



# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

## Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 6:30pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Jacobs (Town Clerk), S Mence, Louise Hill (IWCP representative)

### **98/2022 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Cowley, Martyn Collinson and IW Cllr P Spink, and subsequently YHC.

### **99/2022 PUBLIC FORUM:**

#### **i) HARBOUR ISSUES**

There was no Harbour Commissioner or report, but Mayor Allen reminded Councillors that he had circulated information to Councillors about the current YHC legislation compliance review.

#### **ii) YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST**

Martyn Collinson, YTT Chairman, had indicated by email that there had been no developments since last month within YTT.

#### **iii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The Wight Councillor had apologised for absence due to illness and had not submitted a report

#### **iv) LOCAL ISSUES**

Cllr Corbett reported that the Refuge Lane signs had been erected. He also reported the ongoing problem of erosion at the bottom of Refuge Lane, and the Clerk informed that the Environment Agency had indicated it was not responsible for this area. Mayor Allen and Cllr Cronin agreed to inspect the area and report back to the next Council meeting.

Cllr McCleary reported that she had received several complaints about the lack of visibility for cars exiting from Basketts Lane onto Tennyson Road.

Sylvia Mence presented a report about the CHOYD Warm Paces participation and that is recorded below. In response to a question from Cllr McCleary she reported that it would be publicised locally.

Cllr Cronin asked if Wightfibre had offered the promised post-installation inspection walk, but it was decided by Councillors that it was unnecessary.

Cllr Allen had reported a missing bollard outside CHOYD to Island Roads.

It was reported that the local display boards by River Way car park had collapsed in recent winds, and the Clerk was asked to contact West Wight Men in Sheds to arrange for its repair. Cllr Allen agreed to retrieve the board and store it at his boatyard.

The sunken road surface in the High Street is on the Island Roads planned works list.

**v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no further questions from members of the public.

**100/2022 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Personal</b>	<b>Pecuniary</b>
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
G Head	British Horse Society RSPB	National Trust Bowcombe Estate
A Ingram	Shalfleet PC	
D McCleary		Highdown Inn
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust Shalfleet PC Wight Nature Fund	Lee Farm

**101/20212 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS**

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the last monthly meeting held 11/10/22

## 102/2022 FINANCE

### 102/2022.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve following payments for November:

Royal British Legion	Remembrance Sunday wreaths	£75.00
W Wight Town Parish Asscn	Subscription	£76.00
CHOYD	Broadband	£39.60
Paravectis Ltd	Maintenance public toilets	£90.00
Wight Stonemasonry	Maintenance Thorley war memorial	£300.00
B Jacobs	Clerk's salary October	£842.66
Wight Digital Solutions	Waste tone printer	£35.08
Wight Computers	Web domain renewal	£15.59
Brighstone Landscaping	Rec grasscutting 12/9	£116.74
Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds Maintenance	£593.56
Wight Digital Solutions	Print cartridges	£355.71
HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary September	£255.27
Everflow	Water services public toilets	£104.67
Giffgaff	Office Phone	£6.00
Microsoft	Office 365	£2.76
Post Office	Office post	£11.60

### 102/2022.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 31/10/22 was agreed.

### 102/2022.3 Budget 2023/24

The first draft of the above was noted.

## 103/2022 PLANNING ISSUES

The following were noted:

### Applications granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
22/01499/HOU	West View Mill Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0RA	Proposed single/two storey rear extension to include balcony at first floor level; alterations to include cladding, new entrance and window on the front west elevation

It had been reported by a local resident that an industrial unit is to be erected along Tennyson Road at the rear of Ommanney Road (Planning ref: 22/00461/FUL). Councillors considered this but were satisfied with their comment of 'No Objections' made upon notification of the application; the development did not represent change of use and was not felt to be visually intrusive in spite of being a slightly greater height than the original building.

#### **104/2022 RECREATION GROUND**

The Clerk reported that the nominated contractor for treating the eastern boundary growth was unable to carry out the task due to the planting of the Queen's Canopy adjacent to the area and a lack of suitable equipment. The Clerk will arrange for another contractor and will also remind Brighstone Landscaping about the Queen's Canopy sign. It was noted that replacement trees have been ordered for those in the Queen's Canopy which didn't survive the summer drought, though the suppliers are unable to supply at present as, because of the mild weather, the plants aren't yet in dormancy. Cllr S Cowley suggested the Clerk contacts Shalfleet PC to arrange a combined order of plants.

#### **105/2022 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL**

It was noted that the Conservation Area Character Appraisal had been distributed last month.

#### **106/2022 PUBLIC TOILETS ACCESS**

It was decided not to proceed with the Danfo quote of £7600 for auto-shut alterations to the Bridge Road cubicles.

#### **107/2022 YARMOUTH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSET**

The Clerk reported that he had prepared a draft ACV application and was ready to submit it when agreed.

#### **108/2022 DEDICATED BENCH AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR TIM HIGGINBOTHAM**

Tim Higginbotham's partner was unhappy with the proposed location for the memorial bench and will approach Yarmouth Town Trust with a similar request. If YTT agrees to this, it was RESOLVED that YTC will pay for the bench and Tim's partner for the ongoing maintenance in consultation with YTT.

#### **109/2022 TAPNELL FARM ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS**

It was reported that there was a persistent problem with night-long lighting at Tapnell Farm, and the Clerk was asked to raise this issue with the Environment Officer.

#### **110/2022 QUEEN COMMEMORATION AND KING'S CORONATION**

This topic was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact the Town Crier to book his services for the forthcoming coronation.

The Council will await guidance from official sources before making further plans.

The Clerk reported that he has so far been unable to obtain a weeping willow for the Recreation Ground to commemorate the Queen's passing.

#### **111/2022 WARM SPACES**

This topic was dealt with in the Public Forum.

**112/2022 CLERK’S REPORT**

**112/2022.1 GRANTS 2022 AND 2023**

It was proposed by Mayor Allen, seconded by Cllr S Cowley and RESOLVED unanimously to award the Carnival Committee the full cost of £275 for the Christmas Tree. Mayor Allen reported that new lights had been purchased and a ‘Yarmouth Day’ would be set in December.

In response to an approach by a member of the Sea Songs and Shanties Festival Committee to commit to a grant for the 2023 Festival, it was RESOLVED to agree a firm award of £250 which is the maximum under Standing Orders which can be granted to a body without confirmation of its incorporated status and confirmation that any surplus would not be passed on to other bodies.

**112/2022 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS**

Arrangements for 13/11 were discussed and confirmed – Mayor Allen and Cllr Corbett will deploy the wreath stands on the day and attend the Yarmouth ceremony along with Cllr McCleary. Cllr Ingram will attend the Thorley ceremony and lay a wreath on behalf of YTC.

**113/2022 CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

**114/2022 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Budget 2023/24 & precept
- Wightlink ferry service
- Coronation
- Tim Higginbotham memorial

**115/2022 MEETING VENUES**

The following venues are confirmed for the remainder of this council year:

- 6/12/22 Yarmouth Town Hall
- 3/1/23 Yarmouth Town Hall
- 7/2/23 CHOYD
- 7/3/23 Thorley Church

**Signed..... (Town Mayor)**

**Date.....**