



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held on **Thursday 4th May 2023** in the Town Hall, East Cowes to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Reardon (Chair), Palin, Webster, Priddle, Love

S Chilton (Town Clerk), Ross Edmunds (Area and Town Centre Regeneration Manager for Cowes and East Cowes - IWC) Alice Malia, no members of the public in attendance.

Public Forum: There were no public questions.

FO19/23 SEA EAGLE ART PROPOSAL

The Council received a presentation from artist Alice Malia and Ross Edmunds, Area and Town Centre Programme Regeneration Manager, IW Council, about the proposed Sea Eagle Art Project which she would like to develop in East Cowes. AM talked about other projects she had undertaken both in San Francisco and Newport. Councillors liked the concept of a Sea Eagle mural and discussion took place regarding various walls that could be appropriate and would meet the criteria of being seen from the sea and easily viewed by the public. A number of locations were identified including the 'Indian Restaurant' wall, under the prom building, toilets on Albany Green, Coop Wall and the Columbine's South aspect.

Resolved: It was agreed that Alice and Ross would look at the locations, ask councillors for their preference of suitable walls and then start looking into the feasibility, permissions, design and funding.

FO20/23 WILDER WIGHT PRESENTATION

Tina Whitmore (Wilder Communities Project Officer for HIWWT) was unable to attend and had sent a written report which was read to Councillors. This outlined the concept of the Wilder Wight Communities Project between Southern Coop and Hampshire & IW Wildlife Trust. The focus is to encourage people to take action to create and enhance wild spaces where they live. Tina has been working with the Vectis Rd Allotments and Kingston Cemetery and hopes to build on the initiatives that are already happening in the town. These include the recently planted community orchard. TW had also spoken to Angie Matthews about introducing some related sessions in the Curve where she can talk to the community in conjunction with the Reading Challenge. The council discussed various areas that might be appropriate including Cadets Walk and the woodland area of the Esplanade.

Resolved: It was agreed to contact TW and ask her to look at these areas and to come back to the Council with her suggestions and funding implications. It was further agreed that sessions be arranged in the Curve.

FO21/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hendry and Lake due to sickness and from Cllr Packham who was unable to attend for personal reasons.

FO22/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Priddle declared an interest in item 7 as a member of the band who would be playing at the Big Lunch. No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO23/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd March 2023 were agreed and signed.

Resolved: To agree the minutes of 2nd March.

FO24/23 FACILITIES REPORT

The council noted the Facilities Report. A question was raised regarding the commemorative bench for the Esplanade and the Clerk was asked to get further details.

FO25/23 COMMEMORATION OF KINGS CORONATION

The Council received an update on the events to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III and discussed that daily schedule of events and identified outstanding matters to be dealt with.

Resolved: To confirm that outstanding matters would be concluded on Friday 5th May. Coronation chairs made by the crafters to be displayed in the Curve till the end of May.

FO26/23 AMY WHITE SIGNAGE

The Council considered draft designs for signage for The Amy White Theatre for above the stage and Cllr Priddle offered to design some others.

Resolved: Cllr Priddle to provide some options for signage to a future meeting

FO27/23 HOVERCRAFT PROPELLER

The council discussed the proposal from Mr Burdett to site the propellor at the Industrial Estate, Whippingham Rd. Cllr Love explained that background which had been agreed some time ago to locate this at the Classic Boat Museum and that £2000 had been given to the CBM to construct a stand. It was further explained that some critical parts had been held back by the Hovercraft Museum which were delaying the completion of this. Cllr Love had been in communication with the museum but personnel who had initially dealt with this had now left. Cllr Love agreed to make direct contact with them and report back to Council.

Resolved: To defer a decision on the project pending Cllr Love's meeting with the Hovercraft Museum representatives. Cllr Love to report to a future meeting.

FO28/23 ESPLANADE IMPROVEMENTS

The Council discussed various concerns regarding the Southern Water site on the Esplanade which is apparently going to be used as a storage facility. Cllr Love stated that he had been in communication with Southern Water as there had been no information about this from SW to the council, who, as the leaseholders, should have been consulted on any changes to the area which affected the leased land. The area in question had originally been used for a pitch and putt location which was something the council aspired to reintroduce, as part of the ongoing Esplanade improvement project. Cllr Love has arranged a meeting with SW to discuss developments and will report back to Council before any further action is taken.

Resolved: Cllrs Love and Reardon to meet with Southern Water and report back to Council.

FO29/23 FOOTBALL PITCH HIRE

The Council considered introducing a pitch hire charge for the Victoria Grove football pitch. The Clerk explained what would be required if this were to be adopted in terms of additional resource. Councillors agreed that it would not be feasible to introduce pitch hire charges.

Resolved: It was agreed not to introduce pitch hire charges.

Meeting Closed at 8.00 pm

Signed:

Dated: