

EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Monday 1st April at 10.00 a.m.** in the Town Hall, East Cowes to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Rann (Chair), Cllrs Paler, Webster, Packham, Love, Lloyd
S Chilton (Town Clerk), Claire Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), 1 member of the public

FO97/19 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Hendry who had a work commitment, Cllr Walker who had a domestic issue.

FO98/19 To receive Declarations of Interest

2.1 No declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests were given

Cllr Rann declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application P/00219/19 Apt 7, Admirals Point 73, Cambridge Road as she is a resident in the road.

2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received

FO99/19 Saunders Way update and funding/plans for the East Cowes road network

1 Saunders Way - Chis Ashman (CA) gave an update on Saunders Way, explaining that it had been a long-standing requirement from Barratts and was a planning condition. Island Roads had raised concerns on the scheme that had been presented by Barratts in respect of the access/width of the road being insufficient. Barratts are now revisiting this and a meeting would take place this week. CA assured the Council that the scheme would be implemented. Councillors emphasised that the scheme had been promised 10 years ago and that they wanted written confirmation of a completion date. Councillors also stated that there had been a promise made that there would be development for the ship building industry at Kingston Marine Park and nothing had happened. Cllr Rann asked that CA come back to a future meeting with some answers.

2 East Cowes road network – CA stated that improvements to the network were linked and would run in parallel with the Red Funnel proposals for improved access to their terminal. He also informed the Council of the potential acquisition of the Columbine Building by IW Council. He stated that the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (SLEP) had seen East Cowes as a gateway proposal. Cllr Love stated that there had been no consultation from SLEP with the Town Council and that the Council were unaware of any revised plans from Red Funnel and that the Council had now been told that there was no funding available from SLEP money. CA said the planning application covered all proposals, but Cllr Love said that these had been changed. Cllr Rann stated that the Council needed accurate, up to date information. CA said that the Floating Bridge had been part of the application that was funded by the SLEP but that other aspects of the application had been delayed by planning and funding had gone to other projects in the south. There would be a requirement to reapply for future funding. CA spoke about Venture Quays and this led to a great deal of discussion around Venture Quays not being part of the central road system, and that the Council needed to know what was planned strategically for the centre of the Town. Cllr Rann requested that CA bring more information on future proposals for the Town's traffic network when he returned to a future meeting to which CA agreed. Cllr Rann thanked CA for attending.

FO100/19 Planning Applications

1 Application No: P/00255/19

Location: 96 Adelaide Grove, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO32 6DD

Proposal: Proposed extension

Resolved: No objection

2 Application No: P/00219/19

Location: Apartment 7, Admirals Point 73, Cambridge Road, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO32

Proposal: Condition should be varied to remove the restriction to allow the roof terrace to Flat 9 to be used as a balcony, roof garden or similar amenity area

Resolved: Objection on the grounds of loss of privacy and overlooking neighbouring properties

3 Application No: P/00211/19

Location: GKN, Falcon Road Works, Clarence Road, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO326RA

Proposal: Provision of 1 no. additional Fire Escape door onto Clarence Road.

Resolved: No objections but comment that it should only be used as a fire escape and not a general ingress/egress point.

FO101/19 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 4th March 2019 were agreed and signed

FO102/19 Seafront

An update was given on the seafront amenities

Electricity supply - The comments made by the Facilities Officer regarding the current electrical supply at the Esplanade toilets being unsuitable for use by the EC2019 festival were noted. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the cost of a new supply.

Resolved: The Clerk to investigate an additional power supply

Palm Trees – Some discussion about the location of palm trees on the Esplanade took place and a site visit was arranged. The Clerk was asked to check how many trees the budget would cover and whether there would be any issues raised by the IW Council conservation officer.

Resolved: Councillors to attend a site visit on 5th April at 10.00 to determine the location of trees. Clerk to investigate the numbers of trees to be purchased and to contact the Conservation Officer re permission.

Paddling Pool – The Clerk reported that the contractor would complete the refurbishment by the beginning of May. Councillors felt that it would be beneficial to open it for Easter.

Resolved: To open the paddling pool for Easter

CCTV – The Clerk advised that as the original company chosen for this contract could no longer fulfil the requirements, she was seeking a quote from another company.

Resolved: Clerk to present new quote to the Council

FO103/19 Environment Officers Report

The report of the Environment Officer was noted

FO104/19 Town Map

The Clerk gave an update on the status of the Town Map. It was noted that the contractor was having difficulty in delivering the specification agreed. The Council felt that it was inadvisable to continue with this contractor and that temporary arrangements should be made for the current year. It was also agreed to revert to a local company who had been 2nd when the original contract was awarded for next year's map.

Resolved: To terminate the current contract and to make temporary arrangements for this year. To engage the company who had been judged 2nd choice to produce a map for next year.

FO105/19 Litter Pick

Cllr Rann gave information regarding the arrangements for the Community Litter Pick and asked for volunteers. Cllr Lloyd had prepared 3 routes. Cllr Webster volunteered to provide refreshments.

Resolved: Cllrs Walker, Love, Rann, Lloyd, Paler and Packham would attend the litter pick, Cllr Webster would provide the refreshments.

FO106/19 V&A Planters

A request to plant a memorial V&A on the Councils ground had been received from the Friends of East Cowes. Councillors agreed that this was a good idea.

Resolved: The commemorative planting to be placed in the bed by the large community notice board and the watering to be undertaken by the caretakers

FO107/19 Hovercraft Propeller

The Clerk advised Council that Lee Matthews was investigating the locations that had been identified by councillors and would advise the Council in due course.

FO108/19 Stained Glass Windows

Cllr Paler stated that the Heritage Centre were interested in having one of the stained-glass windows that had been rescued. Cllr Love said that only one window was complete. Councillors also discussed how the windows could be incorporated into a structure within the proposed community hub at some point in the future. A stained-glass maker had offered help.

Resolved: That the Heritage Centre be given the complete window. That the remaining windows be used in the proposed community hub and that the stained-glass maker be asked for advice and ideas.

FO109/19 EC2019 Event

The Clerk informed the Council that their insurers wanted an additional premium to cover the EC2019 event. After some discussion it was suggested that the remainder of the allocation of £4527.00 that the Council had agreed for this project, be given as a grant to the East Cowes Community Partnership which would only require them to provide evidence of spend on the items agreed by Full Council.

Resolved: It was agreed that a grant be made to the East Cowes Community Partnership for the balance of the £4527.00 on the condition that the partnership provided evidence of spend, on the items that were originally agreed, to Full Council.

FO110/19 May Meeting

The Council discussed a new date for the May meeting as the original date would be falling on a Bank Holiday.

Resolved: It was agreed that the next meeting of the F, P&E committee would be held on Tuesday 7th May.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.37am