



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD on Tuesday December 4th 2018 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), County Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative, IW Cllr S Hutchinson and 1 member of the public.

140/2018 APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness was received from Cllr Devine

141/2018 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers (November):

- Overnight visits totalled 230, a decrease on the previous year of 90 boat nights.
- Short Stays or lunchtime visits totalled 101 a decrease on the previous year of 89.
- Long Term Visitors totalled 2,174 nights an increase on last year of 220 nights.

Visitor numbers year to date up to and including the 30 November:

- Overnight visits are up 2% or 314 boat nights totalling 17,520.
- Short Stays are up 3% or 147 visits totalling 5,415.
- Sailing Schools are up 16% or 162 visits totalling 1,197.
- Long Term Visitors are up 18% or 3,189 nights totalling 20,624.

Harbour Works : Dredging Dredging works are complete. A post dredge bathymetric survey will be available for stakeholders to view on our website shortly.

Reception: Phase 2 of the reception renovation project is nearing completion. The aim of the upgrade is to create a modern, comfortable and inviting area for our customers and provide a tourist information service or portal for all visitors to Yarmouth. The information portal will focus predominantly on west Wight businesses and attractions.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Following the previous report by Yarmouth Harbour Commission, Cllr Hutchinson updated the meeting on the IWC-owned harbours at Newport, Ryde and Ventnor, indicating that work was continuing on the regeneration of Newport, Ventnor was experiencing £100K per annum loss, and Ryde a modest £50K profit, though it needs considerable capital investment in order to carry out urgent maintenance works.

Business Parking Permits: The recommendations suggested by Yarmouth Town Council, ie that one of the two parking permits enjoyed by local traders should only be valid in a local car park in order to free up in-town parking, has now been echoed by other Island local councils, and IWC is currently reviewing this suggestion along with other parking regulations, taking into account the consequences of any policy change.

Cllr Hutchinson reported that retail premises will receive full business rate relief for the next 2 years.

Chamber of Commerce Awards: Under the apprenticeship scheme, 39 apprentices are currently being mentored for 1-3 years. The Isle of Wight is in the top 20 of 250 local authorities participating in this scheme.

Recycling: The IW is one of the best authorities in the UK for recycling, and has already hit 2020 targets. The new Forest Road plant is on target; IWC have borrowed the £49M to set up the plant but will be renting it to Ameys to operate.

The 2019/20 Budget is currently under discussion.

Sylvia Mence queried the new development at Shalfleet, to which Cllr Hutchinson responded that the Housing Association responsible was Sovereign, producing affordable housing. He also reported that the number of families on the housing register has declined from 7000 to 2000. The IWC is encouraging housing associations by offering reduced price sites. Cllr McCleary raised the problem of families moving to the Island and leapfrogging local families to gain affordable accommodation. Mayor Cowley complimented the IWC on the progress with providing affordable housing.

Cllr Hutchinson reported that there was a problem with recruiting craftsmen to build houses locally, and the use of modular housing was helping to overcome this problem. Cllr Corbett pointed out the problem that infrastructure and support services were not keeping up with the growth of new building, and Cllr Hutchinson responded that that underlined the need for prioritising local families. The IWC was avoiding right to buy clauses where possible, even though this facility attracted government financial support, because of its impact upon the affordable housing stock.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

There were no Thorley issues.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Cllr Corbett reminded the Clerk of the need to display the YTC office opening hours outside CHOYD.

Mayor Cowley reported that he had received no request from Yarmouth Town Trust transferring the ownership of the WW! Soldier silhouette to YTC, though that was likely

to be forthcoming. It was suggested that the figure be secured by a bolt and chain inside the CHOYD shed.

Cllr McCleary reported that recently a number of cars had been parked down Loveshore Lane obstructing the right of way.

Cllr Allen asked if any progress had been made in replacing the plastic bollard outside Treasure Chest, and the Clerk reported that Island Roads had sent a letter to YTC promising that this would be done.

Mayor Cowley expressed thanks to Councillors and CHOYD volunteers for the Peace Tea.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions, and the Public Forum concluded at 19:05.

142/2018 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

143/2018 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 6/11/18.

