



East Cowes Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of East Cowes Town Council held on Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7pm in the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes.

Present:

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

Public Forum: Request that the case for a public interchange is included in the Solent Gateway Workshop discussions and should be part of the planning condition; concerns raised regarding the loss of the Classic Boat Museum if no permanent home can be found in the new development and notification of a beach clean to be held on 26th April.

Reports from IW Councillor J Baker-Smith and L Hillard. None

Police report: Written report received with no crime reported.

4529/15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

4529/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

2.1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:

Cllr Hillard as both Member of the Isle of Wight Council and as an Executive Member and specifically to Discretionary Services (Min: 4534/15) & Church Path Min: (4536/15b)

Cllr Hooper as a resident of Church Path (Min: 4536/ 15b)

Cllr Hendry as a resident of Church Path (Min: 4536/15b)

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

None

4530/15 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2015

RESOLVED

The minutes were approved and duly signed

4531/15 FLOATING BRIDGE CHARGES - TO DISCUSS JUDICIAL REVIEW

Some residents have asked if a judicial review could be undertaken to challenge the Isle of Wight Council's recent decision. The Town Council noted the comprehensive report, which had been previously circulated, detailing the requirements and process of a judicial review. The timescale, costs and risks, which would include payment of the other parties' costs if unsuccessful, were also considered.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council will not proceed with a judicial review challenge.

54532/15 GRANTS POLICY -TO REVIEW THE DATES FOR APPLICATIONS

The closing dates for grant applications in the current policy, has caused some confusion. The Clerk suggested just one grant date a year for applications and recommended improved advertising and notification of the availability of these grants to all local groups.

RESOLVED

That the agreed date for receiving grant applications will be May.

4533/15 RED FUNNEL STAKEHOLDER MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP – TO AGREE THREE ATTENDEES.

There had been confusion regarding the invitation and it was noted that Red Funnel had originally agreed that all the Town Council would be invited. It was queried why Whippingham PC had been invited and only a limited number of ECTC?

RESOLVED

The response to the IW Council will be that it is the wish that all of East Cowes Town Council be invited to attend.

4534/15 DISCRETIONARY SERVICES - CLERK TO REPORT ON MEETING WITH LEE MATTHEWS AND TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS

The Clerk provided details of the proposals for maintenance of the two recreation grounds and Esplanade and advised that the costings from the IWC had not yet been provided. The Clerk advised against taking responsibility for any trees or ditches. The cost for using independent contractors to cut and strim the grass could be in the region of £2500 - £3000.

RESOLVED

(1) That the IW Council will be advised that the Town Council is minded to pass the allocated £3700 towards maintenance of the Victoria Grove and Jubilee Recreation grounds but in return want to know the details of what specific work will be undertaken for this amount.

(2) That the Facilities Committee will deal with the IWC response and report back to the Town Council next meeting.

4535/15 TOWN HALL ACOUSTICS REPORT - TO RECEIVE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Clerk provided two quotes, the lowest being nearly one third of the allocated budget of £2500 and advised that an alternative recommendation had been made by the Facilities Officer, which would be considerably cheaper.

RESOLVED

To obtain another quote for consideration by the Town Hall Committee meeting.

4536/15 PARKING ISSUES

a) Parking at the Medical Centre

It has been noted that the car park appears underused. The need for full access for services and personnel using the medical centre was explained.

b) Church Path

It was felt that Island Roads need to communicate in person and noted that the TRO was a condition in outline planning conditions for SEEDA .

RESOLVED

That the IWC are asked to provide copy of the planning condition

c) GKN staff on street parking – resident enquiry

Noted that this matter had been raised with GKN in the past but they cannot tell anyone where to park on a highway. Previous enquiries around the surrounding roads regarding the introduction of parking permits had only prompted 21 replies and noted that permits cannot not guarantee a parking space.

4537/15 EAST COWES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

To discuss nominating a Town Council representative/s to attend ECBA meetings and provide a report back to the Town Council

RESOLVED

The Council will meet with ECBA for an informal meeting – date and time to be confirmed.

4538/15 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND ANY CORRESPONDENCE

- The Clerk’s verbal report and the update from the Facilities Officer were noted.
- A Town Hall Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st at 10am.
- A Clerk’s meeting is being arranged with SLCC advisors to discuss the implications of the Transparency Code.
- Correspondence was noted.
- Island Roads – invitation to attend a meeting in Newport to discuss traffic management of the resurfacing of Whippingham Rd from Racecourse Roundabout to Crossways Road before the School Summer Holidays.

RESOLVED

To invite Island Roads to meet in either in Whippingham Community Centre or the Town Hall on Monday 30th March. Town Clerk to liaise with Whippingham Parish Clerk.

4539/15 TO RECEIVE THE MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the seminar arranged by the County Training Partnership attended with Cllrs Rann and Webster and the Town Clerk.

4540/15 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS OR MATTERS RAISED FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

- It was asked if the Town Council could afford to purchase a new sign by the floating bridge.
The Clerk will make enquires with the signage group.
- Will the destroyed shelter at the Esplanade be replaced?
The Clerk advised that she had been informed that this was the responsibility of Island Roads and the IWC had been chasing this up.

Councillors Barton and Hillard left the meeting.

4541/15 EXCLUSION OF PRESS

The Clerk requested that in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted regarding finance, tender and staffing, 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 20.55

Mayor

Dated: 16th April 2015