



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Facilities, Projects and Events Committee** held remotely by Zoom on **Thursday 3rd September 2020** at 11am to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.

Present: Cllr Rann (Chair), Cllrs Walker, Love, Webster, Packham
Samantha O'Rourke (Island Roads, Councillor Enquiry, Communication & Development Officer)

S Chilton (Clerk), C Gale (Assistant Town Clerk), 2 members of the public

Public Forum

A member of the public noted that Cllr Hendry has agreed to investigate organising a speed watch campaign for his ward; will East Cowes Town Council access the funding of £3000 and do a speed watch in the Queensgate and Beatrice Avenue area. This matter is on the Full Council agenda for September.

A member of the public expressed thanks for the additional litter pick at Clarence Road but the area was soon littered again with discarded facemasks and other items. As this area is used by their employees during their breaks will the Town Council raise the matter with GKN.

FO22/20 Apologies

Cllr Hendry was unable to attend due to work commitments, Cllr Lloyd was unable to attend due to a medical appointment.

FO23/20 Declarations of Interest

2.1 Cllr Love declared non-pecuniary interests as a member of East Cowes Business Assoc, East Cowes Community Partnership, and Ward Councillor for IWC.

2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

FO24/20 Minutes

The Mayor moved a resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd July which were agreed.

Resolved: Minutes were approved and signed.

FO25/20 Island Roads

4.1 Samantha O'Rourke gave apologies on behalf of the new District Steward Karysha Clarke who was unable to attend due to a medical appointment.

4.2 Samantha O'Rourke (Island Roads Councillor Enquiry, Communication & Development Officer) thanked the Council for inviting her to speak at the meeting. Her role is to keep Ward Councillors and Parishes updated as much as possible on the Island Roads network and the impact on residents and visitors. NRSWA (New Roads and Street Works Act) emails are sent out regularly. Sometimes these cause confusion as although they are advertised as being for 21days the works are often completed much sooner. Island Roads work with the utility companies to minimise road closures and disruption.

Cllr Love raised safety concerns about vehicles leaving the Red Funnel yard exiting on to Castle Street. SO stated this is beyond her remit but she would ask Network Manager Kevin Burton to contact Cllr Love with a view to a

site visit, together with the District Steward to be arranged at a time when a ferry is unloading. Cllr Love also raised concerns about the proposed parking changes in the town particularly the removal of parking in Lower York Avenue. The PFI Network team have been invited to attend the next Full Council meeting to provide further information.

SO has recently arranged for weekly works programmes and resurfacing programmes to be distributed to all town and parish clerks.

Cllr Webster asked about the installation of more dropped kerbs in John Nash Avenue which is difficult for those using mobility scooters. SO explained that Wightfibre works must be completed first, but there is a programme for the installation of dropped kerbs which she will ask to be shared with councillors.

Cllr Love asked for an update on the completion of Saunders Way. SO will request this from IWC Planning Development Control Manager. SO left the meeting.

FO26/20 Bumble Bee Playground

5.1 Nicky Flux-Edmonds is raising funds to provide an additional piece of play equipment at the Bumblebee Playground and has requested that the Town Council make the application. The cost of the planning application is £234 per 0.1 hectare or part thereof which is reduced by 50% for town and parish councils.

5.2 The Council considered making a planning application to enable this project to go ahead.

Resolved: To apply for planning permission for the new equipment at the Bumblebee Playground.

FO27/20 Litter Bins

6.1 The Council considered the installation of an additional litter bin at Clarence Road at a cost of £83.25 plus Installation£57.45 if there is existing footway or concrete base available or£287.41 if concrete base is required. Ongoing costs will be £2.55 per empty + VAT subject to an annual increase. It was felt that 2 litter bins were required in Clarence Rd; 1 halfway between the Victoria Tavern and the Heritage Centre and the other outside the steel mesh gates of the Clarence Rd Boatyard.

6.2 The Council considered the addition of “This bin is not for household rubbish” signs on Town Council bins and Island Roads will need to ask for permission to add these to IWC bins.

Resolved: To install 2 new bins on Clarence Road at the locations agreed and to add “Please do not place household rubbish in this bin” notices to the litter bins owned by the Town Council.

FO28/20 Hovercraft Propeller – Cllr Love

7.1 The Clerk advised that £1000 had been allocated to this project. The propeller is currently at the Boat Museum but may be able to be housed in the Cockerell Shed in Victoria Grove. Cllr Love requested that funding be made available for the construction of a mobile stand that would enable the propeller to be moved to different locations. He had no information on how much this would cost. Councillors agreed that the original £1000 budget could be used

Resolved: It was confirmed that the £1000 in the budget can be used towards building a mobile stand.

FO29/20 VE Day and Elephant Festival

8.1 Cllr Love volunteered to lead on the Elephant Festival project. Cllr Hendry already represents the town council on East Cowes Community Partnership. Cllr Love will also report back to the Town Council regarding VE Day 2021.

Resolved: Cllr Love will represent the Town Council at East Cowes Community Partnership in connection with the Elephant Festival.

FO30/20 Flower Boat -Cllr Love

9.1 Cllr Love shared a photo of a small boat that has been offered to the Town Council for use as a planter. The owner will move it to the chosen location. Councillors agreed that it could make an attractive feature outside the town hall. Cllr Love agreed to liaise with the owner to move it from the Esplanade.

Resolved: To take possession of the boat and locate it in the walled raised bed next to the community notice board outside the town hall.

FO31/20 Town map update

The town map leaflet is being distributed by Pick Up Media. Copies are also available from the Clerk's Office.

FO32/20 Community cinema

11.1 The Assistant Clerk presented a report showing the options for providing a community cinema. It was felt that the Council could fund the initial purchase of equipment as this would also be useful for other events and for use by hirers. A monthly film screening open to the whole community could be offered. The screenings would be self-financing and not profit.

Resolved: To include costings for the community cinema project in the budget for 2020/21.

Meeting Closed at 12.37pm

Signed

Dated