



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 12th May 2022** in the Town Hall, East Cowes to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Reardon (Chair), Palin, Lake, Webster, Walker
S Chilton (Clerk), 2 members of the public were present.

Public Forum

- A member of the public asked about air pollution monitoring and why nothing had been undertaken by the IWC Environmental Health since 2019. He asked if the Town Council could put some pressure on them to provide up to date information on air quality. The mayor informed him that this topic was to be discussed by the council.
- A member of the public asked about the planting in the town and whether the triangle at the bottom of York Rd would be included. The Clerk explained that Care in the Garden were trying their best to get everywhere planted but that they were under extreme pressure with the jubilee work. It was pointed out that the triangle would not be included as it was not under the jurisdiction of the Town Council. It was advised that the local ward councillor may be able to help.

FO19/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hendry who was unwell, Cllr Love who was attending IWC Cabinet as Ward Councillor and Cllr Packham who was attending another meeting.

FO20/22 Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 None received.
- 2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO21/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd March 2022 were agreed and signed.

Resolved: To agree the minutes of 3rd March.

FO22/22 BATHING WATER QUALITY TESTING

4.1 Mr Douse had requested that councillors consider continuing the Porton Down water sampling at a cost of approximately £360.00 for a further year in tandem with testing being undertaken by the Environment Agency. Councillors agreed that this was a good idea and that it would allow the council to judge the reliability of the EA data. The Clerk stated that the process of gathering, packing, and posting the samples could be an onerous task and that the Facilities Officer, who had previously been involved in this, was at full capacity, and could not continue to undertake this. It was agreed that if Mr Douse could identify someone to take the samples and take responsibility for packing and posting to Porton Down the Council would continue to fund this for a further year. Mr Douse agreed and would liaise with the Facilities Officer for the handover.

4.2 **Resolved:** To continue funding sampling for a further year and for Mr Douse to take responsibility for the sampling, packing and posting.

FO23/22 JUBILEE PICNIC IN THE PARK

5.1 Councillors discussed providing a donation of £150.00 to the WI to purchase supplies towards refreshments.

5.2 Cllr Reardon stated that volunteers were needed to help with the various jubilee events that the Council had planned. Cllr Webster agreed to contact the Red Cross and Cllrs Palin and Lake agreed to help Cllr Reardon with the setting up involved at the Esplanade Market and the Picnic in the Park. The entertainment for the Thursday was still to be confirmed by Cllr Love.

5.3 **Resolved:** It was resolved that the Council would provide a donation of £150 to East Cowes WI for the purchase of refreshments, and that Cllrs Palin, Webster and Lake would help Cllr Reardon with the arrangements. Cllr Love to deal with the Thursday entertainment

FO24/22 NAMING OF THE HUB/LIBRARY

6.1 The Council considered the top four choices of names from a list suggested by the public for the new hub/library.

6.2 **Resolved:** It was resolved to name the hub The East Side Curve

FO25/22 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: It was resolved 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)).

7.0 Legal matters were discussed.

Meeting Closed at 7.15pm

Signed:

Dated: