



## East Cowes Town Council

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Minutes of a meeting of **East Cowes Town Council** held at the Town Hall, East Cowes on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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**Present:**

**Mayor:** Cllr P Lloyd

**Councillors:** K Love; B Packham; S Walker; M Webster, M Paler, S Hendry

**Town Clerk:** S Chilton

**Also present:** 6 members of the Public.

Public Forum: No questions were raised by the public

Presentation: Prior to the meeting a presentation was given on Ambulance Patient Engagement by the Ambulance Service, Chanise Dove, Paramedic. The presentation described the response process for emergency calls and impressed upon the meeting the need for more volunteer First Responders. A copy of her presentation would be available.

TC0120/18 WELCOME NEW COUNCILLOR

The Mayor formally welcomed Cllr Michael Paler who was co-opted by the Town Council and would be representing Osborne ward.

TC0121/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Rann sent apologies as she was on holiday

TC0122/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Love declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the East Cowes Business Association, Isle of Wight Councillor and membership of East Cowes Community Partnership

Cllr Hendry declared a non-pecuniary interest of membership of East Cowes Community Partnership

TC0123/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/01080/18 TCP/33470/C - 31 Oakfield Road, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO326DS  
Retention of summerhouse.

The Council had no objections to this application

P/01086/18 TCP/33605 - 39 Cambridge Road, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO326AH

Proposed replacement of pitched roof with flat roof to include lantern; alterations

The Council had no objections to this application

TC0124/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**Resolved:** Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were amended to include the presence of Cllr Hendry and were then approved and signed.

#### TC0125/18 FUNDING REQUESTS

A request from the Leaving Care team for funding for first aid and DIY kits for young people moving into independent accommodation was discussed. Cllr Webster proposed a donation of £330.00 which was unanimously agreed.

**Resolved:** To donate the sum of £330.00

A request for sponsorship for some entry fees for pupils to participate in the Sight for Wight 2018 short story writing competition was also discussed and was agreed.

**Resolved:** To award a donation of £100.00

A request for funding for the upkeep of Castle Copse from Gift to Nature was discussed. Cllr Webster said that she was under the impression that Barratts took this over and maintained it. Cllr Love suggested that this request be deferred and that Gift to Nature be invited to attend a future meeting to clarify ownership etc.

**Resolved:** To invite Gift to Nature to a future meeting

#### TC0126/18 UMBRELLA TREE UPDATE

The Mayor suggested that this item be deferred pending further information from the IW Council and the Forge.

**Resolved:** To defer this item to a future meeting of the Council

#### TC0127/18 FINANCES

To approve and agree payments as presented, to ratify payments made by Direct Debit and BACS and to agree payment of poppy wreaths under Sec 137 Local Government Act 1972.

**Resolved:** All payments, including poppy wreaths under Sec 137, were approved and agreed for payment, direct debits and other prepaid invoices were ratified.

#### TC0128/18 FACILITIES, PROJECTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Council considered the ratification of the decisions and recommendations of the FP&E committee:

- That the committee have delegated powers
- That the membership of the committee will be 8 councillors
- That Terms of Reference be adopted
- That the Full Council agree to review the hall hire rates at a future date

**Resolved:** To ratify the decisions and recommendations of the FP&E committee

#### TC0129/18 HR COMMITTEE

The Council received the recommendations of the HR Committee; that the reorganised staffing structure be adopted.

**Resolved:** That the Town Council adopt the reorganised staffing structure

#### TC0130/18 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF ISLE OF WIGHT

The Council considered whether to make a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on their draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements that propose 39 IW Council ward councillors instead of 40. Cllr Love pointed out that Whippingham was affected and that the draft recommendations were not supported by the IW Council. Cllr Walker stated that East Cowes was not affected by the recommendations. The Council felt that they were generally happy with the proposals for East Cowes and were not able to comment on Whippingham proposals.

**Resolved:** Not to comment on the proposals

#### TC0131/18 COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

The Council considered the proposal to create a new combined fire authority for Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton. Cllr Lloyd said he felt it was just a cost cutting exercise and the question was would it make a safer community. He considered that a new precept would be introduced which would result in the public paying more. Cllr Webster thought that the proposals were taking us backwards, as

were the health proposals to move services off island. Cllr Packham said he was disappointed that the IWC Cabinet meeting at Ventnor to discuss the reduction of wholetime firefighters only lasted 10 minutes. Cllr Love pointed out that this proposal was to absorb the island service into Hampshire and there would be savings, but the island would lose control of its fire service. He opposed the reduction of firefighters and to the proposal to merge services. Cllr Webster stated that industry in East Cowes and other parts of the island relied upon a quick response and that this would be a detrimental step. Cllr Love suggested writing to the Island Fire Service stating how much their service was valued and to invite them to a future meeting of the Council.

**Resolved:** To object to the draft proposals and to write to the Island Fire Service

#### TC0132/18 STAFF TRAINING

The Council considered allowing a member of staff to undertake the ROSPA inspection and maintenance course which would negate the need to pay for a ROSPA inspector in future.

**Resolved:** Agreed to send a member of staff on ROSPA training

#### TC0133/18 TO RECEIVE REPORTS:

##### 1 Clerk:

- The Clerk gave the IW Councils response on increasing number of Councillors which would have to be considered under a Community Governance Review and any changes would not take effect until 2021.
- Asset List – to be presented to the F, P&E committee. Cllr Webster asked to check if the boat at GKN was on the list.
- Thank you to those members of the public who supported the Macmillan tea afternoon by Cllr Walker. The event raised £100.

##### 2 Mayor

- The mayor had circulated his report to councillors outlining his engagements in the past month. He asked if we could put congratulations to Queensgate School on their recent success in the local magazine.

##### 3 Town Councillors

- Cllr Packham informed the meeting that he had joined the recent Beach Clean with Cllr Walker.
- Cllr Walker informed the meeting about a SAS Community Plastics meeting he had attended at County Hall which was very informative and useful.
- Cllr Webster brought the Council's attention to the fact that motorbikes were parking in Kings Square and could this be checked with Island Roads as it was presenting a danger to pedestrians.

##### 4 IW Ward Councillors

Cllr Love said that some of the costings for the EC2019 events were available. The ECBA want to hold a food market in Kings Square on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, which was going to cost in the region of £600, and he would be presenting this to the F, P&E committee for support.

The regeneration meeting had been productive and a potential solution to the landslip problem on the Esplanade had been discussed. Cllr Lloyd said a request had been received from Chris Ashman to meet with the Council to discuss the outcome of the meeting. The Clerk was arranging this. Cllr Love mentioned a woodland walk and that Chris Ashman had plenty of funding. He restated that the development of the marina planning application had expired and would need a fresh application to be made. He reported on the Norris Castle event and said that it was a useful day and the view of those attending was not supportive of any scheme that would result in significant damage to the landscape. Cllr Webster suggested asking the County press to do a feature to raise awareness. Close meeting and asked why English Heritage haven't taken it on. Cllr Love said it was probably due to the cost but that the Town Council should come up with ideas on how it could be used. Another Beaulieu perhaps? The walled garden is one of only two nationally and was therefore very important. Cllr Love felt that ideas needed to be explored that could benefit the town.

There being no other business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.