

## EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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, Walker, Lloyd, Love  
S Chilton (Town Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk)

### **Public Forum**

No members of the public present

### **FO124/19 To appoint a Chair and Deputy Chair of the Facilities, Projects and Events Committee**

1.1 Cllr Rann was nominated for Chair by Cllr Webster, seconded by Cllr Walker. Cllr Paler was nominated by Cllr Lloyd and seconded by Cllr Love. A ballot was held by a show of hands.

**Resolved:** Cllr Rann was duly elected as Chair.

1.2 Cllr Paler was nominated for Deputy Chair by Cllr Rann, seconded by Cllr Webster. A ballot was held by a show of hands.

**Resolved:** Cllr Paler was duly elected as Deputy Chair.

### **FO125/19 To receive apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hendry who had work commitments

### **FO126/19 To receive Declarations of Interest**

3.1 Cllr Love declared as a member of ECBA, ECCP and IWC. Cllr Paler declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Isle of Wight Society and ECCP. Cllr Rann declared a non-pecuniary interest as a volunteer of the RNLI.

3.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

### **FO127/19 Mountbatten Neighbours Project, Sally List**

Sally List from the Mountbatten Hospice gave a presentation about the National Strategy to Reduce Loneliness and how the Mountbatten Neighbours Project aims to help. Hospice UK has provided funding to train volunteers in 6 areas on the Isle of Wight including East Cowes. 2 of the Mountbatten charity shops on the island have cafes and run some social activities. The provision of training venues and social spaces is important for the success of the project. Cllrs felt that the Parkside Pavilion in East Cowes would be a good venue. Cllr Love offered to talk to SL about possible training venues in the town. SL was thanked for her presentation. A copy of which is available in the Clerk's Office.

### **FO128/19 Police Report, Stephen Hull (PCSO)**

Stephen Hull explained that he and one other PCSO cover a large area of the island including East Cowes. He stated that they hope to increase engagement with the public and with schools. SH apologised for the lack of police support over the EC2019 events over the bank holiday weekend. SH stated that he usually tweets on the Hampshire/Isle of Wight Police forum when he is in the town. Cllr Love recounted several incidents over the course of the weekend involving drunken and aggressive behaviour when he had called 101 and 999 but there had been no response. Cllr Webster stated that East Cowes had previously had a team of 5 officers (a Police Sergeant, 2 PCs

and 2 PCSOs). The Council felt that a letter should be written to the police asking for clarification on 999 calls.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write a letter of complaint to the police authority to clarify in what circumstances police will attend when 999 is called.

#### **FO129/19 Minutes**

Mayor moved a resolution to approve the minutes which was agreed.

**Resolved:** Minutes were approved and signed

#### **FO130/19 Environment Officers Report**

Cllrs read a written report submitted by the Environment Officer. Cllr Webster raised concerns about a man in a mobility scooter whose 2 dogs that repeatedly foul outside the Conservative Club. A suggestion was put forward for the council to be proactive in this matter and provide a scoop to the person. This was seconded and agreed.

**Resolved:** Environment Officers report noted. To purchase a few long-handled poop-a-scoop kits and bags and provide the disabled gentleman with one as a trial.

#### **FO131/19 Town Council Newsletter**

Cllrs discussed the frequency of the Town Council newsletter. It was felt that it would be better to produce a more comprehensive newsletter that looks forward to future events as well as reporting on things that have happened. Cllr Love suggested looking at the town leaflet from Coburg as an example of what could be produced for East Cowes. It was proposed that a newsletter be printed for June and then a quarterly one be issued. This was seconded and agreed.

**Resolved:** To produce one last monthly newsletter for June and to go ahead with a quarterly newsletter with the first edition being published in September

#### **FO132/19 Facilities, Projects and Events meeting schedule**

There was a discussion about the frequency of meetings. Bi-monthly meetings might be appropriate now that several large projects have been completed. Councillors felt that consideration could be given to a sub-group or working party for the community hub project. Cllr Love suggested that it would be useful to compile diary of events for the year to inform the agenda. It was proposed that meetings change to bi-monthly which was seconded. An amendment was proposed to form a sub-committee. It was pointed out that any committee, including sub-committees, would need to be clerked and meet the same arrangements as any council meeting so nothing would be gained. A second proposal that meetings stay as at present and be reviewed in October. A vote was taken on the amendment, which was defeated and the original proposal, which was also defeated. A subsequent vote was taken on the proposal to review in October which was agreed.

**Resolved:** To continue with monthly meetings at present and review frequency and timings of meetings in October

#### **FO133/19 Town Map Update**

The map artist will be meeting with the Clerk on 6<sup>th</sup> June. Cllrs were invited to submit any ideas about what should be included. An update will be provided at the July meeting. Councillors felt that the Council should have a map ready for circulation next year.

**Resolved:** To have a draft for consideration/approval in September with a view to distribution in Spring 2020.

**FO134/19 Enforcement Issues**

The Clerk had received a report from the Area Compliance Officer, Enforcement Team at IWC advising that further information has been requested from the landowner about the spectator's hut on the old tennis courts on the seafront. He has been advised that if it is to be in place in the longer term, he will need to apply for planning permission or remove it. Further details to follow.

**FO135/19 Skateboarding Sessions**

There was a discussion about the provision of a grant for skateboarding sessions for schoolchildren in the summer holidays. Councillors felt that the general idea was sound and that it had been successful in previous years and should be supported. Discussion then took place about the name being used by the company (Wight Trash) who were providing the lessons. Some Councillors felt that the name could be interpreted as derogatory and the connotations leading on from that could be huge. A general discussion ensued about the value of providing the lessons for local children. It was pointed out that the request for funding had been made in the name of the John Cattle Skate Club. It was proposed and seconded that the grant be given on condition that the name "Wight Trash" was not used in any way in publicity linked to the event. A vote was taken, and the proposal agreed.

**Resolved: To award a grant of £700 on condition that the name "Wight Trash" was not used in any publicity for the event.**

**FO136/19 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that it is in the public interest that the press and public are excluded (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s 1(2)). The Chair duly moved to exclude the press and public for the following items.

Contractual and other confidential matters were considered

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.07pm