerns and views regarding

- the lack of *East Cowes* in the destination name
- that East Cowes has always lost out on these deals
- that with Osborne House on this side of the river and with the Red Funnel plans, proposed hotel at Norris Castle and the new marina development, Cowes is trying to piggyback on East Cowes regeneration.
- East Cowes could promote itself.

A proposal to defer the decision was rejected.

RESOLVED

That East Cowes Town Council pulls out of Destination Cowes.

RESOLVED

Agenda item for the July meeting will be to discuss self promotion of East Cowes, including the possibility of a promotional video.

4689/16 COMMUNITY LIBRARY

To receive the audit report and accept the 2015-2016 accounts.

The Clerk requested that this item be moved to the end of the meeting and held with exclusion of press and public.

4690/16 TO DISCUSS A GRANT REQUEST FROM AGEUK IW GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME

The Clerk reported that 32 residents in East Cowes work as volunteers for the Good Neighbourhood Scheme. AGEUKIW have written to request support towards the ongoing costs to meet the rising demand for help, which has increased by 23% during the first half of this year and show no sign of decreasing.

RESOLVED

That £500 is granted to AGEUKIW specifically for the Good Neighbourhood Scheme

4691/16 PARKING CONSULTATION – TO AGREE ANY COMMENTS.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council's comment is that East Cowes need a long term stay car park

4692/16 ORP BLYSKAWICA COMMITTEE – TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE

RESOLVED

That Cllr Mike Lloyd is nominated the representative

4693/16 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM

1. The Clerk and any correspondence received.

Correspondence

IWC John Cattle Skateclub would like to hold (free) sessions at the Skatepark, once a week throughout the summer holidays again and have asked if the Council would consider contributing funds towards costs of £720. The Clerk advised that they had granted £500 to PCSO Hull last year for a Skatepark competition, which had been deferred until this year. As PCSO Hull is no longer on beat in East Cowes, the Clerk has emailed to try and ascertain the situation and clarify whether an event has been organised this summer holiday and if not, has requested the return of the money which is being held by Hampshire Police.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council is keen to support events at the Skatepark this summer. The Clerk should continue efforts to find out if the Police event will be undertaken or reclaim the grant, which can then be given to the John Cattle Skateclub.

Applications for grants - Applications for grants from local organisations are held once a year. This has been deferred for promotion until July with the closing date of 30th August, to try to generate more interest throughout the summer holidays. Applications received will be dealt with at the September meeting.

Environment report - As the environment officer is on annual leave, there is no report.

The Clerk provided a list of the Town Council's projects and works in 2016 and explained that a long term strategy for maintenance and improvements for the recreations grounds will be developed before the devolution of services from IWC.

2. The Mayor

Mayor reported on her visits to Queensgate and Holy Cross schools, regarding the donation of £250 each from the Mayor's Allowance for the Queens 90th birthday celebrations. At Queensgate the PTA paid the difference and each pupil received the commemorative coin with a picnic at lunch and a party afterwards. At Holy Cross, the parents organised party and the school asked the Mayor if the money could be put towards a new library build. This was agreed and the contribution will be identified as donated to commemorate the Queens 90th Birthday and the Mayor has been asked to open the library when it is completed.

3. Councillors

Festival – noted the Town was quiet. The inflated bus fares charged by the dedicated festival buses as opposed to the standard Southern Vectis fare for the journey, was commented on. The installation of the Portaloo's still had to be chased as they had not been placed in the right areas. IWC are no longer responsible for providing the Portaloo's as changes have been made. This was questioned, as the IWC Licencing Committee imposed conditions 12 years ago and why has it been changed?

Patron's lunch event – no VIP's present but after a wet start it was well attended and charity stalls were happy.

4. IW Councillors

Cllr Hillard's report was noted.

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FINANCES

1. **To note the expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation.**
RESOLVED
Noted
2. **To agree payments list as presented.**
RESOLVED
That the payments are approved.

4695/16

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public are excluded.

RESOLVED

That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw. (1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act s.1(2))

Mayor.....

21st July 2016.