



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Yarmouth Town Hall on Tuesday April 10th 2018 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Sue Poston (Harbour Commission Representative), Cnty Cllr Stuart Hutchinson, Chris Waddington and 2 members of the public

1/2018 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence

2/2018 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Visiting boat numbers March: Short stays or lunchtime visits are down by 13%. Overnight visits to the harbour show an increase of 10%. Sailing school visits are up by 6%. Long Term Visitors (LTVs) are up by 13% or 201 nights. The total for March is 2257 visits, up by 220 or 11%.

Weather conditions: The average temperature was 4 degrees lower in March than the previous year. Yarmouth experienced 24 days of rain throughout the month. The inclement weather has reduced the amount of leisure traffic to the Harbour especially over the Easter weekend. Although the visitor numbers are good YI-IC would expect these to be much higher with better weather. Visiting boat numbers between 1 January & 31 March show an increase of 14% or 760 visits compared to the previous year.

Harbour Works

The Pier: The pier head pile driving is complete and extraction of the old piles is close to completion with seven piles remaining. The section of the original piles that were below the water are in good condition and will be cut to length, stored and re-used for future pier restoration projects. Pressure washing has begun and is on target to finish

within the next two weeks. The engraving of the planks is progressing well despite the poor weather. Bournemouth University have had four successful days collecting samples and are now analysing. Portsmouth University have collected wood samples to study the impacts of the famous 'Gribble' and the results are awaited. Mackley are confident that they will make up for days lost due to inclement weather and are happy with progress so far.

Cllr Cronin raised the issue of a tree which was causing the narrowing of the footpath adjacent to the dinghy park. Cllr Allen also commented that a piece of artwork along the footpath was damaged.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hutchinson reported on the following IWC issues:

Budget: The 2017/18 spend resulted in a 2% saving against budget. A pilot scheme with Southampton and Portsmouth councils had proved successful, and had resulted in increased revenue of 1.95%.

Fire Brigade Review: There exists the potential for the local service to be taken over by Hampshire, which is unpreventable as both services come under the same Fire Officer. Cllr Corbett queried whether the Yarmouth Station was under threat, since he believed recruitment to have been curtailed. Cllr Hutchinson responded that this was not in current plans and was not aware of a ban on recruitment – in fact, there was an Islandwide problem in attracting retained firemen. The Isle of Wight Council are monitoring the Fire Service carefully and seeking the views of fire crews.

Regeneration Project: The present focus is on Cowes, where, following a devastating fire at a riverside industrial park two years ago, a scheme has been introduced to provide 500 living units, of which a certain proportion is designated as affordable housing, and potential developers are required to contribute £3M for this purpose. There will also be waterside walks and an area set aside for marine industry, as well as a 150,000 square feet maritime museum, and 5000 square feet of training area. The Grade 1 listed hammerhead crane is being restored at a cost of £1.7M. There is a proviso that housing and commercial development must take place simultaneously.

Mayor Cowley raised a query about social housing in the housing development scheme proposed at Bouldnor, in which Yarmouth Town Council will be involved in spite of the scheme taking place in Shalfleet.

Cllr Corbett reported about the undermining of the sea wall along Yarmouth waterfront. Cllr Hutchinson pledge 100% support to any scheme to address this problem. He said it was up to IWC section heads to determine priorities within their areas, mindful of the fact that a further £16.5M has to be save from IWC budgets over the next 3 years.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

Cllr Devine asked if the telephone kiosk by the bus stop is to be removed. The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a response from Island Roads to complaints he had raised about the condition of this area, including the bus shelter and adjacent litter bin, and suggested that individual complaints by Councillors could have some impact. He

also undertook to remind Les Pitman about maintenance work needed on the noticeboard.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Sylvia Mence reported on the Yarmouth Flood Plan – the local property register had been updated and tide tables delivered to all properties affected by flooding problems. Cllr Corbett complained about cars parking on the narrow pavement by the bus stop in lower Tennyson Road, and the Clerk undertook to bring this to the attention of the local police.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Chris Waddington, Chairman of Yarmouth Carnival Committee made a short presentation about the Sea Songs and Shanties Festival he is organising for the early summer, at which Old Gaffers vessels are to be present. Events planned, apart from the songs, are a beer tent, bouncy castle, car jumble and some 18-20 entertainment groups. As he did not propose to request grant aid for Yarmouth Carnival in 2018, and no Old Gaffers is to take place this year, he asked Yarmouth Town Council to consider a grant to this new event. Mayor Cowley commended the initiative, and suggested a grant of £1,500, which was seconded by Cllr McCleary and carried unanimously.

There being no further questions, the Public Forum concluded at 19:20.

3/2018 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD	Lee Farm
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
G Head	National Trust WWSCC British Horse Society RSPB	
S Devine	RSPB	
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	

4/2018 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Monthly Town Council held 6/3/18

5/2018 FINANCE

5/2018.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve the following payments accounts for April 2018:

DC	HMRC PAYE	PAYE Clerk's salary February	£183.12
DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£1.80
DC	Playdale	Replacement strap Board Rider	£267.79
DC	Giffgaff	Office phone	£7.50
DC	Microsoft	Annual Helpdesk subscription	£85.00
DC	Readers	Frame for office opening hours	£3.99
DC	Print 24	Newsletter	£40.78
DD	Souther Electric	Electricity Public toilets:	£50.42
DD	Souther Electric	Electricity Public toilets:Bridge	£208.40
2080	BT Payphones	Purchase of redundant phone	£1.00
2081	Roger Rice	Electrical work Bridge Rd Toilets	£106.00
2082	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£871.80
2083	iWC	Council tax Bridge Rd toilets	£792.00
2084	Jason Ritchie	Maintenance Common toilets	£290.29
2085	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary March	£654.89
2086	Island Roads	Waste bin Recreation Ground	£84.60
2087	P J Day	Plumbing repairs Bridge Rd	£75.00

5/2018.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for March 2018 as presented.

