



East Cowes Town Council

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Minutes of a meeting of **East Cowes Town Council** held at East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes
Thursday 19th March 2020 at 7.00pm

Present

Chair: Cllr Rann (Mayor)

Councillors: Paler (Deputy Mayor), Packham, Lloyd, Hendry

Clerk: S Chilton **Assistant Clerk:** C Gale

Also present: No members of the public

Public Forum

- No members of the public attended.

Meeting opened at 7.00 p.m.

30/20 ALZHEIMER'S CAFÉ & DEMENTIA AWARENESS PARTNERSHIP

Apologies were accepted from Barry Jackman of the Alzheimer's Cafe and Dementia Awareness Partnership due to the corona virus. Mr Jackman will be invited to attend a future meeting.

31/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Webster and Cllr Walker who were unwell. Cllr Love did not attend

32/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

3.1 Cllr Hendry declared a non-pecuniary interest as IW Ward Councillor.

3.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

33/20 ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

The contents of the Environment Officers Report (attached) were noted.

34/20 FLOATING BRIDGE

The Clerk advised that, following a public question at the last meeting, Mark Downer, Isle of Wight Council confirmed that the statistics include all service suspensions. February statistics for the operation of the Floating Bridge were noted.

35/20 MINUTES

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2020 were approved as accurate and signed.

36/20 FINANCES

7.1 To approve and agree payments as presented.

7.2 To ratify payments made including by Direct Debits and BAC.

Resolved: All payments by Direct Debit and BACS were approved and ratified.

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37/20 GRANT APPLICATIONS

8.1 The Council considered a grant application from the East Cowes VE Day Celebration Crafters for £395 to cover the cost of storage boxes and resources to complete community crafting projects.

8.2 The Council considered a grant application from Cowes Sailability Club for Kingston Farmhouse residents. £1500.00 was requested to cover the cost of 6 boat trips for 10 residents from East Cowes with physical and learning disabilities.

8.3 The Council considered a request from Laura Reid, Youth Worker for a grant of £12000, to fund the youth service for 20/21. Councillors discussed this and felt that as this grant had been at the same level for the past few years and that there should be a supplementary grant of £2000 available, if required. This amount (£14,000) had been reserved in the 20/21 budget.

Resolved: To approve the grants to the East Cowes VE Celebration Crafters of £395.00, Cowes Sailability Club of £1500.00. To approve the youth grant of £12,000.00 for the financial year 2020/21 and to allocate a further £2000.00 in the 2020/21 budget if requested.

38/20 COUNCIL POLICIES & COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Council considered the policies and terms of reference presented.

Resolved: To adopt the Hall Hire Dispensation Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Training and Development Policy, all policies within the General Data Protection Regulations and the Human Resources Committee Terms of Reference.

39/20 COMMUNITY HUB REPORT

The Clerk explained that it is a requirement of applying for a public works loan, that a business case is presented to the Council which sets out financial details and evidences need. The report was compiled following planning permission being granted and the costs of the project identified. The total cost will be £607,896 including VAT, less than the £700,000 originally estimated. £40,000 has been allocated in the budget for 2020/21 to cover the repayments of the loan. The detail for the draft agreement of the Sec 106 funding has been submitted to the Isle of Wight Council. Bank statements will also be sent to the Public Works Loan Board as part of the application process. A transfer of funds has been made from the Council's current account to the deposit account, to demonstrate that the Council is able to make the repayments. A copy of the report is attached.

Resolved: To accept the contents of the Community Hub Report and approve the application to the Public Works Loan Board.

40/20 REPORTS

11.1 Clerk's Report

The Clerk gave out information about the Celebrating Age Festival due to take place between Monday 7th September and Friday 2nd October 2020.

11.2 Mayor's Report

The Mayor report was noted (attached).

11.3 IW Ward Councillors Reports

No reports were received.

11.4 Councillors Reports

Councillor Paler's report was noted (attached).

No other reports were received.

41/20 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.

Resolved: To exclude the press and the public.

Staffing matters, Town Hall security measures and contractual matters were considered.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: