

EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on: **Tuesday 7th May at 10.00 a.m.** in the Town Hall, East Cowes to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Sue Chilton, Town Clerk

Present: Cllr Rann (Chair), Cllrs Paler, Webster, Packham, Walker, Lloyd, Love
S Chilton (Town Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), 3 members of the public

Public Forum

- A member of the public asked whether the bus stop previously located outside the town hall could be reinstated. This will tie in well with the planned community hub.

FO111/19 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Hendry who had work commitments and Cllr Webster who was unable to attend for domestic reasons

FO112/19 To receive Declarations of Interest

2.1 Cllr Love declared his membership of ECBA, ECCP and IWC

2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received

FO113/19 East Cowes Traffic Plan, Chris Ashman, Director of Regeneration, Isle of Wight Council

3.1 CA attending today as follow up to attending the meeting on 1st April. James Brewer (Savills) and Nick Smith (Red Funnel) also attended. JB explained the demolition works were progressing. A package of highway works to accommodate the new terminal will include the widening of Castle Street to the east and improvements to the roundabout and reconfiguration of the link Road and York Avenue area from 1-way to 2-way traffic. Under the s.106 agreement the Castle Street works will be completed before the terminal opens and the remaining works within 3 months or as agreed by the IWC. The on-going talks with Island Roads about the best layout for the Well Road/York Avenue area are about 75% complete. Councillors voiced concerns about the new road layout. JB gave reassurances that the diagonal parking spaces will be retained and that the works near the square are intended to be kept within the existing highway. Parking on Link Road will be retained. There is a possibility that the works could be done as one operation rather than in 2 stages. A detailed plan should be available by June/July. JB agreed to attend the full council meeting on 20th June 7pm at the Town Hall to provide an update.

3.2 CA explained that original objections from Vikoma had been taken into account but there had not been enough discussion with Island Fuels about their access needs. Barratts have been re-examining the scheme and the documents are expected to be signed off during June and it is likely contractor will have three months from then to complete the works.

FO114/19 Crossways Development

Sarah Chatwin (Director ERM) attended. ERM have been commissioned by joint developers PSP and IWC to assist with the public consultation about this residential development on the parcel of land next to the Queensgate Primary school. Their brief is to assist the community to understand how the community can Stage 1 takes place June to November 2019. Two exhibitions will be held for local people during June and online information will be available. The provisional date for PSP to submit outline planning permission is August/September. If approved a second set of exhibitions will be held March/April 2020 and formal consultation will end August 2020. Councillors raised concerns about over development, pollution and the additional traffic. SC stated that she has been in touch with the Clerk at Whippingham.

FO115/19 Planning Applications

CLlr Rann read out the material considerations

5.1 Application No: 19/00030/FUL Location: Land adjoining 1 Old Road, East Cowes Proposal: Demolition of air raid shelter; construction of a new dwelling.

Resolved: To object on the grounds of the density of the building which amounted to overdevelopment and loss of privacy

5.2 Application No: 19/00078/RVC Location: Admirals Point 73 Cambridge Road, East Cowes PO32 6AH Proposal: Variation of conditions 3 & 4 on P/00803/12 to allow removal of maintenance only area on 3rd floor balcony.

Resolved: To object on grounds of loss of privacy

FO116/19 Minutes

Resolved: Minutes were approved and signed.

FO117/19 Refill, Isle of Wight

A request was received to support a refill initiative by having a refill station in the town hall, promoting the scheme and encouraging staff to use refillable bottles. It was felt impracticable to have a station in the town hall

Resolved: To erect a refill sign by the shower/tap on the Esplanade. To advise businesses in the town about the project as they might wish to support it.

FO118/19 IW Festival of the Mind

A request had been made to support an event for the mental wellbeing of Island Residents

Resolved: To approve a grant of £100

FO119/19 Seafront

Bells landing

The Clerk has written to the Head of Legal Services at the IWC about Bells landing being put back into public ownership and removing the covenants now development will not be going ahead. CLlr Lloyd explained that there were covenants going back to 1872. These had been scanned in and sent to off Head of Legal Services. A response is awaited. Concerns were raised about the dangerous condition of the slipway.

Resolved: To write to the Harbour Commission about the cleaning and maintenance of the slip way

Electricity Supply

The public toilets on the Esplanade have been fitted with a more robust fuse box in a lockable box with no public access.

Palm Trees

Following consultation with Lee Matthews at IWC and the Conservation officer it is advised to revisit this during the Autumn.

Paddling Pool

This has been refurbished. Valves have been replaced. The caretaker maintaining it to a high standard and there has been positive feedback from the public.

CCTV

Trellis works who completed the CCTV at the Red Funnel car park have advised there are 2 possible solutions for erecting CCTV at the Skate Park and the Esplanade. One option is a streaming service to the town council offices which switches to a monitoring service when the town hall office is closed, with footage only examined if an incident occurred. Secondly, a 24-hour monitoring service could be provided. The contractors have all the relevant safeguards and data protection provisions in place. There will be additional cost for installation of concrete pads and masts. Further information will be brought to the F, P& E committee in June.

FO120/19 Litter Pick

22 people took part in the litter pick which covered the town centre area and Cadet's Walk. Equipment was provided by the town council. 65kg of rubbish was collected. Future litter picks will be arranged with the Parkside Pavilion being used as a contact point. Congratulations were voiced for this successful event.

Resolved: To hold the next litter pick in June and to consider developing a Green Policy for the town

FO121/19 Hovercraft Propeller

Lee Matthews at IWC has checked the locations identified and stated that Bells Green is considered the best location. He has advised to wait for the outcome of discussions with IWC Legal Services before a firm decision is made. The propeller will be stored at Wight Shipyards until it can be sited.

FO122/19 Finger Posts

The Library cast iron finger post needs to be repositioned now that the library has relocated.

Resolved: To find out the cost for additional finger posts for St James' Church and the Heritage Centre for the next meeting

FO123/19 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 Matters were considered

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.23pm