



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD on Tuesday February 4th 2020 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Harbour Commission Representative, IWC Councillor Stuart Hutchinson and 1 member of the public

170/2019 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McCleary

171/2019 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

January Boat Numbers: Overnight visits increased slightly compared to the same month last year by around 5%. 104 boats visited the Harbour during this period.

Shorts Stays show a decrease of 13% with a total of 130 visits compared to the previous year of 151. However, this figure is still surprisingly high compared to previous years.

Long Term Visitors numbers remain stable with no significant increase to report. The Harbour has reached capacity in this sector.

Harbour Works:

- Phase 1 of the male shower block refurbishment is well underway and is due for completion in March.

- Works to resurface the dinghy park will commence in two weeks. The resurfacing will be done in two phases, with the second phase scheduled for the winter of next year. Those vessels that were deemed to be unseaworthy or dumped, have not been granted a licence and have been removed. It is anticipated that by reorganising the space YHC will be able to create additional parking facilities for our stakeholders and provide a better facility for dinghy park user in due course.

- The refurbishment of the Terrace (formally known as Spice) is underway. The tenant has indicated that the facility should be open for business in the spring.

Cllr Corbett raised the issue of the dramatic price increase for dinghy owners. The YHC representative responded that additional facilities had been provided, and that the higher rate was still competitive and very cheap, which was confirmed by Cllr Allen. Mayor Cowley raised the issue of the new linkspan screening at Wightlink, and asked the Clerk to investigate if planning permission should have been sought.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Yarmouth School campaign: Cllr Hutchinson reported that Yarmouth School Governors had issued a statement that they agreed to the closure and relocation of Yarmouth School provided that funding had been approved for the rebuilding of All Saints School, Freshwater, and that written confirmation of such approval was imminent.

Cllr Corbett asked if the IWC's intention was to save money rather than ensuring educational standards, to which Cllr Hutchinson responded that he had vigorously opposed the decision to close/relocate the school, which had been largely subject to diocesan policy.

IWC Budget: Cllr Hutchinson reported that the 2020/21 Budget had been agreed and had resulted in a 3.99% increase in council tax, with a guaranteed increase of £6.5M for social care.

Housing: Many primary councils are challenging the Government's housing quotas, which is 650 per year in respect of the Isle of Wight. The IWC has declared a target of 400, part of which is affordable housing for local residents. As housing providers are reluctant to buy into this, the IWC is considering funding such building itself, and there are, at present, over 2000 permissions to build which have not been effected. Failing to achieve Government targets could result in the Government removing IWC's planning authority.

PFI: The original contract stipulated that all Island roads were to be rebuilt, but that has been replaced by a target of all roads achieving a minimum standard of a 7 years life expectancy with minimal maintenance.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

Mayor Cowley reported that a Broad Lane resident had expressed concern about a commemorative rock festival scheduled to be held at East Afton in September

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Cllr Head expressed concern about the condition of the YTC noticeboard, and the Clerk undertook to check this.

Cllr Cronin reported erosion of the Cycleway by the bridge and bench, and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Island Roads, and Mayor Cowley reported a potholes near 'Off the Rails'. The Clerk was requested to bring this to the attention of Island Roads.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions and the Public Forum concluded at 19:15.

172/2019 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

173/2019 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 7/1/20

174/2019 FINANCE

174/2019.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following payments are approved for February 2020:

DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	2.76
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	6.00
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary December	189.43
DC	Post Office	Postal charges	11.66
DC	WBS	Stationery	30.66
DC	Argos	Replacement laptop	399.99
DC	Cartridge People	Print cartridges	153.80
DC	Business Stream	Water services public toilets	420.73
DD	Everflow	Water Services: £401.3 to be refunded	635.51
2266	Wight Digital	Printer repair	298.80
2267	IOWGeek	New website	790.00
2268	Brighstone Landscaping	Cemetery & grasscutting	641.93
2269	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	1128.02
2270	Andrew Wallis	Tree surgery rear of CHOYD	390.00
2271	CHOYD	Broadband	17.40
2272	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary January	683.76
2273	B Jacobs	Clerk's expenses	72.00

174/2019.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for January 2020 as presented

174/2019.3 Annual Budget 2020/21

Councillors reviewed the agreed precept increase of 4%, having noted certain increases (£1.2K, grounds maintenance and water) in 2019/20 forecast spend identified since last month, but considered there was no need to amend the proposed precept..

175/2019 PLANNING ISSUES

175/2019.1 Planning Applications:

No objections were raised to the following application:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
20/00053/HOU	Elm Cottage Ommanney Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QA	Proposed single storey side and rear extension	15 Feb 2020

The following were noted:

175/2019.2 Other Planning issues:

To note the following:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
19/01467/FUL	Yarmouth Recreation Ground Tenn yson Close Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PU	Demolition of pavilion; propos ed pavilion

Permission Refused: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

Street Trading Application:

Application for: Street Trading Consent Renewal for Jules Ices (Island Wide Consent) for the 28th February 2020 to 27th February 2021

Please note that when determining an application for street trading consent the licensing authority can only consider comments relating to the following:

- Public Safety
- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Visual Impact

176/2019 PUBLIC TOILETS

It was noted that Danfo has confirmed that it will be able to prepare the planning submission and will only charge for the submission costs.

It was proposed by Mayor Coweley, seconded by Cllr Allen and agreed unanimously to agree and sign the purchase order for the public toilets refurbishment as presented. It was noted that several other local councils on the Island are also refurbishing their toilets using Danfo.

177/2019 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

There were no developments to be reported from the Recreation Ground Committee.

178/2019 SCHOOLS CLOSURE

The Mayor read out a statement he had prepared regarding the rationalisation of West Wight schools. Cllr Allen suggested replacing 'closure' with 'remove and effectively close', and Councillors RESOLVED to accept the statement subject to that amendment. It was proposed by Mayor Cowley, seconded by Cllr Corbett and unanimously RESOLVED to authorise payment of £5K to the Delphi Lakeman Trust towards legal costs incurred in the campaign to save Yarmouth School.

179/2019 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

CHOYD is unavailable for the ATM on 21/4/20, and it was RESOLVED to change the date to 14/4/20.

180/2019 CLERK'S REPORT

180/2019.1 IWALC - TRAINING - CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no Councillors who wished to attend the proposed IWALC Code of Conduct training session on Tuesday March 17th, late afternoon, for a couple of hours. Probably at the Riverside Centre.

180/2019.2 GRANTS

It was agreed to postpone consideration of a grant to West Wight Timebank until the 2020/21 applications were presented in May.

180/2019.3 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Head reported that she had agreed to help in providing training for this initiative.

181/2019 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence received during January was noted

182/2019 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VE Day 2020

Street furniture audit

Risk Assessment 2020

183/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting at Thorley Church at 6:30pm 3/3/20