



## EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held remotely by Zoom on **14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 6pm** to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Rann (Chair), Cllrs Walker, Love, Webster, Hendry, Lloyd, Packham, Palin S Chilton (Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), A Thomas (Assistant Facilities Officer) Ben Willows and Stuart McIntosh (CHC Advisory Committee)  
4 members of the public present

### Public Forum

- A member of the public asked if the Town Council could explain where dogs must be kept on leads on the Esplanade and by the Marina and asked if additional signs could be provided. The Clerk will ask the Environment Officer to get in touch.
- A member of the public raised a question about bathing water quality and seaside awards and will send further information to the clerk.
- The Co-ordinator of the East Cowes and Whippingham Community Support Hub advised that a good number of residents have received their covid19 vaccination and the Hub is assisting with arranging transport for those who need it.

### F01/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Hendry who is attending a governors meeting.

### F02/21 Declarations of Interest

2.1 Cllr Palin declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Floating Bridge Stakeholders Review Group. Cllr Rann declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3 Esplanade Slipway as she lives in Cambridge Road which is close to the proposed site.

2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

### F03/21 ESPLANADE SLIPWAY

Cllr Love Joined the meeting. Ben Willows (Vice-Chair CHC Advisory Committee) explained that at their last meeting the Esplanade Slipway was identified as a priority for the CHC, stakeholders and users of the River Medina. The Dover Road slipway has access and safety issues. To progress a lead body needs to be identified and a further feasibility study is needed. There are some land-based issues to overcome which will involve the Town Council, the Local Planning Authority, Island Roads, the Environment Agency and other stakeholders including IWC and Red Funnel. A previous feasibility study conducted by Marina Projects can be used as a starting point.

Stuart McIntosh added that the existing slipways are owned and managed by IWC. IWC and Red Funnel support the project and would be able to provide some funding. The preferred location of a new slipway is to the north of the breakwater on the Esplanade. The Marine Projects study estimated the cost of building a slipway at £200-300k. A new feasibility study from the design concept to the consent stage is likely to cost around £20k. Stuart will send further information through to the Town Council in time for the Full Council meeting next week about what would be required if they were the lead body for the project.

F04/21 TOWN PLAN UPDATE

Daniel James reported that the first Zoom meeting on the draft proposals was well attended. There are now 100 members of the community on the mailing list. Two further sessions will be scheduled soon to complete this process. Following this further information will be drawn in from other stakeholders. DJ left the meeting.

F05/21 MINUTES

The Mayor moved a resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 which were agreed.

**Resolved:** Minutes were approved and signed.

F06/21 TERRA-CYCLE SCHEME, Cllr Cameron Palin

6.1 Cllr Palin explained that Terra-Cycle is a free scheme which helps manage materials that cannot easily be recycled. The Town Hall could become a collection point providing a publicly available box which is posted to Terra-Cycle free of charge once full.

6.2

**Resolved:** To take part in the scheme when current lockdown restrictions are lifted.

F07/21 AIR POLLUTION MONITORS

7.1 The Assistant Facilities Officer presented his report. Diffusion tubes are the least costly option at around £20 each. They would be deployed for a set time and then sent to the lab for analysis. Permission would be needed from Island Roads to place these in the Town. The following locations were put forward: Well Road, a location near the Floating Bridge, York Avenue, Crossways and the roundabout by GKN. Over the course of a year diffusion tubes could be installed at the 5 locations on a monthly basis.

7.2

**Resolved:** To purchase 60 diffusion tubes at a cost of £1200.

F08/21 ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS

8.1 The Assistant Facilities Officer presented his report. He highlighted that the electricity supply at the Town Hall is in not adequate to provide electric vehicle charging points and an additional supply would be required. There are currently 38 charging points across the island. Grants may be available to install the charging points but further investigation would be needed. This may be a consideration for the 2022/23 budget. There was some discussion about the merits of roadside options, whether Red Funnel or Waitrose have any plans to install such facilities and whether the architects for the Community Hub would be able to provide information. Cllr Hendry joined the meeting.

8.2

**Resolved:** To make enquiries of Rainey Petrie about the installation of electric vehicle charging points.

F09/21 COWES WEEK & ELEPHANT FESTIVAL – Cllr Love

9.1 & 9.2 Cllr Love reported that despite the pandemic progress is being made with preparations for the Elephant Festival with many people doing projects at home. The inflatable elephant has arrived. Cllr Love will provide a further update at the next Facilities Projects and Events Committee meeting in March.

F10/21 FLOWER BOAT

The boat is 16 feet long with a 6 foot beam and needs to be sited on a cradle.

**Resolved:** To request that the Facilities Officers look at possible locations on the Esplanade and bring suggestions to a future meeting.

F11/21 ESPLANADE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Following the Town Council taking on a lease of areas of the landward side of the Esplanade from the IWC a new group is needed to look at improving this area for the community. The membership of this group will include all

the Town Councillors, Chris Ashman (Director of Regeneration, IWC), 3 representatives of the community group looking at the different sections of the Esplanade, Sharon Lake (covering the Landslip), Michael Paler (from the toilets to the Barracks) and Julie Wright (Barracks/Columbine area). CHC would also be invited to send a representative. An inaugural meeting date was set as Weds 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm by Zoom. The meeting will be open to the public.

F12/21                      WATERSIDE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Martha and Daniel James have already been put forward to sit on the IWC Waterfront Development Group. Cllr Rann volunteered to represent the Town Council on the Group.

**Resolved:** To agree to Cllr Rann representing the Town Council on the Waterside Development Plan Group.

F13/21                      MAYORS TEA PARTY

The Town Council discussed arranging a virtual Mayors Tea Party to acknowledge the work of volunteers during the pandemic to take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 3-4pm.

**Resolved:** To agree a virtual Mayors Tea Party in principle.

Meeting Closed at 7.54pm

Signed

Dated