



East Cowes Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of East Cowes Town Council held on Thursday 16th April 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: Two

Public Forum: Questions regarding a public interchange and has ECTC confirmation from IWC that Trinity and Dover Rd will remain part of East Cowes and not under the ownership of Red Funnel? Request for support to achieve DEFRA water bathing quality. Responses provided as per min no: 4554/15

IW Councillors Report: Cllr Luisa Hillard provided a verbal report.

4546/15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

4547/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

2.1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non- pecuniary interests
Cllr Hillard as IW Councillor and Executive Member and specifically to Discretionary Services (Min: 4550/15)

2.2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None

4548/15 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2015 RESOLVED

The minutes, which had been circulated, were approved with the following amendment noted.

That under IW Councillors Reports Cllr Hillard had provided a verbal report.

4549/15 TOWN HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chairman provided an update from the minutes of the committee meeting. It was agreed to circulate the committee minutes to the full council in advance of the Town Council meeting

The Clerk explained that the committee has a lot to discuss and proposed work, quotes and recommendations will be brought back to the council when compiled. The Clerk also advised a placement chair trolley was purchased as a health and safety requirement.

The next Town Hall Committee meeting scheduled for 28th May is cancelled and will be rescheduled.

4550/15 FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The IWC grounds maintenance contract has been already instigated as operations for this year had to be finalised. ECTC is included in this year's contract. The Town Council can consider taking over grounds maintenance next year and the Clerk suggested that this is reviewed again in the autumn.

The IWC has asked for clarification regarding the fencing around the children's play area which will be supplied and the Esplanade Paddling Pool will be open for the 4th May Bank holiday.

The ROSPA report has been forwarded to the Facilities Committee members.

4551/15

CONSULTATION

To comment on consultation review of the strategic housing policy (policy SP2) of the Island Plan Core Strategy.

Noted.

4552/15

CLERK REPORT

The Clerk's verbal report was noted.

Policing - East Cowes is now part of NE localised area and police support is based at Ryde. New PCSO Steve has called into the Town Hall to make contact and is keen to become involved with the talent show in July.

Correspondence received noted.

Correspondence for comment:

- Aberdeen Asset Management – request for grant towards fireworks

RESOLVED

East Cowes will not provide a grant.

- East Cowed Regeneration project – request for use of ECTC logo.

RESOLVED

Permission granted

Request for grants.

An advert for grant application has been placed in the EC and Whippingham News May edition

4553/15

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor reported that he will be attending the O.R.P. Blyskawica commemoration event on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May and a wreath has been purchased.

4554/15

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Further to the public forum the following proposals were made.

a) Proposal

That the Town Council supports the designation of the esplanade beach to achieve DEFRA water bathing quality status.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council fully supports the designation of the esplanade beach to achieve DEFRA water bathing quality status.

b) Proposal

That the Town Council write to IWC requesting that a traffic interchange is formally agreed by Red Funnel and obtain confirmation from IWC that Trinity and Dover Rd will remain part of East Cowes and not under the ownership of Red Funnel?

RESOLVED

That the Town Council will write to the Isle of Wight Council requesting that

- i) a traffic interchange is formally agreed by Red Funnel and
- ii) Confirmation that Trinity Rd and Dover Rd will remain part of East Cowes and will not be disposed of to the ownership of Red Funnel

4555/15

TOWN HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT - Installation of solar panels

Cllr Hillard suggested the Town Council considers the installation of solar panels under the IWC scheme, at the time as the roof is replaced and whilst scaffolding is in situ as the Town Council would benefit from all the electricity generated.

The Clerk advised this issue had been previously discussed and the Town Council had been informed that as they are just tenants they would only have a small reduction in any electricity used during daylight hours but the owners of the building, the IWC, would benefit financially from the surplus electricity generated into the feed -in tariff. The Town Hall is also in a conservation area.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk obtain further details.

4556/15

FINANCES

To receive the financial report and approve payments

The financial report was noted.

RESOLVED

The list of payments is approved.

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit will be undertaken on 1st May.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 20.22

Mayor.....
21st May 2015.