

## EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 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, Love, Webster, Hendry  
S Chilton (Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), M Collis (Facilities Officer), Stephen Hull(PCSO), 3 members of the public present

### Public Forum

- A member of the public asked if the Town Council would be providing Christmas trees for the town. There will be 2 outdoor trees the same as last year.
- A representative of the Arts and Culture Project Group asked if the Town Council would support them in a project to transform the Albany Barracks. Feedback was requested by 2<sup>nd</sup> December when the group will be doing a presentation to the Isle of Wight Council.
- A member of the public expressed concern about an area by Cadet's Walk that is not being properly maintained.

### FO161/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Lloyd who was unwell. Cllr Hendry had advised he was delayed.

### FO162/19 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.

2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

### FO163/19 Minutes

The Mayor moved a resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 which were agreed.

**Resolved:** Minutes were approved and signed.

### FO164/19 160<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF TRINITY HOUSE MEMORIAL

The Mayor welcomed David Burdett. He has been in touch with the Deputy Master of Trinity House and the Archivist at Harwich who have offered a weathervane to be sited in the town. The East Cowes Trinity House depot historically played an important role and it was felt this should be recognised. DB agreed to check where a request to accept the weathervane should come from and would advise the Clerk of the outcome.

**Resolved:** The Town Council support celebrating the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trinity House, requesting the weathervane from the archivist and considering the commissioning of an interpretation panel.

### FO165/19 Environment Officer Report

Cllr Hendry arrived. The Mayor welcomed Robin Reed the Environment Officer. He reported on incidents dealt with since his last report in July. His report is attached. RR will check the dog bin in New Barn Road which is broken.

### FO166/19 Litter Bins

Item 10.1 was moved up the agenda. The Facilities Officer presented his findings following the review of litter and dog waste bin provision in the town. His report is attached. It was noted that any new bins installed will be dual purpose (for depositing of rubbish and dog waste). Concerns were raised about overflowing bins. Island Roads are the only contractor and they will not increase the frequency of emptying.

**Resolved:** To ask IWC and Island Roads to consider the contents of the FO report for comment. If they will not provide them the matter will be considered at the next meeting. To review at the next meeting

**FO167/19 Town Map**

Cllrs looked at the latest draft of the town map which was well received. A few small amendments and additions were suggested.

**Resolved:** To pass amendments to Alan Rowe and review at next meeting

**FO168/19 Town Plan Forum**

7.1 A meeting had taken place with the Town Councillors and Chris Ashman (IWC Director of Regeneration). Cllrs had not been consulted on the Historic Places Report. Cllrs want to lead on developing a regeneration strategy for the town. CA agreed that the Town Council should take the lead and invite interested groups in the town to join a forum. This would result in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan that could be adopted by the IWLPA.

7.2 Suggestions were put forward for membership of the forum. A list was compiled.

**Resolved:** To form a Town Plan Forum and to invite local groups and key stakeholders to join the forum.

**FO169/19 V.E. Day**

Cllrs noted the report from Cllr Paler.

**Resolved:** To defer this item to the next meeting.

**FO170/19 Arts and Culture in East Cowes**

9.1 Cllrs noted the report from Cllr Paler.

9.2 Further information was required.

**Resolved:** To defer this item to the next meeting.

**FO171/19 Grass verges**

10.2 Cllrs considered the extra cutting of selected grass verges starting in 2020. Councillors discussed having verges cut in line with IWC schedule before the cuts were implemented for all areas in East Cowes.

10.3 It was agreed that costings are needed.

**Resolved:** To request costings from Island Roads for the same level of service prior to any reduced frequency and review at a future meeting.

**FO172/19 Volunteers Event**

11.1 The Mayor would like to hold a tea party for volunteers in the town to recognise their contribution to the community.

11.2 The budget was not discussed.

**Resolved:** Mayors tea party agreed in principle. Criteria for invitees to be brought to the Full Council meeting in November.

**FO173/19 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

Contractual Matters

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

Signed

Dated