



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 6th February 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, Walker, Love, Webster, Hendry
S Chilton (Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), 3 members of the public present
Nik Attfield, Emmy Lewis and Brian Taylor (Age UK), Matthew Collins (Southern Water)

Public Forum

- A member of the public reported children using bikes and putting wax on the granite blocks in Kings Square and the area needs cleaning. And is the removed tree to be replaced. This will be raised with IWC.
- The Clerk advised that uneven paving outside the Hospice Shop had been levelled. The drain prone to flooding between the Co-op and the Post Office had been flushed and further investigations were being undertaken.
- The numerous potholes on York Avenue have been reported.

FO1/20 Apologies

None received.

FO2/20 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. Cllr Hendry declared a non-pecuniary interest as Ward Councillor for IWC.

2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO3/20 Age UK – IW Ambassadors

Nik Attfield, Age UK introduced Emmy Lewis, Age UK Ambassador for East Cowes. NA spoke about an ageing population and a growing demand for their services. The role of ambassadors is to distribute a quarterly magazine to the community, be present at events and help with fundraising. Age UK also have “social prescribers” based in GP surgeries. Information about groups in the town that Emmy might like to attend and possible outlets for the magazine were put forward. The Town Council thanked Age UK for their presentation.

FO4/20 Unflushables – A presentation by Southern Water

Matthew Collins, Southern Water (SW) Field Customer Engagement Officer, gave a presentation about how unflushable items are causing blockages in the sewerage system. In 2015 23,000 blockages were dealt with. SW’s campaign is raising public awareness through presentations to councils, voluntary and community groups and schools. Activities highlighting the problems, leaflets and goody bags are distributed. Concerns were noted that sewerage facilities at Albany Green and Saunders Way are already at maximum capacity. The Town Council agreed to place information leaflets in its public toilets and distribute others to the community. The Town Council expressed their thanks for the presentation.

FO5/20 Minutes

The Mayor moved a resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2019 which were agreed.

Resolved: Minutes were approved and signed.

FO6/20 CCTV Update

The Clerk reported that CCTV is now operational with 2 cameras on the Esplanade (1 fish-eye camera covering the toilets and landslip, 1 static camera looking towards the playpark but not intrusive on the paddling pool) and 2 cameras at the Skate Park. Monitoring equipment has been installed in the Clerk's Office. Images will be archived and kept for 6 months. A new quote is being sought for remote monitoring between 1pm to 7am as the original quote only covered 7pm to 7am. The company will also quote for the addition of "horns" which enable the remote guarding team to speak to the public at the camera locations. A CCTV policy will be brought to the council in due course.

FO7/20 VE Day

7.1 Cllr Paler gave an update on progress for VE Day 2020 commemorations (report attached).

7.2 Cllr Paler explained that sponsors are being sought for the event.

Resolved: East Cowes Town Council will, in principle, set aside up to £5000 from the 2019/20 budget towards the VE Day events, dependant on project costs presented.

FO8/20 Cowes Week Romanov Exhibition

8.1 Cllr Love asked the Town Council to consider hosting a Romanov Exhibition during Cowes Week and explained how this would fit in with several events during that week.

8.2 The Town Council discussed granting a dispensation for hire charges from 7th to 10th August for the event but with refreshments being sold from the servery and any proceeds to offset the cost of waiving hall hire charges.

Resolved:

1) To hold a Romanov Exhibition in the Town Hall for 4 days during Cowes Week.

2) To grant a dispensation for hall hire charges for 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th August with any proceeds from refreshments going to the Town Council to help offset the dispensation.

FO9/20 Grass verges/ Dog & Litter Bins/ Litter Picking

9.1 The Clerk explained about the charges for additional frequency cutting of amenity grass and rural grass verges. The council discussed the benefit to the town of paying for additional cuts.

9.2 The clerk referred to the Facilities Officer's report, which proposed 6 additional litter bins and 2 additional dog bins at specified locations and set out the associated costs of installation and emptying. Councillors discussed the locations.

9.3 Additional litter picking in Clarence Road was discussed.

Resolved:

1) To proceed with 4 extra cuts of amenity grass and 1 extra cut of rural verges at a cost of £3646 for the year

2) To proceed with the installation of 2 extra dog bins and 1 extra litter pick at Clarence Road at a cost of £1800.

FO10/20 Eddystone Wind Vane

10.1 The Clerk explained that Neil Jones from Trinity House had advised that the wind vane should be kept inside to ensure it is preserved for the future.

Resolved: Cllr Love volunteered to contact the Classic Boat Museum to ask if they would like to house it.

FO11/20 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 8.50pm

Signed

Dated