

Minutes of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS Committee meeting held in Cowes Town Council Offices, 13 Denmark Road Cowes, on Tuesday 10th January 2012 at 6 pm.

PRESENT

Cllrs McGregor (Acting Chair) Brown, Birch, Jones, Matthews, Robinson, Sanderson, Walters and Martin Hayles (Architect)

340 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Banks, Peacey Wilcox , Wells and Wilcox

341 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2011 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

342 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None were made.

343 MUGA

- A. **Planning permission** - has been approved with similar conditions to before.
- B. **Quotations for MUGA** - 9 quotations were received. Whitnell did not include the cost of a court for £20 000 taking his total to approx. £83 000. Councillors were concerned that there was not enough time to make a careful decision without Martin Hayles examining the quotations first to ensure that quotes were to specification.

RESOLVED

That Martin Hayles examines all the tenders in detail and liaises with the mayor and town clerk.

RECOMMENDATION

That once the analysis of the tenders is complete a special meeting of the town council is convened to make a final decision on appointing a contractor.

- C. **Lease** - Waiting for IWC to confirm if a new lease needs to be released to reflect the revised plan for a MUGA.
- D. **Archaeological Update** - County Archaeologist is ready to start once a start date has been confirmed.

344 ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

A match fund project from IWC maximum funds available of £19 332 to be match from existing Town Council funds *specifically for projects which would directly or indirectly contribute to economic wellbeing*. (letter announcing fund from IWC, David Pugh, December 2011).

Applications have been received for this fund from several local organisations after advertising in the Beacon and Northwood House Trustees were specifically altered to this fund in December by the Mayor. They have contacted the Council with a request for funds through the Finance Committee but not the economic improvement fund. Other applications were from Gurnard Pre-School and Lanes End Primary School. Councillors also suggested the following projects:

- Assisting CBA with a campaign to increase the number of visits to shops in Cowes;
- Northwood Rec Toilets;
- Upgrade Parade and Bandstand;
- Northwood Rec - Toilets, dog posts, picnic benches, skate park fencing be focus of funding.

RESOLVED

That the town clerk requests Northwood House Trustees submit their requests on a grant application form for the finance committee.

That the applications from Gurnard Primary School and Lanes End Primary School be disregarded as they do not develop the economic wellbeing of the area and that the Town Clerk informs the applicants of the council's decision.

RECOMMENDATION

To apply to the economic improvement fund for funds to improve Northwood Recreation Ground.

345 PREFERRED SUPPLIERS

It was agreed that the amount of purchasing was low and so no further action was required.

346 VICTORIA PLAQUE

The Assistant. Town Clerk outlined process which she went through to identify tenderers for this work and was unable to secure 3 quotations.

Councillors examined the two quotes received from G J Banks (£595.80 + VAT) and from Wight Stonemasonry Ltd (£710.00 + VAT)

RECOMMENDATION

That G J Banks be appointed to re-letter the Victoria Plaque as per specification.

347 NO DOG SIGNS IN ARTIC PARK

The Assistant Town Clerk presented an email from Andrew McIntyre stating the IWC position on the erection of No Dogs Signs which included the provision that the Town Council logo and contact details should be displayed. The park is the responsibility of IWC and councillors felt CTC details should not be displayed but were willing to maintain and provide the signs on a long term basis.

RESOLVED

That the work be moved forward following agreement with IWC over the display of details.

348 TOWN COUNCIL FLAGS

2 quotes were received from the Sign Co in Newport (£125 + VAT per flag) and Flagmakers.co.uk (3 flags for a total cost of £230.83)

RECOMMENDED

That Flagmakers.co.uk be requested to provide 3 town flags.

(7.10 pm Cllr Sanderson left the meeting)

349 TOWN MAPS

Can be copied on to a more resilient paper. Cllr Jones will bring a price to the next meeting.

350 SMART WATER FOR WAR MEMORIAL

Discolouration and residue are left behind so should be applied to the reverse of plaques etc.

RESOLVED

That the town clerk applies for the SMART water.

351 DOG POSTS

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that Colin Newman was not able to provide and install the Dog Posts for his original quote as this was an install only price. No further price has been received from him. Councillors decided that the need for dog posts was not pressing and so decided to take on further action on this item.

352 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mornington Woods – Cllr Walters

Horizon Plaque – Cllr McGregor

Parking between bollards at Francki place – Cllr Walters

Plaque for Diamond Jubilee – Cllr Matthews

The meeting closed at 7:30pm

CHAIRMAN