

## Council Meeting Dates

### 2019/20

Members of the public are welcome to attend. All meetings take place at East Cowes Town Hall. Time is set aside at the start of the meeting for public questions relating to items on the agenda.

#### **FULL COUNCIL - 7pm**

19<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
2020

16<sup>th</sup> January  
20<sup>th</sup> February  
19<sup>th</sup> March  
16<sup>th</sup> April  
21<sup>st</sup> May

#### **FACILITIES, PROJECTS AND EVENTS**

##### **COMMITTEE - 7pm**

2020  
6<sup>th</sup> February  
2<sup>nd</sup> April

#### **PLANNING**

##### **COMMITTEE -10am**

Arranged from time to time as applications arise

Agendas are published 3 clear days before the meeting on the town council website and on the noticeboards outside the Town Hall, at the Bumblebee Play Area and at the Parkside Pavilion.



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## Mayor's Quarterly Report

Dear Resident,

Welcome to our December issue of the East Cowes Town Crier. During the last quarter we seem to have received rain and yet more rain. However, as the weather seems to become colder and frostier it reminds us that we are nearing the Christmas season with all the joys that will bring.

The Town is looking forward to our seasonal programme of events. The charity stalls at the Town Hall and an evening concert held at the end of November started off the festive season for us here in East Cowes. King's Square, adjacent to Waitrose, will be full of fun entertainment, led by the East Cowes Business Association on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 11:00 – 16:00. This is sponsored by the East Cowes Town Council. Please support this event as the shop keepers work so hard to keep themselves afloat. They can only keep going if you, the community, support them and buy locally.

The Pantomime is back again this year, SNOW WHITE! Only a few tickets left, so you will need to be speedy if you want to see it. There will be two performance dates - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, at the Town Hall. There will be afternoon and evening performances. Thank you one and all for getting involved and returning the consultation form regarding the potential development of a Community Hub (to include the Library), adjacent to the Town Hall.

We are pleased that most of you are supporting the Town Council's efforts in helping us to move forward onto the next stage of this project. A BIG THANK YOU.

In January, East Cowes Town Council will be working, with other stakeholders, on a Town Plan for East Cowes. We are looking forward to working with you all to ensure that the community take control and have ownership in what we want for our town. Not what others seem to think is best for us. Please make sure you have your say during any consultation phases linked to the development of the Town Plan. This is an exciting time for East Cowes as we continue to move our town forward in a positive way led by the community and the Town Council.

May I, on behalf of the Town Council, wish you all a wonderful Christmas time with family and friends. Please be a good neighbour and keep an eye on any elderly, frail or vulnerable neighbours and those you know who might be alone. Thank you to the many whom will be working over the Christmas holiday, we all appreciate your sacrifice.

Finally, I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY, PEACEFUL, HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2020.

JANE RANN, Mayor of East Cowes



## DID YOU KNOW?

East Cowes Town Council is responsible for.....

Town Hall

Library

Toilets at Osborne Road

Toilets on the Esplanade

Esplanade Play Area

Paddling Pool

Jubilee Recreation Ground

Vectis Road Skate Park

Multi Use Games Area

Outdoor Gym

Bumblebee Garden

Cadet's Walk Garden

Isle of Wight Council is responsible for.....

Highways (in conjunction with Island Roads)

The Floating Bridge

Victoria Recreation Ground

Parts of the Esplanade not looked after by the Town Council

Cutting of grass verges, litter and dog bins



## Community Hub Project - Latest News!

THANK YOU to everyone who has already returned the community hub survey to the town hall. The Town Council has been very pleased with the response rate. If you have not done so yet you still have until 13th December to have your say. Why not drop it in when coming to vote in the general election!

The survey was delivered to every household in the town towards the end of October. It is part of the process of applying for a Public Works Loan to fund the project.

Public Works Loans are granted for capital projects and are for a long period at a low rate of interest.

The Town Council is thrilled to have secured, in principal, £100,000 of section 106 money which means that the amount required via a Public Works Loan will be much lower than initially planned.

Those of you who have been using the library since it moved in to a side room at the Town Hall back in April will appreciate that if the Community Hub project goes ahead you will have a larger, much lighter and more user friendly space than is possible in its temporary home.

The library will become a more visible building and a focal point in the community.

The building will also house accessible ground floor offices for town council staff and a meeting room that will be available for hire and community use. The Osborne Road toilets will be replaced with more modern facilities.

The design of new buildings can be a controversial matter as everyone has their own view about what looks best.

East Cowes is a town with an amazing past from its royal connections through the Victorian era to its marine and boat building history.

Some of you may prefer to see an extension to the town hall built in a similar style to this but the town council is very pleased with the design that the architects have come up with.

It is hoped that the current design will highlight that as well as celebrating its past the town is looking forward to a bright future and can take a modern approach.

As well as the design cost is a consideration. A traditional style building similar to the town hall would be much more expensive. We now await the Planning Authority's decision on whether this project can go ahead.

