



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 4TH MAY 2021 AT 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors S Cowley (Town Mayor), J Jackson, D McCleary, R Corbett, G Head, P Cronin, S Devine

IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Jacobs (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: No apologies were received.

1. WELCOME BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed all present to the Yarmouth and Thorley Town Meeting

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON MAY 21ST 2019

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 21st 2019 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None were raised

4. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor, Cllr Steve Cowley, presented a report based on the written document (Appendix1 attached).

The Mayor thanked all Councillors, especially Cllrs Devine and Jackson who were retiring. He also thanked the Clerk for his efforts during lockdown, and for arranging the refurbishment of the public toilets.

Cllr Cronin raised the issue of potential noise pollution arising from the new runway at Southampton Airport, and agreed to provide Councillors with a link to Eastleigh Council in respect of compensation claims.

Mayor Cowley referred to the inherent contradictions between the current lockdown restrictions imposed by the Government and the High Court ruling that virtual council meetings are proscribed, explaining that the meeting due to take place on 11/5/21 would take place verbally and any decisions made ratified at the next physical meeting.

5. RESOLUTIONS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN.

As no written resolutions had been received the Mayor thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

Signed..... Date.....

STEVE COWLEY, TOWN MAYOR

Appendix 1

Mayors annual report 2021 ATM

The last year has been challenging due to the constraints brought about by Covid 19.

The Town Council has met by Zoom to ensure the continuity of the Council's responsibility. After some initial reluctance and technical difficulties all members were able to take part.

The toilets in Bridge road have been modernised and those on the Common replaced bringing them into a condition we can all be proud of, at last. The funding was obtained from the Government's Works Loan Board which is a 25-year commitment. Despite this the Council should make an overall saving.

As a Council we have supported many people and organisations during the last year.

Over 100 Christmas hampers were delivered to cheer up local people and enhance their wellbeing. The Hampers were supported by the Town Council, the Town Trust, the Delphie Lakeman Trust and Salty's Bar and Restaurant. My thanks to councillors and helpers in delivering the Hampers.

Tim Gibbs of Yarmouth Pharmacy was given the Freedom of the Town in recognition of his support for local people during these difficult times.

The Mayor's Award was given to mother and daughter, Anna and Emma Szydowski of Harveys, in recognition of their efforts to ensure the food supply to town's people during Covid19 lockdown.

Donations were given to support local groups including West Wight Sports and Community Centre (£7426.00), Men in Sheds (£500.00), Scrubs for St Marys (£500.00) and Thorley Church (£500.00).

Plans to refocus the uses of the Rec since the departure of the football club have been hampered by Covid restrictions. Thanks go to the Rec Committee, Peter Cronin, Martyn Collinson, Peter Scott and Rod Corbett for their work on this.

I am extremely disappointed by the permanent closure of Yarmouth Surgery without consultation in the past year