



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 6:30pm

PRESENT: S Cowley (Mayor), J Allen (Deputy Mayor) T Cowley, R Corbett, A Ingram, G Head, P Cronin

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Yarmouth Harbour Commission representative, IW Cllr Spink, 4 members of the public

1/2022 APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence

2/2022 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers: Despite some inclement weather, Overnight and short stay visits for March were encouraging. There were 429 overnight visits and 254 short stays, which is average for the time of year. Sailing schools have been impacted significantly over the past couple of years however, but are showing signs of recovery with 128 boats spending the night in the harbour in March. This figure is the highest on record for the month.

Harbour Works: The Harbour is focused on the annual winter maintenance programme.

- Refurbishment of the outside/24hr toilet and shower facility is underway and due for completion by Easter
- Repairs to the Sandhard landing pier have commenced and are due for completion shortly.

Licence application: An application to Marine Management Organisation for a marine licence has been submitted. This is in relation to the walk ashore improvements south of the bridge.

The water lodge project: The harbour sought the views of the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee/stakeholder representatives and the wider stakeholder community, seeking their feedback in relation to the proposed procurement of two water lodge units. These are two-bedroom, floating accommodation units which would

be rented out for short breaks throughout the year, focusing on owners of the small motorboat market primarily, but open to those that wish to stay on the water. This project has the potential to bring in additional revenues to the harbour and local businesses by attracting a customer base from further afield. The main concern raised by the stakeholders was the water lodges proposed location south of the bridge.

The majority of people thought that mooring the units in the estuary may spoil the view and character of the estuary. A location in the main harbour, north of the bridge was the suggested alternative. The Commissioners agree with this suggestion. However, the decision to purchase and trial the Water lodge units has been put on hold for the foreseeable future due to the uncertainties relating to the current economic crisis and the war in Ukraine.

Cllr Corbett questioned the advisability of the lodges in view of past experience of this type of venture.

A member of the public commented on the rotation of Harbour Commissioners

ii) **YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST**

YTT Chairman submitted the following report by email:

General: The next meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for Thursday May 12th at the Town Hall for those who are able to attend and via Zoom for those who cannot be there in person.

- 1) Financials: The 31st March is our year end and the draft accounts for 2021/22 and the draft budget for 2022/23 have been prepared and will be presented to the Trustees at their May meeting.
- 2) Town Trust Clerk: Sue Clark is now fully up and running. Her email remains unchanged and messages can be left on the phone number 01983-897366 which she will attend to as her workload permits.
- 3) Mill Road Cottages – The Trustees have been advised that a Rent Review is overdue on the cottages and this will take place at the May meeting. No 13 reported a leaking tap under the sink and no 10 needed the back door lock replacing. The aerial of No 9 got damaged in the recent bad weather and had to be repaired.
- 4) The Recreation Ground Following on from the Chairman's visit to Passmores in Kent the Rec Ground Sub-Committee decided that further possible options should be researched both locally and, on the mainland, to see if it was possible to find one of a stronger construction. The Town Council have now planted the trees under their Jubilee initiative.
- 5) Town Hall: The upstairs windows need re-painting in the summer which will involve scaffold and the inside East wall needs re-plastering. Quotes are currently being obtained for both.
- 6) Common: The new tray for the beacon has now been made and collected. Denise Cronin reports on the three new memorial benches that one of the applicants is checking with her children that they wish to continue with the maintenance costs and application forms are awaited from the other two. Mike Dorey has met up with Andrew Wallis on the concreting required for the benches and for the Eastern steps – reports will be available for next month's meeting.

- 7) Yarmouth Castle: The meeting with David Bailey of English Heritage had to be rescheduled again and is now due to take place in May. The historian, Kevin Shaw, has agreed to join to see if he can offer any assistance.
- 8) Queen's Platinum Jubilee: At our next meeting the Trustees will be discussing the sending of a message of congratulations to the Queen similar to the one sent on her diamond jubilee (shown overleaf)
- 9) OZ visit: I am currently in Australia and any questions that cannot be answered by Rodney Corbet or Steve Cowley to be sent via email please to the Town Clerk and myself.

iii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

West Bay: An application by the applicants for a minor variation was refused by the IWC and a revised full planning application has now been submitted.

