



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 11.20am** **remotely by Zoom** to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Rann (Chair), Cllrs Paler, Walker, Love, Webster, Lloyd, Packham
S Chilton (Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), no members of the public present

Public Forum
None present

FO12/20 Apologies
Apologies were received from Cllr Hendry due to work commitments.

FO13/20 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 Paler declared non-pecuniary interests as a member of the IW Royal Agricultural Society and the IW Society.
2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO14/20 Minutes
The Mayor moved a resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th February which were agreed and signed.
Resolved: Minutes were approved and signed.

FO15/20 Elephant Festival
4.1 Cllr Paler explained that the East Cowes Crafters would like to stage an Elephant Festival in the town to acknowledge the connections Osborne House and the Frank James Hospital have with elephants. Decorated Elephants would be displayed during an Arts Week. It is envisaged that the whole community could take part. It could take place during Cowes Week 2021. It is estimated that the project would cost around £1100.
4.2 The Council agreed that this would be a good event for the town similar to the Brighstone Xmas Tree Festival and could develop into an annual event for the community. Councillors also felt that it could attract visitors from around the island which could be good for the local economy.
Resolved: The Council agreed in principle to fund this project and asked Cllr Paler to bring full details to the next meeting.

FO16/20 Hovercraft Propeller
5.1 Cllr Love reported that the propeller is currently in safe keeping at the Classic Boat Museum in Cowes. The Classic Boat museum has suggested that it would be useful to mount the propeller on a stand and base that allowed it to be sited in the museum and moved to other locations if required.

5.2 A budget of £1000 has already been agreed for this project. The cost of designing and constructing a stand is estimated at £5000.

Resolved: The Council asked Cllr Love to bring back a proposal to the next meeting. The Stigwood Art will also be on the agenda.

FO17/20 Amy White Panto

Cllr Webster reported that the 2020 Panto has been cancelled due to corona virus, but the group has been putting shows online for the public to enjoy. Cllr Webster requested that the grant of £500 allocated in the budget for this year be carried over to next year. The community cinema idea was discussed briefly and will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Resolved: The Council agreed to hold over the £500 grant to the next financial year.

FO18/20 CCTV Esplanade

7.1 The Clerk has spoken to Jim Kernahan from Trellis works who has had some discussions with Cowes Harbour Commission about the need for CCTV looking over the Solent from East Cowes Esplanade. CHC do not have any funding available for this. The Clerk was awaiting costings from Trellis works.

7.2 Councillors agreed to consider a report and proposal for CCTV looking out to sea from the Esplanade at the next meeting.

Resolved: To consider the report and proposal from Trellis Works at the next meeting

FO19/20 Dog & Litter Bins

The Clerk has contacted Island Roads repeatedly since February about the installation of the new bins. They apologised for the delay and stated that resident engagement is required at some locations. The Caretaker will meet a representative of Island Roads for a site visit next week to progress the installation. Cllr Love raised the issue of East Cowes not receiving an extra bin emptying unlike other towns on the island. It was noted that the bin at the Floating Bridge is due to be replaced.

Resolved: To report back to F, P & E on installation of bins at the next meeting. To write to Island Roads and IWC for an explanation about why East Cowes was not receiving an extra bin emptying.

FO20/20 Community Hub

The Clerk reported that the Public Works Loan funding has been received. The first of two instalments of £50,000 s106 grant money is expected from the IWC in October. A meeting with Rainey Petrie Project Leader, Sue Atkinson meeting will be arranged by Zoom for Friday 10th July at 10am.

FO21/20 Town Facilities

The Clerk provided an update. The Toilets at the Esplanade and Osborne Road are open and operational with a new cleaning regime in place. The tennis court is also open and has been weeded by Care in the Garden. IWC grounds maintenance contractor will do this from now on. Play Areas, the Skate Park and Outdoor Gym and Multi Use Games Area will be open from 4th July, in line with government guidelines. Some swings have been removed to help with social distancing. Appropriate signage is present and daily cleaning and inspections will take place. The Paddling Pool remains closed until the guidance changes.

The Library remains closed but a click and collect service may be possible with books quarantined for 72 hours.

The operation of the Youth Club will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 12.20pm

Signed

Dated