



## EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022** in the Town Hall, East Cowes to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

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

### Public Forum

- A member of the public stated there will be a community beach clean on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm.
- A member of the public stated there is a large tree on the beach at the base of Cambridge Road which needs removing to prevent it becoming a hazard. It has been reported to IWC. The Clerk will ensure this has been noted by IWC.
- A member of the public stated that the Solent Forum has designated the water quality at East Cowes as excellent for the second year running. Thanks to Lin Kemp were noted for her DEFRA water quality application. The consultation closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- A member of the public noted difficulties accessing the Norris Castle planning application documents online. The clerk will send out the link.

### FO09/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Webster who was unwell and Cllr Hendry who was attending Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills as Ward Councillor.

### FO10/22 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.

### FO11/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were agreed and signed. Cllr Lake left the meeting.

**Resolved:** To agree the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### FO12/22 Community Orchard & Town Tree Plan – Cllr Palin

4.1 Cllr Palin stated that Red Funnel have offered to donate 30 mixed fruit trees for a possible community orchard at the base of Jubilee Recreation Ground. The Clerk stated that the lease would need to be checked. Further information is needed about the suitability of the site for fruit trees.

4.2 Cllr Palin put forward the development of a Town Tree Plan.

4.3 **Resolved:** To agree to take the community orchard and Town Tree Plan forward.

### FO13/22 Council Community Market – Cllr Reardon

5.1 Cllr Reardon stated that a meeting had been held with Market Days CIC, about holding a monthly market at the Town Hall and on the Esplanade. Market Days would take on all the administration for 50% of the stall holders fees. The hall will accommodate around 15 stall holders with 2 food trailer concessions on the forecourt. In

addition, the Town Council could offer a refreshment concession for the servery. It is expected that there will be a positive effect on local businesses. Cllr Palin put forward some possible logo designs for consideration.

5.2 **Resolved:** To agree to proceed with the Council Community Market in conjunction with Market Days CIC.

FO14/22 Town Crier Newsletter – Cllr Palin

6.1 The Council considered a suggestion put forward by Cllr Palin to look at other possible formats for the quarterly newsletter including advertising or sponsorship and printing on recycled paper. It was suggested to research what other councils do.

6.2 **Resolved:** To agree to research other formats for the quarterly newsletter.

FO15/22 Blyskawica 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

7.1 The Council considered a request from the Friends of the ORP Blyskawica to nominate a councillor to join their committee planning the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorations.

7.2 **Resolved:** Cllr Palin volunteered to join the committee.

FO16/22 Wartime ARP Panel and Fire Brigade Union Red Plaque

8.1 The Council considered a request from the East Cowes Heritage Centre for permission to erect an information panel at the junction of Lower Yarborough Road, Clarence Road and Osborne Road. Island Roads had advised this area is not on their asset register. It was noted that there is already a commemorative plaque remembering a local resident on the site. The Clerk advised that as no organisation has taken responsibility for the area there could be no objection to the panel being erected.

8.2 The Council considered a request for a donation of £500 towards the cost of the panel.

8.3 The Council considered a request from the Hants and IW Fire and Rescue Service to erect a Fire Brigade Union plaque at the same location.

8.4 **Resolved:** To advise EC Heritage Centre and the Fire Brigade accordingly and to donate £500 towards the cost of the plaque.

FO17/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

9.1 The Council considered the purchase of a gas fuelled beacon for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations at a cost of £490 +VAT and carriage. The 21CC Group Ltd design was chosen.

9.2 The Council considered taking part in the interactive Platinum Jubilee Trail at a cost of £499.

9.3 Cllr Lake returned to the meeting. The Clerk advised that Care in the Garden have provided a quotation for clearing the area at the junction of Well Road and York Avenue. Island Roads have done some clearing and agreed that the Town Council can put forward a plan for this Jubilee Garden area. Cllr Love stated that the lead time for the sculptor is 5 months. It is hoped that the project can be completed during this Platinum Jubilee year.

9.4 **Resolved:** To agree to purchase a Platinum Jubilee Beacon at a cost of £490 + VAT and carriage from 21CC Group and the take part in the Platinum Jubilee Trail at a cost of £499. Cllr Love will work with the clerk to formulate a proposal for the Jubilee Garden for a future meeting.

FO18/22 Exclusion of Press and Public

To resolve 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)).

Contractual matters were discussed.

Meeting Closed at 7.43pm

Signed:

Dated: