

Public oct mins **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 October 2104 at 7.00pm

A Presentation was received from Mr Mark O'Sullivan, AGEUK IW Good Neighbourhood Manager.

Mr O' Sullivan reported on the success of the Good Neighbourhood Scheme and the need for more volunteers to continue and expand. Further details are available from the AGEUKIW offices in Newport or from their website. Mr O'Sullivan was congratulated for winning a National Award for the second time, which he attributed to the work of all the Good Neighbourhood team.

Police report

PC Justin River presented the report, noting one incident of anti social behaviour had been reported in September.

Public Forum

Responses were provided to the following questions regarding update on the Town Plan, Landslip report, Saunders Way, Christmas event and replacement library premises.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Cllr M Lloyd
Cllrs: Hillard, Hendry, P. Lloyd, Rann and Webster
Town Clerk: Tina Bailey
In attendance: PC Justin Rivers.
Members of the public and press: 22

4482/14 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hooper and Cllr Barton O.B.E

4483/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

1. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non- pecuniary interests

Cllr Hillard a declared an interest as an Isle of Wight Councillor and in relation to agenda item 7 Discretionary Services as the IWC Executive Member for Sustainability.

Cllr P Lloyd declared an interest in Floating Bridge as a campaigner

2. To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.

None

4484/14 CHRISTMAS EVENT

To ratify the proportion of budgeted funds available for a) event and b) Christmas Tree

RESOLVED

That The Mayor, Cllr Mike Lloyd will formalise Town Council participation by joining the group organising the event.

That the allocated budget of £2000 will be split with

a) £1200 plus the all additional money raised by fundraising events, to be given as a grant to the Christmas event for licences etc.

b) £800 is earmarked for the Christmas Tree.

4485/14 FINANCES

1. To approve the schedule of payments.

RESOLVED

That the schedule of payments is agreed with one amendment :
That only one prepaid card in the name of the Town Clerk for the sum
of £500 is required for internet banking.

- 2 To receive the bank reconciliation and expenditure against budget to end of
Sept.14

RESOLVED

Noted

- 3 To receive and accept the audit opinion on the Annual Return from BDO

RESOLVED

On receipt of the audit opinion from BDO, the Town Council accepts the
approved Annual Return.

4486/14 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 18th September 2014.

RESOLVED

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been previously circulated,
were approved.

4487/14 MATTERS ARISING

To receive and accept insurance quotes for signage items.

RESOLVED

tax That the Town Council accepts the insurance quote for £96 plus insurance
which will be applied as and when each item is installed.

That the Town Council confirm they will accept responsibility for the signage
items on installation.

A request for a new road sign at the entrance into East Cowes, which will be
dealt with by the Signage Committee.

**4488/14 TO PROVIDE RESPONSE TO IWC RE:
DISCRETIONARY SERVICES - DEFERRED FROM LAST MEETING**

1. To receive a report on the Community Partnership proposed work in Springhill
Woodland. Unfortunately this was not available at the time of the meeting.
2. To consider and respond to the choices regarding grounds maintenance
and beach cleaning contracts and the Environment Officer Service, as
deferred from the September meeting

Grounds Maintenance

RESOLVED

Springhill Woodland

Option E (not to make any financial contribution)

Well Rd planters

Option D (to takeover and maintain)

Jubilee Recreation Ground and Victoria Grove Recreation Ground

Option C (to make a contribution of 50% for Jubilee and Victoria Grove
Recreation grounds in the new IWC grounds maintenance contract)

Beach cleaning

RESOLVED

Option E and G (not to contribute to either contracts)

Environment Officer Support

RESOLVED

Option B (not to contribute to the service)

3. FLOATING BRIDGE PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CHARGES

RESOLVED

That the Town Council opposes any pedestrian charges and all information will be sent in support of this decision.

4. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER NO 1 2014 & PARKING PLACES ORDER NO 2 2014 and (DESIGNATED LOADINGS BAYS) ORDER No 2 2014

RESOLVED

To oppose the changes on the grounds that there is no free long -stay car park within the town needed for commuter traffic and to support the introduction 'Loading only' on the Esplanade, as it will help prevent parked vehicles blocking access to the slipway.

4489/14 FACILITIES ELECTRICAL WORK

1 To approve the electrical work in the Town Hall following the recent inspection.

RESOLVED

Hall That the quote for electrical repair and replacement works in the Town is accepted.

2 To approve the costs of installation of an electricity supply for the skate park lights independent from the Pavilion.

RESOLVED

To accept Option 2 quote and to replace all bulbs with LED and re secure timer.

4490/14 TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT AND NOTE ANY CORRESPONDENCE.

The Town Clerk's report was noted.

RESOLVED

To accept the following recommendations in the Clerk's report:

All written questions are responded to by the Clerk at the time of submission and referred to the Council or Mayor as necessary or for information as correspondence

That Care in the Garden are asked take on the maintenance of Cadets Walk along with the other work for the Town Council

That the library accounts should be transferred for self -administration by the library. A meeting with the Library Committee will be arranged to discuss how to progress this.

Field Marshall Viscount Gore VC – Paving stone. Refer to IW Council.

4491/14 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS OR QUESTIONS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS.

A report from the library was received and discussed.

RESOLVED

A meeting of the library committee will be convened to discuss future site for library. In the absence of Cllr.Barton, Cllr P Lloyd agreed to step

in as
Acting chairman for any library committee meeting

4492/14 REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM

The Mayor and the IW Ward Councillors J. Baker- Smith.

4493/14 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted regarding staffing and contracts, 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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Chairman

Date