



East Cowes Town Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the **Annual Meeting of East Cowes Town Council** held at East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes **Thursday 19th May 2022 at 6pm**

Present

Chair: Cllr Reardon (Mayor)

Councillors: Packham, Lake, Palin, Hendry, Love, Walker, Webster

Clerk: S Chilton, **Assistant Clerk:** C Gale

Also present: 8 members of the public

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

61/22 ELECTION OF MAYOR

1.1 The Clerk advised that one nomination had been received for Mayor.

1.2 Cllr Reardon was nominated and seconded. A vote was taken by show of hands. Cllr Reardon was duly elected Mayor for one year.

1.3 Cllr Reardon completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Reardon took the chair.

62/22 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

2.1 The Clerk advised that one nomination had been received for Deputy Mayor.

2.2 Cllr Love was nominated and seconded. A vote was taken by show of hands. Cllr Love was duly elected as Deputy Mayor for one year.

2.3 Cllr Love completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

63/22 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

64/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

4.1 Cllr Hendry declared a non-pecuniary interest as IW Ward Councillor. Cllr Love declared a non-pecuniary interest as IW Ward Councillor and as a member of the East Cowes Community Partnership and East Cowes Business Association. Cllr Reardon declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the East Cowes Community Partnership and East Cowes Business Association.

4.2 No written requests for dispensations were received.

65/22 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Cllrs were requested to complete the register of interest form if there had been any changes and return it to the Clerk.

66/22 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

6.1 Facilities, Projects and Events Committee

All councillors were appointed to serve on this committee.

6.2 HR Committee (5 members)

Cllrs Webster, Palin, Packham, Hendry and Reardon were appointed.

6.3 Planning Committee (6 members)

Cllrs Webster, Palin, Lake, Reardon, Walker and Packham were appointed.

67/22 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

7.1 Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC)

Cllr Palin was appointed as representative, Cllr Walker was appointed deputy.

7.2 Cowes Harbour Commission Advisory Committee

Cllr Reardon was appointed as representative, Cllr Love was appointed deputy.

7.3 Floating Bridge User Group

Cllr Palin was appointed representative, Cllr Reardon was appointed deputy.

7.4 IW Council Environment & Sustainability Forum

Cllr Lake was appointed representative, Cllr Packham was appointed deputy.

7.5 Local Access Forum (LAF)

Cllr Lake was appointed as representative, Cllr Webster was appointed deputy.

7.6 East Cowes Community Partnership (ECCP)

Cllr Love and Cllr Hendry were appointed as representatives.

7.7 Cowes Town Council

Cllr Palin was appointed as representative, Cllr Walker was appointed deputy.

7.8 Waterfront Refresh Steering Group

Cllr Reardon was appointed along with Planning Consultant Martha James.

68/22 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Resolved: That the Council, at the time of this resolution, is eligible to use the General Power of Competence by confirming that:

- I. The number of members of the council that have been declared to be elected is equal to or greater than two-thirds of the total number of members of the council.
- II. The Clerk to the council holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration, or other relevant qualification.
- III. The Clerk has completed the *relevant training*:
 - a. in the exercise of the general power
 - b. provided in accordance with the National Training Strategy for parish councils adopted by the National Association of Local Councils.

69/22 INSURANCE

The Clerk confirmed that asset register had been updated and insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks was in place.

70/22 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

10.1 Code of Conduct

The Clerk advised that the Code of Conduct for consideration.

Resolved: To adopt the LGA Code of Conduct as presented.

10.2 Standing Orders

The Clerk advised that the only change was the removal of the requirement to meet EU regulations on contracts.

Resolved: To adopt the Standing Orders as presented.

10.3 Financial regulations

The Financial Regulations are unchanged.

Resolved: To adopt the Financial Regulations as presented.

71/22 ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The annual calendar of meetings was presented.

Resolved: To agree the annual calendar of meetings.

The Annual meeting closed at 7.17pm

Public Forum

- A member of the public advised that he had not received a copy of the Town Council newsletter.
- A member of the public if there was a problem with the electricity cables in Saunders Way. Cllr Hendry advised that there was an issue with the landowner and the question needed to be raised with Barratts the developer. Concerns were noted about the future adoption of the Saunders Way link road and the impact this would have on the town. The Town Council continues to engage with IWC, Island Roads and Red Funnel and will invite all the key players to a meeting regarding traffic in the town.

72/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of Full Council held on 21st April 2022 were approved and signed.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of 21st April 2022.

73/22 FACILITIES REPORT

No report was available. This will be deferred to the next meeting.

74/22 FINANCES

14.1 & 14.2 The council considered the payments made, including by Direct Debit and BACS, as presented for April/May 2022. Cllr Reardon declared an interest on the April 2 list as proprietor of Housecrafts.

14.3 Consideration of the bank reconciliation for April 2022 was deferred to the next meeting.

Resolved: To approve and ratify the payments including by Direct Debit and BACS.

75/22 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 12022 – HAWTHORNE MEADOWS & SAUNDERS WAY POLICY REVIEW

14A.1 The Council considered the Traffic Regulation order for Hawthorne Meadow and Saunders Way which requires a response by 20th May. Cllr Webster raised concerns about where displaced cars would go if all these measures are implemented and the amount of pavement parking that makes it difficult for pedestrians. Cllr Palin had been contacted by 10 residents and noted the need for no parking on corners for safety reasons but stated the other measures were over the top. Cllr Hendry stated that there needs to be scrutiny of future planning applications to ensure there is adequate parking and road width. Parking on Saunders Way should be retained as it assists with slowing the traffic. Cllrs marked up the map to indicate which provisions were acceptable.

Resolved: To submit the annotated map to Isle of Wight Council in response to Traffic Regulation Order 12022.

76/22 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)).

The Council considered staffing matters.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

Dated: