



East Cowes Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of East Cowes Town Council held on Thursday 17th September 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes.

Present:

Cllrs: Hendry (Deputy Mayor), Hillard, M. Lloyd and Hooper

Town Clerk: Tina Bailey

Members of the public and press: 11

Public Forum: Questions were raised and answered where possible. The Clerk will send a letter on behalf of the Town Council and East Cowes residents, thanking PCSO Steve Hull and wishing him a speedy return to good health.

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor took the chair.

4602/15 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs: M Webster, P. Lloyd, J. Rann and M. Barton.
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4603/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests
Cllr Hillard declared an interest as an IW Councillor and Executive Member for Sustainability and Organisational Change.
- 2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None

4604/15 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th July 2015

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2015 was approved and duly signed. Two abstentions.

4605/15 TO DISCUSS THE ESPLANADE

The Clerk asked if this item could be deferred to the next meeting, due to the absence of half of the Council who were interested in this issue. This request was declined.

This item was further to the letter in the IWCP from an East Cowes resident, regarding the dismal state of the Esplanade. The area is a principal park owned and maintained by IWC as and is neglected and dilapidated. The road is under the remit of Island Roads and should be resurfaced within the next 5 years. A replacement shelter for the one burnt down last year, could be paid from s106 money (estimated costs around £20K). The repairs required for the other shelter are pending.

Proposed

That a request is made to the Island Roads Superintendent to attend a Town Council or Facilities Committee meeting regarding this area.

RESOLVED

That the Island Roads Superintendent will be asked if he could attend to attend either a Town Council or Facilities Committee Meeting.

4606/15 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF:

The Town Hall Committee Meeting on 21st July 2015 and Facility Committee Meeting on 29th August 2015.

The minutes were noted.

4607/15

CHRISTMAS 2015 UPDATE

A table top sale will be held in the Town Hall on the morning of 5th December and an evening event is planned. Further details to follow.

4608/15

TO RECEIVE THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Deferred.

4609/15

TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Bestival / Toilet provision.
The Clerk reported that the Town Council had received a complaint from Waitrose regarding the lack of Portaloos provision for the Bestival influx, and this matter needs to be taken up with IWC.

- Internal Auditor
The use of a mainland Auditor has been more expensive and time consuming than usual. The Clerk reported that a local Auditor has since been recommended and could be approached.
RESOLVED
That an Island based Internal Auditor is the preferred choice and should be pursued.

- Planning Meeting for Red Funnel Plans
The Clerk advised that the date and time of the meeting for Councillors with the Planning Consultant will be confirmed. The plans would be reviewed at a planning meeting earmarked for 1st Oct and will include an extended public question time. Due to the number of Councillors absent, these details will be confirmed.

4610/15

TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS OR MATTERS RAISED FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

At a recent informal meeting between ECBA and Town Councillors, the problems regarding the lack of toilet provision during the Bestival had also been raised and a request that a letter be sent to IWC demanding the festival organisers comply with the conditions of licence was agreed.

4611/15

TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS FROM IW WARD COUNCILLORS

Verbal reports were received from IW Ward Councillors Baker-Smith and Hillard.

4612/15

FINANCES

1. To receive and note the financial report
RESOLVED
That the expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation are noted

2. To agree payments as presented
RESOLVED
That the payments list is approved.

3. To receive the conclusion of Annual Audit
Deferred as the conclusion of Audit has not yet been received.

The Deputy Mayor closed the meeting.

Mayor.....

15th October 2015