Cllr Corbett raised the issue about the proposed demolition of part of the Sports Centre as part of this application, pointing out that it had originally built with a Government grant; Cllr Spink undertook to investigate this, and commented that there was no provision in the scheme as submitted for affordable housing.

Hallets Shute: Island Roads stated that the application to reduce the speed limit will not be prioritised and will be considered according to its place in the list of applications.

Tapnell Farm light pollution: There were conflicting accounts at this meeting as to the extent of this issue, but it is still ongoing.

Island Planning Strategy V2: There were no major changes from V1. A consultation will begin 19/4 prior to submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

Mayor Cowley wondered if defeat of V2 might be desirable.

iv) LOCAL ISSUES

Mayor Cowley queried when work was due to begin on the landslip along Bouldnor Road, but the Clerk reported that no date had yet been notified.

Cllr Corbett expressed concern about the garish new colour scheme for the Deli in the Square and the placing outside the shop of a large quantity of flowers for sale. The Clerk was asked to raise both issues with IWC/Island Roads.

Sylvia Mence explained about CHOYD's application for a grant to cover the Platinum Jubilee events taking place at the Hall.

Cllr Cronin expressed concern about weedkiller spread on one of the driveways across Coastguard's Green

Waste Bins left on public footways at the rear of Coronation Cottages were discussed, and the Clerk was asked to raise this issue with Ameys.

It was reported that an extension lead had been left across the south end of Hill Place Lane and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Island Roads.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions from members of the public

3/2022 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
T Cowley	Shalfleet PC	Camp Wight Mill Copse
G Head	British Horse Society RSPB Bowcombe Estate	National Trust
A Ingram	Shalfleet PC	
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD Shalfleet PC Wight Nature Fund	Lee Farm

4/20212 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly meeting held 1/3/22

5/2022 FINANCE**5/2022.1 Payment of Accounts**

The following payment of accounts were approved for April:

BACS38	Yarmouth Carnival Committee	Christmas lighting	£1,500.00
BACS223001	Yarmouth Sea Songs and Shanties	Grant	£1,000.00
BACS223002	D J Mears	Grant re Red Nose Day	£250.00
BACS223003	Yarmouth Town Trust	Quarterly rental Rec Ground	£180.00
BACS223004	Wight Computers	Web hosting	£78.00
BACS223005	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services Feb 2022	£554.51
BACS223006	DARES	Blocked toilets Bridge Road	£96.00
BACS223007	Brighstone Landscaping	Jubilee Canopy planting	£360.00
BACS223008	CHOYD	Broadband services Jan-Mar	£48.00
BACS223009	B Jacobs	Clerk's expenses Dec-Mar	£163.30
BACS223010	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary Mar	£977.43
DD	Everflow	Water services public toilets	£190.33
DEB	HMRC	PAYE Mar	£311.13
DEB	Currys	Replacement keyboard	£32.99
DEB	Microsoft	Office subs	£2.76
DEB	GiffGaff	Office telephone	£6.00

5/2022.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 31/3/22 was agreed

6/2022 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

The following applications were considered:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
22/00399/HOU	Hill Place Hill Place Lane Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0XJ	Proposed glasshouse	Tue 19 Apr 2022
22/00453/HOU	Tanners High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PN	Demolition of existing garden storage building; proposed replacement garden storage building	Tue 19 Apr 2022
22/00461/FUL	Land Between Glan Y Nor And South-Lyn Tennyson Road	Demolition of existing garage and storage sheds; proposed construction of replacement boat shed	Tue 19 Apr 2022

It was RESOLVED to make the following comments:

22/00399/HOU – The application represents an overdevelopment of the site and is considered to be a visual intrusion. There is concern about possible light pollution from the proposed structure.

22/00453/HOU – No objections

22/00461/FUL – No objections

The following were noted:

Applications approved:

Application No	Location	Proposal
21/02201/FUL	Crosstrees Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SS	Demolition of existing garage/workshop; proposed detached annexe
21/02201/FUL	Crosstrees Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SS	Demolition of existing garage/workshop; proposed detached annexe

Other:

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The following application has been accepted by the licensing authority:

Application for a Premises Licence Full Variation – The George Hotel, Quay Street, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight

Street Trading Application:

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4 Application for:
Street Trading Consent Island Wide Mobile Trader – Twelve Months – **Scarrots Lane Bakery**

7/2022 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The minutes of the Committee meeting of 7/3/22 were noted.

It was RESOLVED that the approval for the Platinum Jubilee plantation be signed when presented by YTT.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should order an A4 plaque from the British Legion for the Jubilee Canopy.

Discussion about the 2 quotes for the land drains was deferred until the May meeting.

8/2022 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

It was proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Corbett and RESOLVED unanimously to accept the quote as submitted for the Character Appraisal to be carried out.

It was felt that the Appraisal would reinforce YTC's comments about local planning applications and help prevent creeping overdevelopment and urbanisation.

9/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS

The Mayor reiterated YTC's contribution to the Jubilee.

Proposals for commemorative gifts to be given to Yarmouth schoolchildren were considered, including a mug, drinks bottle and seeds. It was felt that a drinks bottle would be more useful for pupils as well as seeds and it was proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr T Cowley and RESOLVED unanimously that YTC funded both these suggestions.

Cllr Allen suggested the purchase of red, white and blue bunting in environmentally-friendly, re-usable cotton and it was proposed by Cllr Head, seconded by Cllr Cronin and RESOLVED unanimously to adopt this suggestion at the cost of £800.

Councillors considered a contribution to Wight Nature Fund from the HYP funds towards the issue of a commemorative book by Jill Cowley about the local area. Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mrs Cowley to explain the background to her book, which she proposed to give free to Yarmouth schoolchildren to improve their understanding of Yarmouth history and support the school curriculum. Cllr Corbett objected to the use of HTP funds for grants, and it was proposed by Cllr Head, seconded by Cllr Allen and RESOLVED unanimously that a £2,000 be made from YTC budgeted funds.

10/2022 ANNUAL GRANTS 2022/23

RESOLVED: To authorise the following grant applications:

Organisation	£ awarded	Proposer	Seconder	Vote
WWSCCT	7727			Unanimous
CHOYD	400			Unanimous
YTT	350			Unanimous
Y'mouth Sea Shanty Fest	1000	T Cowley	G Head	Unanimous
Citizens Advice	500	T Cowley	G Head	Unanimous
Yarmouth on Ice				Deferred

11/2022 ANNUAL TENDERS 2022/23

RESOLVED: To accept the invitations to tender notices as presented

12/2022 CLERK'S REPORT

12/2022.1 PUBLIC TOILETS

It was noted that there have been several incidents recently of attempted damage to the new Bridge Road public toilets. Cllr Allen will erect a new CCTV notice.

12/2022.3 CLERK SALARY INCREASE

The NJCC award of 1.75% was noted, and it was proposed by Mayor Cowley, seconded by Cllr Allen and RESOLVED unanimously to increase this to point 22 on the NJC scale, an increase of 5%.

13/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

14/2022 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Planters

Risk Analysis

Audit

Platinum Jubilee

15/2022 MEETING VENUES

RESOLVED: To confirm the following dates and venues:

26/4/22: ATM CHOYD

3/5/22: Annual Council Meeting and May monthly CHOYD

7/6/22: June monthly meeting Thorley Church

5/7/22: July monthly meeting CHOYD

6/9/22: September monthly meeting Thorley Church

