



EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of **Theatre Committee** held at The East Side Curve, York Avenue, East Cowes **Thursday 17th April 2025 at 5pm**

Present:

Chair: Cllr Palin **Councillors:** Cllrs Reardon, Brimble-Brennan, Lake

Also Present:

Amy White Theatre: Tressa Lambert, Becky Savage

Clerk: S Chilton **Deputy Clerk:** C Jones

TC7/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Love.

TC8/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda
- 2.2 No written requests for dispensations were received

TC9/25 MINUTES

- 3.1 The Committee approved and signed the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2025

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on Thursday 16th January 2025 were approved and signed.

TC10/25 FINANCE

- 4.1 The Clerk explained the end of year budget report, showing a carry forward amount of £1600 with reserves left of £3124.

Resolved: To note the Quarter 4 budget report and the end of year financial report

TC11/25 MID YEAR-SHOW – THE PROJECTIONIST

- 5.1 Tressa communicated that 30 tickets have been sold for the showing on Friday, June 27th, and 33 tickets for Saturday, June 28th. Both Becky and Tressa are aiming for a minimum of 150 tickets sold for each performance. Tressa has ordered banners that are smaller than those used in previous years. Cllr Lake confirmed that we are permitted to utilise the Floating Bridge's' electronic screens for advertising purposes. The committee are conscious of costs, particularly given the high expense of the advertisement previously displayed at Lake for Robin Hood; should ticket sales not increase for this upcoming show, consideration will be given to pursuing this advertising strategy again in the future. Cllr Reardon inquired about the possibility of applying the professional services offered during the show to accommodate potential new events. Becky is exploring the potential for hosting some high-profile ad hoc events and will report back. Cllr Palin addressed the need for volunteers, specifying that two individuals are required for the server and two for ticket sales. Cllr Lake, Reardon, Palin, and Brimble-Brennan agreed to volunteer for one show. The selection of refreshments will mirror what was offered during the Wizard of Oz, with a focus on both sweet and savoury items. The Deputy Clerk will coordinate with Becky, Tressa, and Cllr Palin to prepare a draft purchase list for approval. A new card machine has been acquired to facilitate debit card payments for the shows, which the Deputy Clerk will set up. Additionally, Becky and Tressa will arrange for the repair or replacement of the starlight curtain, coordinating with Mike from StageGear on this matter.