



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **East Cowes Town Council** to be held at **6pm on Thursday 18th January 2024** at the **Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes** to discuss the following matters set out in the agenda.
Sue Chilton, Town Clerk **Dated: 12th January 2024**

There will be one minute's silence and a short tribute led by the Mayor, prior to the public forum to commemorate the sad passing of Councillor Margaret Webster

6.05pm PUBLIC FORUM

15 minutes are allocated for members of the public to comment and ask questions relating to Full Council business prior to the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. 6.20pm NEW COUNCILLOR
 - 1.1 To welcome Councillor Irwin
 - 1.2 To receive the declaration of acceptance of office from Councillor Irwin

2. 6.22pm APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
To receive apologies for absence

3. 6.25pm DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
 - 3.1 To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests
 - 3.2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations

4. 6.30pm MINUTES
To approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2023

5. 6.35pm STANDING ORDERS
 - 5.1 To consider omitting the highlighted words from Standing Order 5J:
The first item of business at the Annual meeting shall be the election of the Mayor, **who shall serve for a period of no longer than 2 years and will not be eligible for office for two years after**. The re-election of the Mayor will take place annually. Following the election of the Mayor of the Council and Deputy Mayor of the Council at the annual meeting, the business may include:
 - 5.2 To resolve any actions

6. 6.45pm FLOATING BRIDGE
 - 6.1 To receive an update on the Floating Bridge from the IW Council
 - 6.2 To resolve any actions

7. 6.55pm WATERFRONT REGENERATION PROJECT
 - 7.1 To receive an update on the Waterfront Regeneration Project
 - 7.2 To resolve any actions

8. 7.05pm BUDGET 2024/2025
 - 8.1 To consider and agree the budget for 2024/25
 - 8.2 To resolve to set the precept for 2024/25

9. 7.10pm FINANCES
 - 9.1 To approve and agree payments as presented and ratify payments made including by Direct Debit and BACS
 - 9.2 To note the bank reconciliation for December 2023
 - 9.3 To resolve any actions

10. 7.15pm DEPUTY CLERK/RFO
 - 10.1 To receive the recommendation of the HR Committee to appoint Charlotte Jones to the post of Deputy Clerk/RFO
 - 10.2 To resolve any actions

11. 7.20pm ANNUAL DISPENSATION OF HALL CHARGES
 - 11.1 To consider requests received for annual dispensation of charges
 - 11.2 To resolve any actions

12. 7.25pm REPORTS
 - 12.1 Clerk's report
 - 12.2 Mayors report
 - 12.3 IW Ward Councillors reports
 - 12.4 Town Councillors reports

13. 7.40pm 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)).

Casual Vacancy and contractual matters