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Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD on Tuesday May 8th 2018 at 6:45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Harbour Commission Representative, and 2 members of the public

22/2018 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Jackson

23/2018 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Visiting boat numbers April: Short stays or lunchtime visits are down by 42%. Overnight visits to the harbour show a decrease on 2017 of 596 or 34%. Sailing school visits were up by 18%. This is largely due to inclement weather throughout the month and over the Easter weekend. Long Term Visitor (LTVs) berth allocation remains at the same level as the previous year. Year to date up to the end of April 2018 Total visitor boat numbers at 9,009 show a decrease on 2017 figures of 154 visits.

Harbour Works The Pier Pierhead Piles:

- All old piles have been extracted and new ones installed. Pier Main Walk Way
- All piles have been installed along the walkway.

- Two of the sections closest to the shore need a small excavating digger to complete the process. This cannot be used until the tide is low enough which will be in around the next two weeks' time.

Bournemouth University & Portsmouth University:

- Bournemouth University have taken samples of the wildlife using the extracted piles and catalogued the species found at different levels and on different aspects of the piles from the pierhead.
- Portsmouth University have collected wood containing gribble as soon as it was extracted in order to use the gribble for their research.
- Mackleys have been extremely helpful in accommodating both universities and the information we have gathered so far will be included in YHC engagement activities.

Schools and Community Groups:

- Five successful visits from local schools and colleges have taken place. The schools programme has involved over 1000 pupils in different activities so far and more sessions are booked. Additional activity sessions in sheltered housing have been very popular and have reached 178 adults so far.
- YHC has 15 more school sessions booked in and approximately 10 to allocate.
- Isle of Wight College has 2 more site visits booked over the next few weeks — this includes visits from their wood courses and engineering from CECAMM.
- Last week four students from the IW College painting course completed their work experience with YHC.
- Twelve presentations about the history of Yarmouth and the Pier have been delivered to groups across the Island so far and another 12 have been booked in. The project has some capacity for more talks if any groups are interested.

The Spring Festival: Another successful festival, helped along with some fine weather. This was the fourth festival the Harbour has hosted. There were over 30 exhibitors including, Island food providers, boat jumble stalls, live music and marine safety demonstrations. The RSYC and the YSC held open days and the RNLI organised static tours of their vessel. The Harbour was at capacity throughout the weekend accommodating seven rally bookings. The aim of the festival is to promote local traders, Island produce and marine safety.

Cllr Corbett complimented YHC on its presentation of 'A Pier's Tale' and suggested that the presentation should be issued in book form.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Cllr Hutchinson, the Clerk read out the following report received from him:

- The line of parked cars just west of the junction with Thorley Road, is causing problems. One or two vehicles is inconvenient, but traffic can get around, however there now seems regularly to be a considerable line of them, and that I'm sure is the cause of a build up of frustration and people taking chances which

causes accidents like the one a couple of weeks back. I have asked Island Roads to do a safety assessment with a view to extending the double yellow lines, though I fear they may have to be extended a fair way east if the problem is not simply to be shifted further along the road.

- The Local Government Boundary Commission is reviewing all Council wards on the Island. They have asked for a view on the number of Councillors there should be, and any changes to ward boundaries. We have said that we think 40 is about right (although the population is gradually increasing I can't see the residents thinking they want more Councillors!) which means each ward Councillor has a population of about three and a half thousand residents to look after. The Boundary Commission have accepted that recommendation. As far as this ward of West Wight is concerned, the population size fits the average so almost certainly there will be no change. Some wards are nearly 20% adrift so there will be adjustments to those.
- A couple of investments have been approved (after four were turned down and a bid lost on one) which will net the Council about £500k each year, so the savings for next year will be down from £5.5 M to £5M, which will still be difficult.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

No further Thorley issues were raised.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Cllr Corbett reported that the re-gravelling of the most westerly sea lane has resulted in more access by visitors, though Loveshore Lane is in need of attention. A large pothole had appeared in South Street but was being dealt with by Island Roads.

Cllr Allen agreed to deal with the tree on the corner of South Street/Tennyson Road, which has been encroaching onto the highway.

Mayor Cowley reported that a number of posts around Yarmouth Green had been broken, and the YHC representative agreed to raise this matter with the Harbour Commission.

The Clerk was requested to contact Island Roads/Southern Vectis and press for the bus station shelter to be deep cleaned.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions, and the Public Forum concluded at 18:55.

24/2018 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 Shalfleet Parish Council	
S Devine	RSPB	
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	

25/2018 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Monthly Town Council held 10/4/18

26/2018 FINANCE

26/2018.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts are approved for payment in May 2018:

DC	Amazon UK Retail	Print cartridge CHOYD	£9.92
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DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£7.50
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary March	£183.12
DC	HMRC PAYE	PAYE Clerk's salary April	£179.47
DC	Harwoods	Extension cable	£8.95
DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£1.80
DC	Post Office	Postage	£7.00
DC	Post Office	Postage	£7.56
DC	WWW.BUSINESS-STREA	Water usage Bridge Road toilets	£579.80
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2089	Yarmouth Carnival Committee	Agreed grant 2018/19	£1,500.00
2090	Yarmouth Town Trust	Quarterly rental Recreation Ground	£175.00
2091	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£994.32
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2092	IEH	Sanitary bins	£28.80
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2093	Came & Co	Insurance	£1,063.49
2094	M Renwick	Planters	£160.00
2095	G W Hughes	Internal Audit	£180.00
2096	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds maintenance	£264.00
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2097	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary April	£655.09

2097	Brian Jacobs	Travel, leaflet distribution	£117.85
2098	IWALC	Subscription	£164.59

26/2018.2 Bank Reconciliation

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

26/2018.3 Final Accounts

The 2017/18 Final Accounts and report of the internal auditor were received and noted.

RESOLVED: To agree and sign Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

26/2018.4 Financial Regulations

RESOLVED: To agree the Clerk's suggested amendments to YTC's Financial regulations and internal control.

27/2018 PLANNING ISSUES

27/2018.1 Planning Applications: None

7/2018.2 Other Planning issues

To note the following:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
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

Permission refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

Other: None

28/2018 GRANTS TO LOCAL BODIES

Mayor Cowley and Cllr Head declared a non-pecuniary interest in this issue. Standing orders were suspended to allow Sylvia Mence to speak on behalf of CHOYD, and she explained that a grant would be applied towards improving windows and lighting, and for the services of a structural engineer in relation to proposed work on the front hall.

RESOLVED: To make the following grants for 2018/19:

WWSC	£6800
CHOYD	£1000
YTT	£375

29/2018 PUBLIC TOILETS

Cllr Allen reported that he had now prepared a schedule for works to improve the drainage at Bridge Road toilets and has identified 2 prospective contractors to carry out the work, and quotes are awaited.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange for an electrical inspection of both toilet blocks.

It was noted that Wallgate have announced that it will no longer maintain the units in Bridge Road after this year. The cost of replacement units last year was quoted at £2,700 + VAT.

30/2018 SEA POLLUTION INITIATIVE

Cllr Allen reported that Yarmouth Harbour Commission now have appropriate signs, and these will be erected at suitable points in Yarmouth.

31/2018 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Cronin reported that Roger Hanley had expressed no interest in the Board Rider, and that the Clerk was now proceeding with arranging its sale. A suitable 3-bay swing unit has been identified to replace it, and Cllr Cronin was investigating this equipment. He also reported that Yarmouth & Calbourne Football Club had temporarily moved to Brighstone, which might well be a permanent situation. Discussions took place on the fate of the pavilion should that transpire; consideration was given to replacing it with an open shelter or covered area, though concern was expressed that it could become the focus of undesirable users.

32/2018 ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

A discussion took place about Yarmouth Town Council boundaries. Cllr Corbett was in favour of applying to include West Hill.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a local resident to comment about the lack of logic of current boundaries – he reported that there were some areas where residents were unsure in which local council area their property was situated and felt that some clarifying communication from YTC would be useful. It was recognised that Yarmouth contained many of the services used by satellite communities.

No further action was suggested at present.

33/2018 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Cllr Allan reported that he had removed the door and will paint it. He also had appropriate signs and photograph mountings.

34/2018 CLERK'S REPORT

34/2018.1 HOLMES BOUNTY 2018

Cllr Corbett agreed to update the list of beneficiaries, and will re-survey, and Mayor Cowley agreed to contact the new vicar to make arrangements for the event next month.

34/2018.2 TENDER FOR FLOWER BEDS, ETC

Councillors considered three tenders from M Renwick for the above. In view of the need to progress this activity before the peak visitors’ season, it was RESOLVED to proceed with the tenders as presented.

34/2018.3 THORLEY BUS SHELTER

It was noted that notification has been received from Island Roads that the refurbishment of Thorley bus shelter has been programmed, but with no information as to timeframe.

35/2018 CORRESPONDENCE

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

36/2018 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Annual tenders
Holmes Bounty

37/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting which will be 5/6/18 at Thorley Church, 6:30pm

38/2018 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)

Date.....