



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held remotely by Zoom on **Thursday 5th November 2020** at 11am to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Rann (Chair), Cllrs Walker, Love, Webster, Hendry, Lloyd, Packham
S Chilton (Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), 2 members of the public present

Public Forum

A member of the public stated that he had reported a set of trainers on the telephone wires (a sign of drugs being sold in the area) near the school to the PCSO for East Cowes but they had not been removed. The Clerk will follow this up.

FO33/20 Apologies

There were no apologies.

FO34/20 Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 Cllr Hendry declared a non-pecuniary interest as Ward Councillor for IWC.
- 2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO35/20 MINUTES

The Mayor moved a resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2020 which were agreed.

Resolved: Minutes were approved and signed.

FO36/20 COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

The Clerk reported that the architect's normal services will continue with them working from home. Some peripheral services have been affected during the pandemic. Progress has been made with the foundation design and the timber frame which will be submitted for building regulation approval soon. The next step is the tendering process towards the end of November or early December with responses to be received by mid-January. Construction will begin in the spring.

FO37/20 SKATEPARK CONSULTATION

5.1 Laura Reid from the youth service has been in touch and suggested involving John Cattle to conduct a consultation about improving the skatepark.

Resolved: To ask Laura Reid to contact John Cattle with a view to providing a report following a consultation with the skatepark community.

FO38/20 ESPLANADE FACILITIES

- 6.1 A request received from a member of the public for more benches on the old mini golf area was discussed.
- 6.2 A request from a member of the public for the provision of a boules pitch on the Esplanade was discussed.
- 6.3 Now that the Town Council has been granted a lease for this area from the IWC it was felt that there is a need for a strategic plan for this area in conjunction with the Regeneration Group. A suggestion was also put forward for provision of a portaloos behind the café. Past suggestions also included a sensory garden.

Resolved: To set up a meeting between the Town Council, Chris Ashman and the Regeneration Group to consider Esplanade facilities.

FO39/20 BOAT OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL

7.1 The owner of the boat has cleaned it and removed the name. The caretaker will make a wooden cradle for it to sit in the walled border outside the town hall. Concerns have been raised about the damage to the wall. The wall has fractured and need to be repaired before the boat can be sited.

Resolved: To contact the tree officer for advice.

FO40/20 EAST COWES CRAFTERS

8.1 The Clerk read out a report submitted by Cllr Love passing on the thanks of the East Cowes Crafters for funding provided by the Town Council. The Elephant Festival is to be held during Cowes week 2021. It will include many activities that the community can get involved with including colouring packs, knitting patterns, themed bunting, a flea market, a funfair, and films. It is expected that this will become an annual festival.

8.2 There was discussion about the possible siting of the 17ft x 12ft Union Jack banner created by the Crafters. Suggestions of placing it at on the rear internal wall of the town hall on the balcony or in the long corridor of the Community Hub were put forward.

Cllr Love joined the meeting.

8.3

Resolved: To request further information about the weight of the banner before determining the location.

FO41/20 ROMANOV EVENT JULY 2021

Cllr Love explained that additional dates had been added to this event and requested that the dispensation of the hall hire charges be extended to cover 15th-18th July 2021.

Resolved: To agree the dispensation of hall hire charges for the Romanov event from 15th-18th July 2021.

FO42/20 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

Meeting Closed at 11.50am

Signed

Dated