



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 on Thursday **19th December 2019 at 6.30pm**

Present

Chair: Cllr Rann (Mayor)

Councillors: Paler (Deputy Mayor), Walker, Packham, Lloyd, Webster, Love, Hendry

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

Also present: 81 members of the public, 3 guests conducting the Springhill and Norris Castle presentation

NORRIS CASTLE: A presentation about the Springhill and Norris Castle development plans was given by the developers. There were some concerns expressed over different aspects of the scheme. The Council agreed to hold a public meeting when the planning application is submitted.

66 members of the public, the 3 guests and Councillor Hendry left the meeting.

Public Forum

- Concerns about the maintenance of the footpath and overhanging brambles at Cadet's Walk.
- Compliments how attractive the town looks with the Christmas trees and lights illuminating the Town Hall.
- What is the purpose of the 24ft raised circular construction on the Esplanade? It is thought to house a drainage channel for the springs allowing outfall into the sea.
- Comments that a recent planning application had been granted with the condition that there was a restriction on the amount of water consumption at the property. This should be considered at Crossways.

Meeting opened at 7.30p.m.

139/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hendry who had to leave the meeting early due to family commitments.

140/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

2.1 Cllr Love declared a non-pecuniary interest as IW Ward Councillor, member of East Cowes Business Association and of East Cowes Community Partnership.

2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

141/19 MINUTES

The minutes of Full Council held on 21st November were agreed

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November were approved as accurate and signed.

142/19 FLOATING BRIDGE

The November statistics were read out. Operating hours over the Christmas period will be posted on the council noticeboard.

143/19 FINANCES

5.1 To approve and agree payments as presented

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

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

144/19 REPORTS

6.1 The Clerk read out the report from the Library Co-ordinator. The Council expressed their thanks

6.2 The Council noted the report from the Facilities Officer and expressed their thanks.

145/19 POLICIES REVIEW

The Council considered the Disciplinary Procedure: Grievance Procedure: Equality and Diversity Policy: Publication Scheme: Recording, Photographing and Filming of Meetings Policy: Social Media Policy.

Resolved: All policies and procedures were approved and adopted

146/19 ESPLANADE SIGNS

The Council considered the design of "Do not feed the birds" signs for the Esplanade which they approved. A suggestion was made to request if the RSPB logo could be included.

Resolved: To seek permission from the RPSB and then erect 4 signs on the concrete walls along the Esplanade.

147/19 TOWN PLAN FORUM

9.1 The Clerk reported that responses had been received from all but one of the suggested member groups.

9.2 An inaugural meeting date was discussed.

Resolved: To invite the members to an inaugural meeting on Monday 13th January 2020 at 7.00-8.30pm in the Clerk's Office.

148/19 REPORTS

10.1 Clerk's Report

A thank you was received for the grant from the organisers of "Wight to be Happy". 400 people had attended the event. A thank you was also received from the Hon Sec of the IW Armed Forces Day for the grant. East Cowes will be considered for hosting the event in 2021.

A positive response was received to the Community Hub scheme following the request for pre-application advice. The full planning application was submitted on 3rd December. As the IWC is the landlord the application will be considered by committee and will be listed for February or April.

After a period of 6 weeks the public consultation survey about the community hub has now closed with the majority of those responding in favour of the hub and financing through additional precept. Results are available from Clerk.

The Clerk read out a report from the Environment Officer.

Photos of the completed fencing around the tennis courts were circulated. Concerns were raised about the siting of the fence in relation to the stone wall. The Clerk was asked to contact the IW Council about the location of the new fence.

10.2 Mayor's Report

The Mayor read out her report (attached).

10.3 IW Ward Councillors Reports

Cllr Love thanked the community for their support. He had met with the Environment Agency and reported that the sea wall in East Cowes needs replacing as 75 homes are at risk. Temporary barriers will be erected from Cambridge Road to the end of Clarence Road. KL has also met with the Cowes Harbour Commissioners regarding the dinghy park. He liaised with Martha James, Cllr Hendry and others regarding the response on the Crossway development. He asked if the Town Council could consider replacing the Union Jack flags on the Esplanade.

The Clerk read out Cllr Hendry's report (attached).

10.4 Councillors Reports

MP thanked the community for all they were doing over the Christmas period.

SW attended an IWC budget meeting.

PL raised concerns about the condition of some trees outside the former Frank James Hospital and the depositing of household rubbish in the bins on John Nash Avenue.

MW noted that the panto had been very successful. The Charity Fayre and Show held in November raised £250 for the Hospice.

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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.

Contractual matters were considered.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: