

East Cowes Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of East Cowes Town Council held on Thursday 18th June 2015 at 7pm 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: Seven

Public Forum:

Questions raised regarding the continuing stench from sewage and whether a public meeting would be held by the Town Council regarding the Red Funnel proposals. Two items were moved to agenda item 12 for discussion regarding the Town Council logo on the EC Regeneration website and the IWC Floating Bridge.

Reports from IW Councillor J Baker-Smith and L Hillard

Copies of a written report from Cllr Hillard were circulated.

Police report:

Report from PCSO Hull was received.

4573/15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr L Hillard

4574/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- (i) To receive declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests
The following declarations were made re: minute no: 4576/15 Grant applications
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| Cllr J Rann | Amy White Theatre |
| Cllr M Webster | Amy White Theatre |
| Cllr B Hooper | Amy White Theatre |
| Cllr P. Lloyd | EC Heritage Centre |
- (ii) To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None

4575/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2015

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2015 were approved and duly signed.

4576/15 GRANT APPLICATIONS- TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS AND ALLOCATE GRANTS

Applications received were discussed and the following amounts allocated.

RESOLVED

That the following grants are allocated.

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| 1. 1 st Sea Scouts | £ 500 |
| 2. EC Cricket Club | £ 1100 |
| 3. Hants Police | £ 500 |
| 4. 1 st EC Rainbows | £ 370 |
| 5. 1 st EC Guides | £ 305 |
| 6. Amy White Theatre | £ 150 |
| 7. EC Heritage Centre | £ 250 |
| 8. EC IW Society | £ 550 |

Total £ 3725

4577/15 TO FOMALLY ADOPT THE TOWN PLAN

The presented addendum was discussed and agreed as a declaration of principle.

RESOLVED

That the East Cowes Town Plan is formally adopted with the following addenda

- 1) As adopted with the draft Town Plan dated 3/07/2014 and
- 2) As presented at this meeting dated 18/06/2015.

The Isle of Wight Council will be notified.

4578/15 STANDING ORDERS - TO REMOVE ONE FINANCIAL STANDING ORDER.

The Clerk recommended the removal of Financial Standing Order no 15, petty cash will no longer be held and any reimbursement for minor expenditure, if needed, will be an invoice submitted with receipts.

RESOLVED

Approved that Standing Order no 15 is removed.

4579/15 TO DISCUSS CHANGING THE START TIME OF MEETINGS TO 6pm

RESOLVED

- 1) That the time of the start of the meeting is moved to 18.30 from July 2015.
- 2) That the time for the start of the meeting will be reviewed at the AGM following the next election in May 2017.

4580/15 RED FUNNEL PLANS -To grant authorisation to the Planning Committee to appoint a planning consultant to undertake the Town Council's response to the Red Funnel planning application, when submitted.

Due to the scale and importance to East Cowes residents, the Clerk recommended the Council appoint a planning consultant. Following discussion, the need for a traffic consultant /highway engineer to provide advice was considered to be of greater importance than a planning consultant.

RESOLVED

That in principle the Council agree to appoint relevant professionals to help with the traffic flow.

4581/15 TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR A LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLVED

The next Library Committee meeting will be held on Friday 3rd July at 10.00 am in the Town Hall.

4582/15 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported the response from IWC regarding land disposal/ Red Funnel proposals.

Island Roads requested locations for replacement benches - the Council will ask for the four benches which formed part of the burnt out shelter on the Esplanade, to be replaced.

Consultations on IWC Customer Interface Proposal and the Affordable Housing Draft Supplementary Planning Documents Consultation had been circulated for comment.

4583/15 TO RECEIVE THE MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on a meeting with Cowes to discuss the firework costs and noted that the festival passed very smoothly.

4584/15 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS OR MATTERS RAISED FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Christmas event – as the submitted written motion did not comply with the time limit as per Standing Orders, the Clerk confirmed this matter will be placed on the July agenda for discussion.

Floating Bridge – The situation will be monitored but the town will have to suffer the charges for the time being and wait until the IWC finds out their decisions are not profitable.

Should the Town Council logo be on the East Cowes Regeneration website?
The inclusion of the Town Council logo on this website was agreed as per minute 4552/15. There was no proposal to rescind this decision.

The delay in the provision of the audio equipment as recommended in the Acoustics report was queried. The Facilities Officer will be asked to respond.

ECBA meeting -informal quarterly meetings are being arranged.

A report on a meeting re Destination Cowes was noted.

4585/15 FINANCES

To agree payments and to note the financial report

RESOLVED

That the payments as presented are approved for payment
That the financial report and bank reconciliation were noted.

4586/15 PROPOSAL FOR EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted regarding staffing and financial report, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw. Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act (1960 s1 (2))

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The Mayor closed the meeting at 20.54

Mayor

16th July 2015