



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 13th January 2022** in the Town Hall, East Cowes to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Love (Chair), Cllrs Packham, Palin, Lake, Reardon, Webster
S Chilton (Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), 5 members of the public were present.

Public Forum

- A member of the public expressed thanks to the Town Council facilities team for swift action taken when he reported excessive litter and dog fouling in Clarence Road. Cllr Love has also raised the issue with the Environment Officer. Cllr Reardon had also reported seagull damaged black rubbish bags in Clarence Road which had been dealt with promptly by Island Roads. The Clerk stated that the Environment Office will prosecute if the public submit the relevant evidence for these offences.
- A member of the East Cowes Crafters group raised concerns about the constraints of putting up displays around the town. The clerk will contact contractor NDLE to clarify the situation and respond to the crafters.
- A member of the public reported that a pop-up vaccination centre will be sited at the Fire Station on 22nd January from 10am-5pm for those aged 12 and over.

FO01/22 E-bikes roadshow -Paul Compton, Routefit7 Bike Hire

This item was deferred in Mr Compton's absence.

FO02/22 Apologies

Cllr Hendry gave his apologies due to work commitments.

FO03/22 Declarations of Interest

2.1 Cllr Love declared a non-pecuniary interest as IW Ward Councillor, member of East Cowes Community Partnership and East Cowes Business Association. Cllr Reardon declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of East Cowes Community Partnership and East Cowes Business Association.

2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO04/22 Minutes

The Chair moved a resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2021 which were agreed.

Resolved: Minutes were approved and signed.

FO05/22 Bathing Water Quality Status Application

5.1 A request for financial support for the bathing water quality application was considered. A total of £2000 would enable purchase and installation of a noticeboard. A further £500 per year would be needed for the posting and removal of update notices from the Environment Agency during the bathing season advising of short-term pollution predictions. Isle of Wight Council has confirmed that the statutory duties laid out in the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 would remain with the Isle of Wight Council.

Resolved: To agree £2000 to fund the cost of a noticeboard and to budget £500 per year to cover the cost of posting notices.

FO06/22 Victoria Grove Lease

6.1 The Clerk stated that the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) leases for Victoria Grove and the Recreation Ground, dated from 1673, 1677 and 1744 for a term of 1000 years, are missing but as the parties are unknown it is equivalent to the IW Council holding the freehold title. Therefore, ECTC will now be issued with an underlease by IWC. The land also has the protection of Fields in Trust status, and an application for consent from Fields in Trust allowing IWC to grant an underlease is being assessed. A fee of £550 plus VAT is payable for the Deed of Dedication.

Resolved: To agree to pay the cost of the Deed of Variation for Victoria Grove and Recreation Ground to Fields in Trust, through the IWC.

FO07/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

7.1 IWC has agreed to the planting of a tree more than 10-12 feet high at Jubilee Recreation Ground. A small group of Councillors met at the Recreation ground and recommended a Rowan tree and plaque produced by the Royal British Legion to be sited between 2 existing trees towards the bottom of the recreation ground. Toby Beasley Head Gardener at Osborne House has advised that the tree should be planted ahead of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations with a final bucket of soil to be added at the time of the ceremony. IWC will also be planting additional trees this year. The Clerk advised that one tree was removed from Jubilee Recreation Ground this week on the advice of the tree officer as it was cracked and diseased and leaning towards the footpath and road.

7.2 The Council considered arrangements for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June. In addition to the tree planting, ideas were put forward for a tea dance in the town hall, a big screen or live music in Jubilee recreation ground to live screen jubilee events, to be accompanied by a picnic. The town hall will be available for Town Council organised events from 2nd to 5th June. East Cowes Community Partnership will have other ideas to put forward. It was noted that an organisation called Eden Project Communities is a good resource for support with events.

Resolved: To agree to the purchase of a Rowan tree and plaque from the Royal British Legion at a combined cost of £250 and to work with East Cowes Community Partnership to produce a programme of events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

FO08/22 Council Market

8.1 Cllr Reardon stated that the market on the Red Funnel car park and entertainment in the square outside Waitrose had been well received in December. A regular monthly market to be held on a Saturday afternoon and based at the Town Hall with stalls for crafts, local producers and artisans paying a fee for a stall would attract more footfall into the town.

Resolved: To pursue plans for holding a monthly market at the Town Hall.

Meeting Closed at 6.53pm

Signed

Dated