144/2018 FINANCE

144/2018.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve the following payment of accounts for December 2018:

DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£2.76
DC	Post Office	Postage	£5.05
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£5.00
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary November	£184.68
DC	Argos	Office equipment	£39.99
DC	Dell	Unauthorised transaction - to be refunded	£39.60
DD	PWLB	Loan repayment	£1,787.10
2152	Royal British Legion	Wreaths Remembrance Day	£50.00
2153	Yarmouth Town Trust	June and December rental	£370.00
2154	Brighstone Landscaping	Cemetery maintenance	£331.20
2155	CHOYD	Hire costs 2018/19	£180.00
2155	CHOYD	Broadband facilities	£70.62
2155	CHOYD	Remembrance Day hire	£76.80
2157	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services October	£902.18
2158	R Corbett	Netting wreath stands	£4.74
2159	SLCC	Subscription	£175.00
2160	Judd Developments Ltd	Drainage works Bridge Rd toilets	£4,620.00
2161	B Jacobs	Expenses	£52.65
2161	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary November	£666.41
2156	S Cowley	Remembrance Day tea	£175.97

144/2018.2 Bank Reconciliation

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

144/2018.3 Draft Budget 2019/20

The second draft of the above was noted, and it was proposed by Mayor Cowley, seconded by Cllr McCleary and unanimously RESOLVED to increase the 2019/20 precept by 3 %.

145/2018 PLANNING ISSUES

145/2018.1 Planning Applications:

No objections were raised to the following application:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
P/01254/18	Tanners, High Street, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410PN	Demolition of outbuilding; alterations; proposed rear single storey extension	Comments due by 21/12/18

145/2018.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
P/01035/18	6 The Mount, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410RB	Variation of condition 2 of P/00427/17 to include 2x additional Juliet balconies and windows

Permission Refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs:

Protection Trees in Tree Preservation Order 1975/6

Location The Deacons, High Street, Yarmouth

Consent for the following: The horse chestnut detailed in the application is to be felled to near ground level. The holm oak detailed in the application is to have the crown raised to 5 metres above ground level.

Reason: The work is necessary to remove a dying tree and improve access around the other.

Conditions: It is a condition of this consent that a replacement tree is planted. This is to be a red Horse chestnut “ Aesculus carnea” of at least half-standard size (as defined in British Standard 3936) to be planted in a location/s as may be agreed in writing by the Council. Planting must be completed within one planting season (October to March) of the tree being felled. If the tree dies within 2 years of planting then it must be replaced with one of the same size and species as conditioned above. Please use the enclosed card to notify us when the planting is complete.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of the area and to comply with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that requires replacements for felled trees to be planted. All work must be carried out to a minimum of BS3998 2010 "Recommendations for Tree Work" or current industry "best practice". Working practices should comply with guidance

146/2018 COUNCIL MEETINGS CALENDAR 2019/20

RESOLVED: To accept the calendar of meetings for the coming year as presented

147/2018 PUBLIC TOILETS

Mayor Cowley thanked Cllr Allen for organising the recent work carried out at Bridge Road toilets.

Willow tree by the Common toilets: Cllrs Cronin and Allen will carry out an inspection to establish whether or not relaying the drains will overcome the problem of root damage.

148/2018 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Cronin presented the draft minutes of the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee.

Yarmouth Town Trust has been awarded a grant from the Yarmouth Old Gaffers Festival, which could help fund the proposed work on the meadow.

It was reported that Michael Renwick has devised a suitable alternative to gravel boards for the flower bed at the Common and will be in touch.

It was RESOLVED to proceed with the demolition of the eastern netting structure as per the estimate by Jenner Construction.

149/2018 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Refurbishment of the kiosk is now complete, and the Clerk will re-send Cllr Allen the email about display units.

150/2018 REQUEST FOR FUNDING

The request from Men in Sheds, an Age UK project, for sponsorship to reconstruct a sentry box at Fort Victoria was rejected as there are no funds left in the grants budget for the current year.

151/2018 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Police invitation for volunteers to participate in this scheme was noted.

152/2018 BOULDNOR ROAD PARKING

There were no further developments with this issue, apart from a possible site visit by Island Roads on 7/12/18.

153/2018 PRESENTATION OF BEST KEPT MEMORIAL TO THORLEY CHURCH

The presentation has been scheduled for January.

154/2018 CLERK'S REPORT

The request from Jigsaw for a grant was rejected as there are no funds left in the grants budget for the current year.

155/2018 CORRESPONDENCE

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

156/2018 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Public toilets development.

157/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting which will be 8/1/19 at CHOYD, 6:30pm

158/2018 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.....