



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 7th July 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, Hendry
S Chilton (Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), 1 member of the public was present.

Public Forum

- A member of the public noted that Kingston Road/Cadet's Walk has been blocked preventing pedestrians and vehicles using it. Cllr Hendry will look into this.
- A member of the public reported that the Environment Agency have been completing water testing on the Esplanade since May, all 10 tests have been good. Local residents are also still collecting samples.
- A member of the public raised concerns about the air quality around the asphalt plant and has requested an automatic continuing monitoring system be used. The Manager has stated he is content with the air quality. There are also concerns about the air quality in York Avenue and Well Road. The Town Council is looking into how monitoring could be achieved in this area. The Clerk stated that Island Roads permission is required to fix monitors to lamp posts.

FO26/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Webster who was unwell. Cllrs Palin and Lake arrived at the meeting.

FO27/22 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 Hendry declared a non-pecuniary interest as IW Ward Councillor.

2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO28/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 12th May 2022 were agreed and signed.

Resolved: To agree the minutes of 12th May.

FO29/22 Facilities Officer Report

The Council noted the comprehensive report and thanked the Facilities Officer. The temporary repair to the surface near the goal posts at the recreation ground was appreciated. It was noted that the Assistant Facilities Officer will be undergoing a first aid instructor course which will enable her to deliver the course to staff, councillors and volunteers in the future. Cllr Reardon stated that Dave Priddle, a local resident, has offered to provide free advice regarding the lighting and sound systems in the Town Hall.

FO30/22 Kings Square Street Naming

Following correspondence with Island Roads about the naming of Kings Square it has been established that to proceed a request needs to be sent to IWC.

Resolved: To make a request to IWC to proceed with the street naming application.

FO31/22 The East Side Curve Update

The Council considered 6 designs for the external signage. The Clerk stated that the architect recommended acrylic lettering due to the location of the building. The Clerk provided an update on progress. The site hut has now been removed to enable work to proceed on the outside area. Ducting for the IT will be going in next week. The trees and furniture have been ordered. A gate will be added to the boundary wall to provide a fire escape route from the outside area. Flooring will be going down the week beginning 11th July. The library stock will start to be moved on 14th and placed in its new location the following week. The deadline for completion is now 5th August. The air source heat pump exchanger in the corridor is much larger than expected and may need to be enclosed. Other improvements may need to be made to this area as it joins the two buildings. August 11th will be the official opening date with a ceremony at 11am and an open day following until 2pm. A memory book will be available to sign.

Resolved: To instruct the architect to produce further signage designs.

FO32/22 Operation London Bridge

The Assistant Clerk provided a briefing on measures that can be put in place to mark the death of a senior national figure.

Resolved: To agree to seek further information about the cost of designing a shadow page for the website and to purchase a condolence book to be used on the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

FO33/22 Community Orchard

The Clerk advised that all the fruit trees have been delivered. They are being stored and cared for by Richard Dixey until they can be planted in the autumn.

FO34/22 Church Path

Cllr Lake recently visited the area of land off Church Path with Kelly Wetherick of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. The area is currently overgrown and includes some large trees. It has been established that the footpath is on Island Roads asset register and will be maintained by them. Barratts have agreed a dowry payment of £10,000 plus legal fees to transfer the land to the Town Council. A quotation to produce visualisations of the area was received from Rainey Petrie at a cost of £1250. Cllr Hendry abstained from voting due to the proximity of this land to his property.

Resolved: To request a report from the Tree Officer.

FO35/22 Connect4Communities Grant Application

The Clerk stated that the IWC has a fund of £40,000 to distribute across the island. Initial approval of a grant of £5,000 to the Town Council has been received to cover food and utility bills with the breakdown of 60% to families with children, 35% to older people and 5% to others. A final response is awaited.

FO36/22 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)).

Staffing matters were discussed.

Meeting Closed at 7.42pm

Signed:

Dated: