

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD on Tuesday December 5th 2017 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Tim Adams (Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative), Isle of Wight County Press, and 5 members of the public.

129/2017 APOLOGIES

Cllr Jackson had tendered apologies, but subsequently attended

130/2017 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Visiting boat numbers (November): Overnight visits to the harbour show a small decrease of around 15 boats throughout the month at 320 visits. Short stays or lunchtime visits are up by 38 at 190 visits. Sailing school visits are up by 1 boat night at 75 visits. Long Term Visitors (LTVs) are up by 553 nights at 1,956. The total for the month is 2,466 visits, up by 576 or 30%.

Harbour Works: The replacement of ten green heart piles with tubular steel piles south of the bridge was delayed due to a technical fault with the piling barge rig however work is underway. This includes the replacement of the temporary tender pontoon with a more robust and stable alternative.

Grant Applications: the Commissioners awarded grants for 2018 to 5 local organisations totalling £15,000. Beneficiaries include, CHOYD, Needles Coast Watch, West Wight Sports Centre and Wight Aid.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hutchinson reported that the issue of business parking permits is currently under consideration by IWC. Adult social services are likely to be affected by the next round of cuts. The recent NJC pay negotiations had resulted in a 2% increase which is unbudgeted, and means an additional £500K has to be found.

Mayor Cowley raised the subject of the closure of Yarmouth fire station. Cllr Hutchinson advised that this was not under consideration in the current round of cuts, but might feature in the next one, along with the rest of the emergency services infrastructure. Statutory response times had to be preserved, but consideration was

being given to how to achieve them more cost-effectively. Cllr Cowley pointed out that this could be impeded if fire engines had to get to Yarmouth from Freshwater when Yarmouth Bridge was open to allow river traffic to pass, and that Yarmouth fire station should be part of front line emergency services; he wondered if the site value of Yarmouth fire station might be a consideration in plans to close it. Cllr Hutchinson said that Island fire chiefs have been asked for their suggestions, and no firm decisions had yet been made. Cllr Corbett, however, wondered if decisions had already been made about the closure of Bembridge and Yarmouth fire stations, since active recruitment at both locations had been stopped.

Cllr Hutchinson referred again to business parking permits, and pointed out that Yarmouth Town Council had forwarded the original idea, re-iterating that businesses should continue to pay the same as before, but make use of the under-utilised Riverway car park.

Mayor Cowley also reminded Cllr Hutchinson of problems caused by parking along Thorley Road.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

There were no Thorley issues raised.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Cllr Corbett reported that he had received assurances from Island Roads that the vintage kerbs and gutters in Ommaney Road would be preserved when the road was resurfaced in 2019. He also referred to an absence of disabled vehicle pavement ramps in Yarmouth.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Jill Cowley gave out details of the Wellow Green carol event. She also asked that YTC give support for a 2018 initiative for cleaner seas and beaches around the Island, referring to Southern Water's policy for discharges into the sea locally. Cllr Corbett suggested that Mrs Cowley could head up a new committee for this issue, and complimented Yarmouth Harbour Commission for their activities in connection with the subject of this initiative. It was agreed that YTC should support this, and to add it to the next agenda. Tim Adams announced that YHC was holding a brainstorming session for this purpose the following week, and invited all present to attend.

Cllr McCleary raised the issue of recycling problems in Yarmouth, which contribute to local sea pollution, and urged involving Wightlink. Jill Cowley suggested that the use of disposable non-degradable cups contributed to this problem, though Cllr Allen advised that the use of cleaning agents for china cups also gave rise to pollution problems.

There being no further questions, the Public Forum closed at 7pm.

131/2017 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD	
D McCleary	Any issue involving Yarmouth CEP School	
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard

132/2017 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Monthly Town Council held 7/11/17

133/2017 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

Mayor Cowley proposed Gill Head for this position, which was seconded by Cllr Devine and passed unanimously.

Cllr Head made a short presentation about her local council experience, and suitability for office.

134/2017 FINANCE

134/2017.1 Payment of Accounts.

RESOLVED: The following payments are authorised for December 2017:

DC	Post Office Ltd	Postage	£7.80
DC	WBS	Stationery	£34.95
DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£1.80
DC	Amazon	CHOYD print cartridges	£42.16
DC	Post Office Ltd	Postage	£9.10
2039	Wight Stonemasonry	Thorley Church War Memorial refurbishment	£564.00
2038	Andy Figgins Inspections	2016 Playground Inspection	£325.00
2038	Andy Figgins Inspections	2016 Playground Inspection - cheque cancelled	-£325.00
2040	Andy Figgins Inspections	2016 Playground Inspection	£325.00
2041	YTT	Recreation Ground rental	£175.00
2042	CHOYD	Rental of Premises for meetings	£300.00
2043	CHOYD	Lease YTC Office	£1,400.00
2044	A J Wells	Play Area signage (Covered by YTT Funds)	£867.60

2045	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary November	£645.89
2046	The Post Office Ltd	PAYE Clerk's salary November	£183.12
2047	P Fitzsimmons Ltd	Dyno-Rod clear root damage Common toilets	£204.00
2048	All Round Cleaners	Public Toilets October	£847.80
2049	Roger Rice	Electrical repairs, Bridge Road toilets	£125.00

134/2017.2 Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for November 2017

134/2017.3 Draft Budget 2018/19

The draft budget for next year was considered, but further discussion was deferred pending estimates for improvements to the public toilets.

