



## EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held remotely by Zoom on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Rann (Chair), Cllrs Walker, Love, Webster, Lloyd, Packham, Palin S Chilton (Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), A Thomas (Facilities Officer)  
Also present 4 members of the public.

### Public Forum

- There were no questions from the public.

### FO26/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Hendry who was attending the Annual Parish Meeting at Whippingham.

### FO27/21 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.
- 2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

### FO28/21 Minutes

The Mayor moved a resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March which were agreed and signed.

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

### FO29/21 Finance

The end of year bank reconciliation was presented and approved.

**Resolved:** To note and approve the end of year bank reconciliation.

### FO30/21 Community Cinema

5.1 The Council considered the quotation for the community cinema project. The Assistant Clerk reported that following a recent site visit to check on existing sound equipment and facilities a local provider can supply and install a permanent system which will include a screen, projector, cabling and training for users. The system will have many additional uses for hirers running meetings, events and exhibitions.

**Resolved:** To agree the purchase and installation of community cinema equipment by Stage Gear at a cost of £5744.93.

### FO31/21 Water Sampling

6.1 The Council noted the report from the Facilities Officer. The Council considered the cost of financing a water sampling scheme. It will cost £500 a year for the sampling and £110 per year for the carriage of samples to the laboratory. Two samples per month need to be taken from March to October. David Hill has volunteered to undertake collecting the samples. It was noted that a full survey can be sent to DEFRA at the end of the Year. If

DEFRA can confirm bathing water status based on the results of the sampling DEFRA take on the cost of sampling in future.

**Resolved:** To agree to the cost of sea water sampling at a total cost of £610 for the year.

#### FO32/21 Seagull Signs

7.1 Three signs have already been installed. The Council considered the purchase of 3 additional signs to be located between the base of Cambridge Road and the eastern end of the Esplanade. The Clerk advised that permission had already been obtained from Coastal Management.

**Resolved:** To agree the purchase of 3 additional seagull signs at a cost of £20 each.

#### FO33/21 York Avenue Playground

8.1 & 8.2 The playground is currently closed due to the need for new play surfaces being installed. The Clerk advised that the only quote received to date was from a mainland contractor who had now withdrawn. Further quotes need to be sought. The matter was deferred until the next meeting.

#### FO34/21 Footprint Trust

The Council noted the report from the Footprint Trust which stated that they have provided £11,000 of goods to people struggling with bills since April. A spreadsheet with information about how the funds were distributed in East Cowes has been circulated to councillors.

#### FO35/21 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 **6.49pm**

Signed

Dated