



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 4th November 2021** in the Town Hall, East Cowes to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Love (Chair), Cllrs Hendry, Packham, Palin, Lake, Reardon
S Chilton (Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), 2 members of the public were present.

Public Forum

- A member of the public expressed thanks to the Town Council for funding the water sampling and asked if the Town Council will continue to fund this – ideally 2 per month from June to October which would cost approximately £300. It is supporting an application to DEFRA for bathing water quality status. The Clerk advised that it would be considered when setting the budget for next year.
- A member of the public representing the FAECES group thanked Cllr Packham for attending a site visit to the Southern Water plant in Sandown. Several good connections had been made resulting from the visit. Cllr Love thanked local volunteers who continue to campaign on water quality issues in East Cowes.

FO58/21 Apologies

Cllr Webster gave her apologies due to being unwell and Cllr Paler gave apologies as he is away on the mainland.

FO59/21 Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 Cllr Hendry and Cllr Love declared a non-pecuniary interest as IW Ward Councillors.
- 2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO60/21 Minutes

The Deputy Mayor moved a resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2021 which were agreed.

Resolved: Minutes were approved and signed.

FO61/21 Warmer East Cowes Project

4.1 A request for a donation of £2000 to fund support over the winter for East Cowes residents was received from the Footprint Trust.

4.2 **Resolved:** To agree a donation of £2000 to the Footprint Trust.

FO62/21 Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs)

5.1 The Council considered making an application for funding to prepare a LCWIP. The Clerk advised that the deadline is 15th November and an expression of interest by this date would be sufficient. The Council would be expected to match fund an approved grant.

5.2 The Clerk advised that a consultant could be approached to provide an estimate of the cost for producing a plan to enable an application to be made. Cllr Love noted that a commitment to funding the delivery of a plan would also be needed. Cllr Palin stated that working with other local organisations such as Cycle Wight would be essential. Cllr Lake stated the IWC has some funding for the Island Harbour to East Cowes section.

5.3 Resolved: To put forward an expression of interest based on a quotation from Plan Research Ltd and to seek quotations for preparation of the plan if the grant application is successful.

FO63/21 East Cowes Sea Defences – Cllr Lake

6.1 Cllr Lake explained that the IWC policy of “hold the line” on the sea wall at East Cowes Esplanade from the breakwater at the bottom of Cambridge Road to the Landslip means it will be maintained until 2025, with only minor maintenance beyond that date. There is concern that the landslip is already exerting pressure in the sea wall and that his area needs to be protected for the benefit of the community. Although East Cowes is surrounded by green space this is largely in private ownership. Part of the reasoning behind the policy is that it is stated there is only one residential property that would be affected. Cllr Reardon stated that there are further development possibilities with the imminent Norris Castle planning application and the Levelling Up Fund plans which could see an increasing number of developments in this area. It was felt that a specific plan for East Wight is needed rather than being tacked on to the West Wight Plan. Concerns were also raised about how this would affect plans for a potential slipway on the Esplanade. Cllr Palin stated the policy from 2010 needed to be reviewed urgently.

6.2 **Resolved:** To write to IWC requesting urgent review of the policy and inviting IWC Cabinet members for Transport and Regeneration to a Full Council meeting.

FO64/21 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.

Contractual matters were considered.

Meeting Closed at 7.47pm

Signed

Dated