



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Brian Mitchell (YHC Rep), Ross Davidson and 3 members of the public

1/2022 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from IW Cllr Spink, Cllr McCleary and Cllr Head (late due to prior meeting)

17/2022 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

A good start to the season with above average overnight visits for the month. Overnight visits for the quarter are the highest on record at 752 visits.

Short Stay: Similar to overnights, short stay visits were above average for March. The numbers for 01 (Jan-March) are the highest on record at 540 visits.

Sailing Schools: The sailing school sector were one of the hardest-hit during Covid-19. It is encouraging to see the school boat traffic bouncing back and the next generation of seafarers using the facility. The number of visits at 196 for Q1 were the highest on record.

Long term visitors (Pay as you go — flexible berthing): LTV allocations between January and March at 7124 nights are the highest on record.

Harbour Works, Foyer and laundry room refurbishment: The refurbishment is now complete, on budget and on time. New seating and benches were ordered at the back end of last year and are now in place. A new 60" screen was installed with a view to selling advertising space and show tourism related video content. The laundry facility has been upgraded with modern decor and machines. A new addition is an ironing press. This was purchased in response to customer feedback. Suggestions that an iron would be handy for those on boats that have limited hanging space were put forward and it will be particularly useful domestically for those using the

commercial washer/driers for bedding. The laundry facility is also available to the general public.

24 hr unisex toilet and shower block refurbishment: Acorn interiors have had some setbacks due to C-19 and are behind on works to refurbish the 24 hr outside toilets and showers. Works are however, nearing completion.

Sand Hard landing pier: Following a routine inspection, it was identified that some of the planks that make up the board walk were in need of replacement. On closer inspection, having removed the offending planks it was clear that the rot from the boards had spread to some of the joists. A barge was required to lift the heavier timbers therefore, a decision was made to replace all the joists and the boards in their entirety as it would be false economy not to do so. The harbour had the joists in stock at our wood store. This was wood up-cycled from the refurbishment of the main pier in 2018.

Marketing and Communications: Last month saw several projects come to fruition with the most significant being launch of our new website on 29' March.

E-newsletter: Louisa has been busy promoting subscription to a new Yarmouth Harbour e-newsletter mailing list and now have an encouraging 276 people signed up. We issued our first e-newsletter using the Mailchimp e-marketing platform with pleasing results. The harbour recorded an 83.4% open rate

T-shirts: The end of March also saw the launch of our 'Yarmouth Harbour T-Shirt Shop' using the Teemill platform from local company Rapanui. We started with six designs and have plans to increase both designs and products sold. Currently we sell T-shirts for men, women and children and tote bags.

The Visitors Guide: The annual 2022 YHC visitors guide is now available for collection at the Harbour office and has been distributed to various marine facilities and clubs around the Solent. 9000 have been printed. Mainland distribution includes Poole Quay Boat Haven and marina, Lymington Harbour Office, Bucklers Hard Yacht Harbour, Ocean Village Marina, Port Hamble Marina, Hamble Point Marina, Gunwharf Quays Marina, Haslar Marina

Cllr Corbett asked if the sign on Tudor House could be moved to a more visible position, and Cllr Allen agreed to do it. He also suggested that what he regarded as growing commercialism, such as badged clothing and floating holiday accommodation, was contrary to YHC 's declared policy. Brian Mitchell responded that he wasn't aware of such a policy, but will discuss this with YHC and report back to YTC.

There was some discussion about the desirability of Commissioners which it was felt led to a lively and vibrant harbour with fresh ideas. Brian Mitchell informed that Commissioners normally served a 3-year term, which could be extended, though it wasn't usual practice to extend it to the 12 years enjoyed by a recently retired Commissioner.

Mike Dory related his experience in applying for a Commissioner's role and suggested that the recent advertisement in the IW OBServor for a new Commissioner provided only 3 days in which applications could be made from the public. Brian Mitchell stated that future advertising had been discussed and will be changing but will look into the matters raised during this discussion.

Mayor Cowley asked if free use of the public slipway was still available in the Harbour, and Brian Mitchell confirmed it was, though a £5 charge did apply if using a motor vehicle.

There was some discussion about the YHC use of the Town Crest, the copyright of which is held by Yarmouth Town Trust, and Councillors agreed that the Crest should be used wherever possible. Brian Mitchell explained that YHC used its own logo but undertook to raise this issue with the Harbour Commissioner.

ii) YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST

The YTT Chairman was unavailable to present a report.

iii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

IW Cllr Spink was unable to attend because of a clash with the Freshwater PC meeting, but tendered the following report by email:

On the Freshwater Agenda is the planning application re Fort Victoria which I ought to be present for. I will then present my report and if time allows come to Yarmouth.

If I am unable to attend at Yarmouth please accept my apologies.

1. I have yet to hear whether my application for West Bay to be determined by planning committee has been allowed.

2. The Draft Island Planning Strategy has been withdrawn for consideration by Cabinet and Full Council. The reason given by Cllr Fuller being that there is opposition from councillors which ought to be given further consideration. While I support the withdrawal I am concerned, given the 'tilted balance' that the Island remains vulnerable to planning applications. A motion passed by Full Council to contact other LPAs, caught in the tilted balance, with a view to lobbying the Government to suspend its application is to be activated.

3. As far as I am aware the application of the 'Yarmouth Deli' for a pavement licence has yet to be determined.

iv) LOCAL ISSUES

Cllr Corbett suggested a need to monitor the poor state of the pipework in the High Street.

Cllr Cronin reported storm damage to the sea wall.

Cllr Allen reported a damaged junction box at the entrance to Yarmouth Sailing Club, and asked Brian Mitchell to report this to Island Roads.

Cllr T Cowley suggested that grass cuttings at the Mount should be taken away or mulched and the Clerk was requested to arrange this.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions from members of the public

18/2022 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

These had already been stated during the Annual Council Meeting.

19/20212 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly meeting held 5/4/22

20/2022 FINANCE

20/2022.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve payment of the following accounts for May:

BACS2230	WW SCT	Annual grant 2022/23	£7,727.00
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BACS2230	CHOYD	Platinum Jubilee events grant	£400.00
12			
BACS2230	Yarmouth Town	Annual grant Town Hall	£350.00
13	Trust	upkeep	
BACS2230	Citizens Advice	Annual Grant	£500.00
14	Bureau		
BACS2230	Charles Alexander	Water bottles	£1,666.50
15	Group		
BACS2230	Cotton Bunting	Bunting Jubilee	£795.00
16	Group		
BACS2230	Island Roads	Waste bin Play Area	£95.40
17			
BACS2230	Brighstone	Cemetery	£399.92
18	Landscaping	maintenance	
BACS2230	Brighstone	Maintenance green areas	£179.10
19	Landscaping		
BACS2230	Brighstone	Boundary wrok Cemetery	£114.00
20	Landscaping		
BACS2230	Brighstone	Tree trimming The Mount	£504.00
21	Landscaping		
BACS2230	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary April	£842.86
22			
BACS2230	Gareth Hughes	Internal audit	£195.00
23			
BACS2230	Wight Digital	Print cartridge	£90.61
24	Solutions		
2385	Saul Tiffin	Mayor's Award	£140.00
DD	Everflow	Water servises public toilets	£134.40
DEB	HMRC	PAYE Apr	£255.07
DEB	Microsoft	Office subs	£2.76
DEB	GiffGaff	Office telephone	£6.00
DEB	RVN Building	Timber for benches	£251.76
	Supplies		
DEB	Post Office	Office post	£6.45
DEB	Clintons	Card re M McCleary	£2.50
DEB	Royal British	Plaque Queens	£130.99
	Legion	Canopy	
DEB	Amazon	Canvas cash bags	£13.50
DEB	Hampshire Flags	Flags	£156.46

20/2022.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 30/4/22 was agreed

20/2022.3 Final Accounts 2021/22

RESOLVED: To approve the actual spend for the previous council year

21/2022 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
22/00535/HOU	1 Southford Tennyson Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QN	Proposed single storey rear extension and associated internal alterations	Tue 10 May 2022

RESOLVED: To raise the following objections to this application: Yarmouth Town Council objects to this application because the roof lights could lead to light proliferation and contravene the dark skies policy currently pursued under AONB

The following were noted:

Applications approved:

Application No	Location	Proposal
21/01655/FUL	George Hotel Quay Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PE	Proposed amenity deck & seasonal modular dock (Revised Scheme)
22/00458/CLPUD	Tanners High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PN	Lawful Development Certificate for proposed outbuilding
22/00461/FUL	Land Between Glan Y Nor And South-Lyn Tennyson Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight	Demolition of existing garage and storage sheds; proposed construction of replacement boat shed

Street Trading Application

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4

Application for: Mobile Street Trading Consent – Cowes Fruitful Yogurts - Island

Wide: The initial consultation took place in March 2020, due to Covid it has been agreed the permit could be deferred, the trader is now requesting a six month consent commencing on the 1st May 2022.

22/2022 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The two quotations for drainage work at the Recreation Ground were considered and Standing Orders were suspended to allow Ross Davidson to speak in support of his submission. It was the view of Councillors that a herringbone drainage pattern using

pipe drains would be most effective, and Mr Davidson agreed to re-quote on that basis upon receipt of a ground plan provided by Cllr T Cowley via the Clerk

23/2022 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

It was confirmed that Cllr T Cowley should proceed with the quote as submitted and discussed at the April meeting.

24/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk reported receipt of the Queen's Canopy plaque, and Cllr Allen agreed to supply a suitable stake.

The Newsletter, which will contain full details of all local Jubilee events, will be published shortly.

25/2022 GRANT AID UKRAINE

It was proposed by Cllr T Cowley, seconded by Cllr Ingram and agreed by a majority of Councillors that YTC make a grant of £200 to Medicins Sans Frontieres.

26/2022 RISK ANALYSIS

It was RESOLVED to accept the latest YTC Risk Analysis as presented

27/2022 CLERK'S REPORT

27/2022.1 THORLEY WAR MEMORIAL

Thorley Church have asked if YTC will cover the cost of cleaning the war memorial. It was proposed by Cllr Head, seconded by Mayor Cowley and RESOLVED unanimously that YTC will meet these costs subject to a suitable quotation.

28/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

29/2022 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Thorley war memorial

AGAR3 and Certificate of Governance

Street furniture

Recreation Ground drainage

30/2022 MEETING VENUES

RESOLVED: To confirm the following dates and venues:

7/6/22: June monthly meeting Thorley Church