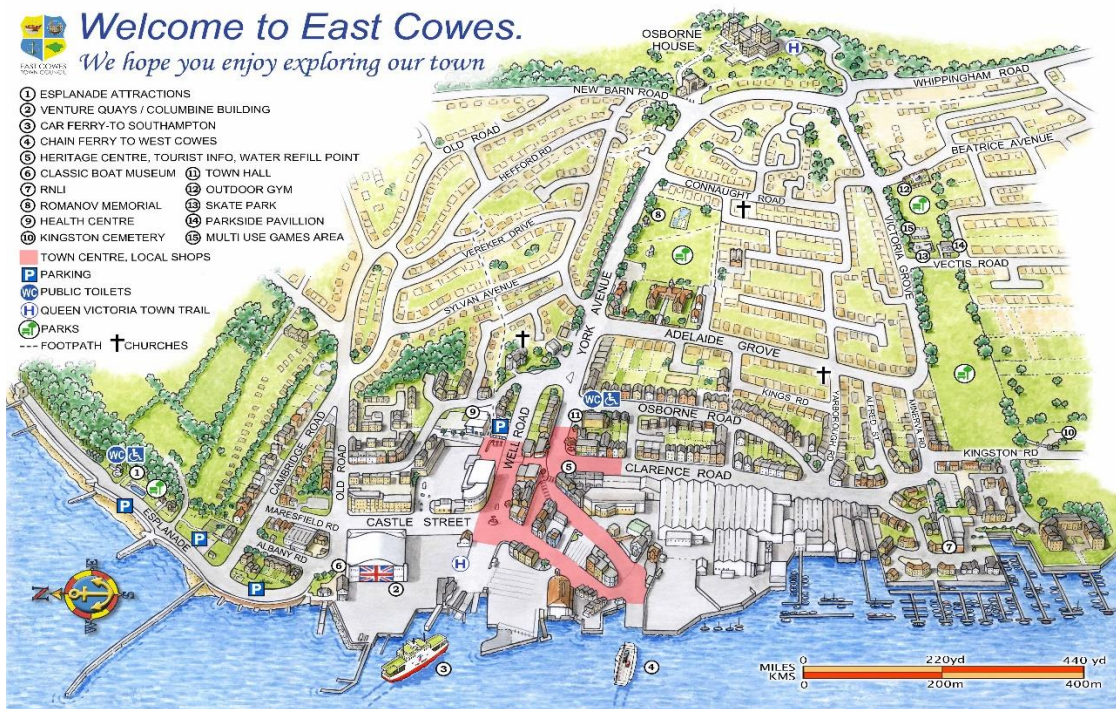




## Welcome to East Cowes.

*We hope you enjoy exploring our town*

- ① ESPLANADE ATTRACTIONS
- ② VENTURE QUAYS / COLUMBINE BUILDING
- ③ CAR FERRY-TO SOUTHAMPTON
- ④ CHAIN FERRY-TO WEST COWES
- ⑤ HERITAGE CENTRE, TOURIST INFO, WATER REFILL POINT
- ⑥ CLASSIC BOAT MUSEUM
- ⑦ RNLI
- ⑧ ROMANOV MEMORIAL
- ⑨ HEALTH CENTRE
- ⑩ KINGSTON CEMETERY
- ⑪ TOWN HALL
- ⑫ OUTDOOR GYM
- ⑬ SKATE PARK
- ⑭ PARKSIDE PAVILLION
- ⑮ MULTI USE GAMES AREA
- TOWN CENTRE, LOCAL SHOPS
- P PARKING
- WC PUBLIC TOILETS
- H QUEEN VICTORIA TOWN TRAIL
- PARKS
- FOOTPATH
- CHURCHES



Hope you like to look of the new town map. The Town Council has been working with a local artist to produce an eye catching map that shows what the town has to offer.

It is hoped that local people and visitors alike will find this useful and it will encourage them to use all tha facilities and amenities that are on offer.

Those of you with historical interests might want to visit the Classic Boat Museum, the Heritage Centre and Osborne House which are easy to pick out.

You might like to follow the trail from the town up to Osborne House and tread in the footprints of figures from history who made the same journey.

There many green spaces and recreational areas to enjoy. Why not walk along the Esplanade or visit a play area or the outdoor gym?

Perhaps you could make a New Years Resolution to explore what's right on your doorstep or get out and about with family and friends over the festive season!

## Getting to know your Town Councillors

**Jane Rann, Mayor of East Cowes**



**Michael Paler, Deputy Mayor**



## NEWS

### Crossways

At the time of going to press the Crossways Planning Application is scheduled to go to the Isle of Wight Planning Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Cllrs Hendry and Love will be attending in their capacity as Isle of Wight Ward Councillors for Whippingham/ Osborne and East Cowes Wards. Planning Consultant Martha James will also be present to put forward the objections to this development on behalf of East Cowes Town Council

### New website launching soon!

During the last few months the Town Council has been working with a local website designer to produce a modern, attractive, easy to use and accessible website. It will be more inviting and informative than the current website and show the wide range of facilities.



## SUMMER SKATE BOARDING A GREAT SUCCESS!

Looking back to sunny summer days East Cowes Town Council supported The John Cattle Skate Club with a grant of £700. This enabled them to run a programme of skate boarding sessions for 2-15 year olds. 87 youngsters attended over the 5 weeks.

Participation was up 74% from 2017!

The number of girls taking part was also up - they made up 33% of the group. 18% attended 2 or more sessions.

## TRY SOMETHING NEW IN 2020

All the following activities are on regularly in the  
**Town Hall**

Short mat bowls	Paracise	Zumba
Slimming World	Community Bingo	
WRVS Welcome Club		
Canine Society	Badminton	

## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Town Hall will be close at 1pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December and re-open at 9am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. The Library will also be closed on Christmas Eve. We hope you enjoy the two Christmas trees located in the town as provided again this year by the town council.



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Contributions to this newsletter from the community are welcome. If you are involved with a local group, project or event please email an article and a photo to: [assistantclerk@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk)

Copies of the newsletter are available from the Town Hall lobby, retail outlets in the town, Queensgate Primary School, Holy Cross Primary School as well as on the Town Council website

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