6/2018 PLANNING ISSUES

6/2018.1 Planning Applications:

No objections were raised to the following application:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Comments due
TCP/04794/C - P/00275/18	Marstan Mews, South Street, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410QE	Householder Application - Proposed first floor extension on rear elevation to include juliette balcony	Comments Due By: 13/04/2018

6/2018.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/10401/E - P/00117/18	Hampshire Constabulary, Yarmouth Police Station, High Street, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410PL	Variation of condition 2 on P/00066/16 to alter footprint and window design
P/00147/18	Little End, South Street, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410QH	Demolition of bungalow; proposed two storey

		residential dwelling with associated garages
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Permission refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

Other:

LICENSING ACT 2003: NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The following application has been accepted by the licensing authority:

Application for a new premises licence - Tapnell Farm, Newport Road, Yarmouth (6th June 2018)

Application to vary a premises licence - the Harbour Office, Bridge Road, Yarmouth

7/2018 SEA LANE

With regard to the application for a Modification Order for this sea lane, it was noted that, in response to a question on progress from the Clerk, the IWC responded:

Resources within this department are such that we are only able to deal with one of these types of application at a time and due to the immense amount of work involved generally take about a year to process. They are dealt with in order of applications received. It may therefore be some time before work is commenced on this particular application as there are two before yours

8/2018 PUBLIC TOILETS

Cllr Allen presented a plan he had drawn up with Cllr Cronin to improve the waste pipe system at Bridge Road toilets. It was RESOLVED to approve this plan, and Cllr Allen will compile appropriate explanatory notes for use by potential contractors, a list of which he will provide to the Clerk.

Discussion about a more comprehensive redevelopment of the toilet blocks was deferred until more information became available about the scheme used by Shanklin Town Council.

9/2018 SEA POLLUTION INITIATIVE

Cllrs Head and Devine undertook to make visits to Yarmouth School to promote this initiative. Cllr Devine also suggested visiting local businesses to canvass support. It was reported that Yarmouth Harbour Commission are in the process of producing appropriate stickers and posters, and Cllr Allen suggested co-ordinating with them on this initiative. Cllr Devine agreed to attend the next YHC meeting to discuss this policy, and Cllr Allen will advise when that is to take place.

10/2018 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Cronin presented a verbal report about the latest meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee. Active consideration is being given to replacing the Board Rider with a swings unit, and agreed to visit Roger Hanley with a view to a trade-off between the Board Rider and a swings unit.

Cllr Allen offered to undertake clearance of the meadow using his business's equipment.

With regard to the Pavilion, Cllr Cronin reported that Yarmouth & Calbourne Football Club will not be using the playing field again this season and intend to begin erection of the new Pavilion.

Street signs indicating the Play Area have now been installed by Island Roads after several reminders.

RESOLVED:

To accept the quote presented by M Renwick for maintaining the 3 flower beds in Yarmouth.

To accept the minutes of the 27/3/18 Recreation Ground Committee.

11/2018 IDB SELF ASSESSMENT

The Improvement and Development Board have recently issued a self-assessment capability tool to local councils to ensure compliance with best practice. The very positive results for Yarmouth Town Council were noted.

12/2018 ISLE OF WIGHT DAY

It was agreed to consider this issue in July.

13/2018 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Plans for using the old kiosk in Pier Square, now that it is officially the property of Yarmouth Town Council, were discussed. It was reported that some glass was missing from the structure, and Cllr Allen agreed to inspect it. Cllr Cronin will endeavour to source appropriate replacement glass, and Cllr Corbett undertook to clean out the kiosk and prime the paintwork, while Cllr Allen will source suitable paint. It was RESOLVED to authorise whatever costs were necessary to restore the kiosk, and prepare a display of prints of old Yarmouth to display within it.

14/2018 ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED: To accept the annual risk assessment as presented.

15/2018 CLERK'S REPORT

15/2018.1 MEMORIAL BENCH

It was noted that the installation a bench at the Town Green Recreation Ground in memory of Barry Coates-Evans was now completed, and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk will pay the invoice for the installation costs.

Yarmouth Town Trust's complaint that the Council had neglected to formally inform the Trustees of the new bench was noted, and Councillors agreed to inform YTT of any future changes to the Recreation Ground.

15/2018.2 ANNUAL TENDERS

The Clerk was asked to investigate the costs of advertising for contract tenders in the Isle of Wight County Press.

An audit of street furniture will be arranged at the next monthly meeting. In the meantime, Cllr Allen will measure up seats for replacing woodwork with reconstituted plastic planks.

15/2018.3 ISLE OF WIGHT COMMUNITY LED HOUSING PROGRAMME

The Mayor suggested a meeting with himself, the Clerk and Community Led Housing Officer John Brownscombe.

15/2018.4 TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL SEMINAR

It was noted that the next meeting of this forum will be 25th of June from 17:30 – 19:30 at County Hall.

15/2018.5 WEST BAY DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Head agreed to attend the presentation for this project on 3/5/18, and Mayor Cowley and Cllr Allen will also endeavour to attend.

15/2018.6 NEWSLETTER

The Clerk reported that he had identified a distributor for the Spring Newsletter.

16/2018 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: To accept the correspondence list for March as presented.

17/2018 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

YTT Facebook page

Final accounts, internal audit and Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18.

18/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the Annual Town Meeting 24/4/18 at CHOYD, and next monthly meeting at CHOYD, 6:30pm 8/5/18, preceded by the Annual Council Meeting

19/2018 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)

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