



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 2nd March 2023** in the Town Hall, East Cowes to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Reardon (Chair), Cllrs Packham, Palin, Webster, Priddle, Love, Hendry
C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), Ross Edmunds (Area and Town Centre Regeneration Manager for Cowes and East Cowes - IWC), no members of the public.

Public Forum

- There were no public questions.

FO08/23 REGENERATION TEAM PRESENTATION

Ross Edmunds (Area and Town Centre Regeneration Manager for Cowes and East Cowes - IWC) introduced himself and gave a presentation about his role at IWC. Ross is employed for 2 years with funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund from central government under the levelling-up agenda which aims to achieve 'Pride in Place' around the country by 2030. Ross is responsible for Cowes and East Cowes. His aim to create a steering group for each town to include the Town Council, colleagues at IWC, local groups such as Community Spirited, Primary schools and education providers, community groups, residents and visitors. At the initial meeting terms of reference will be agreed and priorities set. Cllr Love arrived at the meeting. Ross is applying for a grant from the Canoe Foundation to assist with the works at Bells Landing, is in touch with Sovereign Housing who are interested in looking at youth provision in East Cowes and highlighted the new Island Cultural Strategy that has just been approved. Cllr Webster stated that the traffic plan for East Cowes is still not resolved. Cllr Love stated that as there have been so many plans for East Cowes over the last 30 years the community is losing faith. Cllr Reardon stated that meaningful consultation with those who live and work in East Cowes is essential.

FO09/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hendry who is attending the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills and from Cllr Lake who was unable to attend for family reasons.

FO10/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 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. Cllr Priddle declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the East Cowes Business Association.

3.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO11/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 12th January 2023 were agreed and signed.

Resolved: To agree the minutes of 12th January.

FO12/23 FACILITIES REPORT

The council noted the Facilities Report. The Assistant Clerk conformed that Excellent Bathing Water Quality has been received under the Solent Water Quality Award Scheme 2023. The Council requested further information about the CCTV and consideration of a premises alarm be discussed at a future Full Council meeting.

FO13/23 COMMEMORATION OF KINGS CORONATION

6.1 The Council considered the purchase of commemorative gifts for East Cowes School children to mark the coronation.

6.2 Resolved: To purchase 800 commemorative coins and cases from Running Imp at a cost of £832.

FO14/23 SKATEPARK PROJECT

The Council noted the report from the skatepark meeting that took place on 21st February. John Cattle and Zoe Thompson will be organising a consultation during the Easter holidays to form a core group that can take forward a project to improve the skatepark with the aim to build in 2024.

FO15/23 ESPLANADE TOILETS REFURBISHMENT

8.1 The Council considered images of 3 alternative exterior finishes for the Esplanade Toilet refurbishment. The Council also considered the existing layout of the toilet block is suitable.

8.2 Resolved: To defer further discussion on the project to a future meeting.

FO16/23 AMY WHITE THEATRE

9.1 Following a request from the former Supporters of the Amy White Theatre Group the council considered how to ensure the link with Amy Wight is maintained in the Town Hall.

9.2 Resolved: To agree to place a sign stating "Amy Wight Theatre" below the Town Council crest above the stage with examples of suitable lettering to be considered at the next Facilities Projects and Events Committee.

FO17/23 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2023

10.1 Cllr Hendry joined the meeting. The council considered taking part in the Great British Spring clean 2023. Cllr Palin offered to be in attendance on the day.

10.2 Resolved: To take part in the Great British Spring Clean on Sunday 26th March 11am-1pm meeting at The East Side Curve.

FO18/23 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 8.15pm

Signed:

Dated: