



## EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects, and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 6pm** in the **Town Hall, York Avenue**, East Cowes to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Reardon (Mayor), Cllrs Packham, Palin, Lake  
S Chilton (Clerk)

Public Forum – no members of the public were present

### FO49/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Webster who was unwell and Cllr Love and Hendry who were both attending meetings.

The Clerk informed the Mayor that Cllr Simon Walker had resigned due to ill health, with immediate effect. Councillors agreed that a letter of gratitude and a commemorative item, should be sent to thank Cllr Walker and to mark his 24 years of loyal local authority service.

### FO50/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Declarations of non-pecuniary interest were received from Cllr Reardon as a member of ECBA and ECCP

2.2 No written requests for dispensation were received

### FO51/22 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 were agreed and signed

**Resolved:** To agree the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

### FO52/22 FACILITIES OFFICER REPORT

The report of the Facilities Officer was received and noted. Councillors thanked the Facilities Officer and his assistant for all their work.

### FO53/22 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

5.1 A suggestion had been put forward by Councillors at an earlier meeting that staff consider using E bikes during the course of their work. The Clerk reported that after consideration by staff there was no appetite for this mode of transport. Cllr Palin reported that there were no grants available at this time. It was noted that a local business was using an e-bike for deliveries. The Mayor suggested that the council might consider providing one for use by the public. This could be discussed at a future meeting.

**Resolved:** Not to pursue the use of E-bikes for staff use

### FO54/22 EAST COWES COMMUNITY MARKET UPDATE

6.1 The Mayor updated Councillors regarding the Council taking responsibility for the community market and that Market Days had been notified. However, no replies had been received to date and monies owed to the council had not been received. The Clerk stated that correspondence had been sent to Claire Kennard requesting all outstanding monies be settled.

Some discussion took place about the difficulties this was presenting in connection with the Christmas Market, as the council had taken reservations from traders and apparently Ms Kennard had also taken bookings. The Clerk

was pursuing matters with Ms Kennard to clarify the situation so that provision could be made for all stalls. It was also noted that there should be no parking outside the Town Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to allow food outlets to set up. It was further suggested that the Council sign up to the Buskers Collective Music Hub on Facebook to engage a musician for the Christmas event. Cllr Reardon would ask about carol singers.

**Resolved:** To ensure no parking outside the town hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec and to pursue outstanding matters with Market Days.

#### FO55/22 CORONATION LIVE SCREEN

7.1 The Council considered live screening the Coronation of King Charles III. It was agreed that this should take place and that details could be discussed at a future meeting. It was generally felt that the hall should be laid in café style and that we need to purchase tablecloths that could be used at other functions. Cllr Palin suggested that the Beacon could be adapted by the Forge to reflect the Kings initials.

**Resolved:** To live screen the Coronation and to firm up details at a later meeting. To contact the Forge in respect of adapting the initials on the Beacon to CR.

#### FO56/22 ALBANY GREEN LEVELLING UP

Cllrs Reardon and Lake gave an update on the Albany Green levelling up plans for under the Prom. Cllr Packham stated that he thought they were a superb improvement. Cllr Palin thought that the money should have been spent on the viewing platform, but it was stated that it could not be made fully accessible and that if a ramp were to be integrated the platform would result in being constructed mainly of ramp. Cllr Packham asked about the Barracks and whether it was to be used for accommodation by UKSA. It was stated that it would not be used for that purpose but rather a training facility with basic facilities such as a cafeteria at the rear. UKSA must raise the funds for the interior fitting out as the Levelling Up fund would only finance the exterior of the building and bring it up to a useable standard. This was likely to cost in the region of £100k. Cllr Reardon stated that the open space that had been created could be used for a number of uses such as a market, music events etc. Cllr Lake stated that the costs they had seen had not gone out to tender and were just estimated. More details were expected in a matter of weeks, and this would come to the council for consultation. It was hoped that a planning application could be made by end of the month. Cllr Lake said that no responses had been received from councillors in respect of the Markides Draft Traffic Plan and that a response was required by 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolved:** To email Councillors and request that they make comment on the draft traffic plan by the 9<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

#### FO57/22 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)).

**Resolved:** To exclude press and public.

Contractual matters were discussed.