

EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 5th September 2019 at 7.00 p.m.** in the Town Hall, East Cowes to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Rann (Chair), Cllrs Paler, Packham, Walker, Lloyd, Love, Webster, Hendry
C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), M Collis (Facilities Officer), 1 member of the public present

Public Forum

- Contractor investigations had been noted on the Crossways site.

FO151/19 Apologies

There were no apologies.

FO152/19 Declarations of Interest

2.1 Cllr Love declared non-pecuniary interests as a member of East Cowes Business Assoc, East Cowes Community Partnership, and ward councillor for IWC. Cllr Hendry declared a non-pecuniary interest as IWC ward councillor for Whippingham.

2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO153/19 Minutes

The Mayor moved a resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st July 2019 which were agreed.

Resolved: Minutes were approved and signed.

FO154/19 CCTV

The Facilities Officer stated that his report would be circulated to councillors the following day. Trellis Works have been given permission by Cowes Harbour Commission to use their mast for 24-hour CCTV surveillance. Ancillary cabinets, bases and cables now need to be installed on the Esplanade and a short cable to an existing mast at the Skate Park. The cameras have a fisheye lens and cover a wide angle. Appropriate signage will be displayed.

FO155/19 Litter/Dog Bin Report

5.1 The Facilities Officer gave his report on this matter. 8 new sites have been identified that would benefit from installation of new bins. It was noted that bins located at some of these sites previously had been removed due to vandalism. The cost of eco-bins including delivery and fixing kits is £480 per bin. Weekly emptying is £2.45 per collection. There are currently 3 providers of waste services under contract from IWC. Amey empty bins at York Avenue, Bumblebee Playground and the Skate Park, Island Roads cover the main network and John O'Connor covers the remaining play areas and the Esplanade. Island Roads have indicated that they will not supply any additional dog waste bins as dog waste can be deposited in regular waste bins. The Facilities Officer has concerns about this policy particularly in children's playgrounds. The public need to understand that they pay for this through their precept and this will be shared in the newsletter.

5.2 Councillors discussed the report.

Resolved: To post details of the bin emptying schedule on the Town Council website. The Facilities Officer will provide full current costings of emptying the bins, options for alternative providers with costs and report to the Facilities, Projects and Events Committee meeting in November. The clerk will find out when it is possible to opt out of the IWC contract.

FO156/19 Town Map Update

The Assistant Clerk distributed the latest draft of the town map. Councillors asked that the Fire Station, Kingston Cemetery and churches be shown. The next draft will be brought to the Full Council meeting on October 17th.

FO157/19 Community Hub

It was suggested that it would be useful to have a visual image of the proposed new building. Regular meetings have been set up with the architects. Rainey Petrie had advised that an arboriculturalist report, including full scale survey plans and elevations, will be needed for this project, in addition to the original agreed preparatory work.

Resolved: To instruct Rainey Petrie to go ahead with the Arboriculture report

FO158/19 V E Day

Cllr Paler reported that there will be a meeting in the next few weeks to appoint a committee for the 75th anniversary event. The Town Hall has been provisionally booked for Friday 8th and Saturday 9th May 2020. Cllr Paler will report back to the Facilities Projects and Events Committee meeting on 7th November with a full list of proposed activities. East Cowes Community Partnership will be seeking support and sponsorship.

Resolved: The Town Council supports this project in principal

FO159/19 Arts & Culture events in East Cowes

The Mayors ideas have already been noted by the group. Cllr Paler will bring a list of proposed programmes of events to the Full Council meeting on 19th September.

FO160/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

A motion 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. (1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act s1 (2)), was duly moved, seconded and agreed.

Resolved: To exclude the press and public for the next item

Civic Matters

Contractual Matters

The Council considered contractual quotes relating to 3 matters and awarded contracts based on the most economically advantageous quotes.

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

Signed

Dated