135/2017 PLANNING ISSUES

135/2017.1 Planning Applications:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Comments due
<u>TCP/30612/A - P/01310/17</u>	Brookside, Main Road, Thorley, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410SX	Householder Application - Proposed new roof forming additional living accommodation	Comments Due By: 01/12/2017
TCP/07657/D - P/01352/17	Little End, South Street, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410QH	Demolition of bungalow; proposed two storey residential dwelling with associated garages	Comments Due By: 15/12/2017

P/01310/17 had been withdrawn

P/01352/17: Cllr Corbett recorded his interest as owning a neighbouring property, and standing orders were suspended to allow comment from a member of the public.

It was RESOLVED to record the following comments on the Planning website:

Yarmouth Town Council objects to the number of garages specified in this application, as it is believed that this will lead to an undesirable increase in traffic in South Street and Tennyson Road, and the garage block itself would have a deleterious impact on the local streetscape.

Yarmouth Town Council is also concerned that the number of garages represents an unacceptable degree of commercialisation in a residential area.

135/2017.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
P/01085/17	Hanaper House, 5 The Mount, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410RB	Proposed two storey extension; alterations to existing house; raised roof pitch; balcony; external stairs; patio area, 2 x new parking bays
TCP/32210/H - P/01223/17	Tapnell Farm, Newport Road, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410YJ	Proposed extension to cafe

Permission refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

136/2017 DRAFT CHOYD LEASE

Mayor Cowley withdrew from this debate due to his position as a CHOYD Trustee, and standing orders were suspended to allow comment from CHOYD representative Sylvia Mence.

The draft tenancy agreement with CHOYD for the YTC, which had been prepared by RJR Solicitors and amended by the Clerk and Mrs Mence, was discussed. Cllr Corbett raised the issue of storage in the CHOYD shed.

RESOLVED: To accept the agreement as presented with no further amendments.

137/2017 SEA LANE

Progress on the application for a Modification Order for this sea lane was discussed. An application for a Modification Order has been submitted to IWC, together with 20 witness statements. The Clerk reported that he has to serve notice on 3 organisation/individuals, and that IWC advised further witness statements should be submitted, which Cllr Corbett undertook to obtain.

138/2017 WATER BLITZ

It was noted that Freshwater Habitats Trust are seeking assistance to establish pollution levels in West Wight by means of kits. Mayor Cowley pointed out that local farmers had considerably reduced the use of pollutants in recent years.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to request 8 kits and further information from Freshwater Habitats Trust.

139/2017 PUBLIC TOILETS

There had been no progress on the suggestion to renovate the public toilet blocks, and discussion on this issue was deferred until the next meeting.

140/2017 PROPOSED CLOSURE YARMOUTH FIRE STATION

This had already been dealt with in the Public Forum.

141/2017 CLERK'S REPORT

141/2017.1 ISLAND ROADS PLANNED WORKS OMMANEY ROAD

It was noted that carriageway resurfacing is scheduled for 01/04/2019 – 30/09/19.

141/2017.2 REQUESTS FOR GRANT AID

The Optio Voluntary Car Scheme, a project run by Community Action Isle of Wight, are requesting a grant of £250 towards their operating costs.

RESOLVED: To make a grant of £250 to Optio, as requested, and request publicity material.

141/2017.3 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

There were no applicants for the IWC Code of Conduct training in the New Year.

141/2017.4 MEMORIAL BENCH

Mayor Cowley reported on a site meeting with Betty Coates-Evans about her recent application for a bench at the Town Green Recreation Ground in memory of her late husband Barry. A bench, available from a local supplier, was discussed, and it was decided to defer further consideration until the next meeting to allow the product to be inspected.

141/2017.5 OFFICE RELOCATION

Deputy Mayor Allen offered to move equipment to the new office in his pickup, and arrangements will be made early in the New Year.

141/2017.6 PLANTING OF BULBS

YTC has been awarded 2 bags of daffodil bulbs by Wight in Bloom, and it was RESOLVED that Mayor Cowley will arrange with Ian Brett for these to be planted in suitable locations in Thorley.

142/2017 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: To accept the correspondence list for November as presented

143/2017 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Memorial Bench
- Office relocation
- Budget 2018/19
- Public toilets renovation
- Sea pollution initiative
- Celebrations to commemorate the end of WW1

144/2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the next monthly meeting at CHOYD, 6:30pm 9/1/18

145/2017 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

Date.....