



Notes of a Meeting of the Town Council MEDINA VALLEY AREA ACTION PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE held at the Town Council Office Denmark Road on Tuesday, 4th September 2012 at 6.30p.m.

Present: Councillors Banks, Brown, Jones, Robinson and Walters.

Councillor Jones was Chairman for the meeting.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Wells,

It was stated that the Town Council had opted not to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan for Cowes; they would instead participate with the I.W. Council in the preparation of the Medina Valley Area Action Plan (MVAAP) which would cover the same issues as a Neighbourhood Plan.

At this initial stage, the Town Council had been tasked with identifying issues that they consider to be of importance to the Cowes area, along with a justification for those issues.

Following a brainstorming session by those present the following issues were identified:

- Parking
- Licensing
- Planning density
- Retention of amenity spaces
- Retention of green space between the town and surrounding villages
- Marketing and branding of Cowes
- Ratio of retail/non retail outlets in the town
- Retention and safeguarding of conservation areas
- Strengthening of planning considerations – particularly in respect of shop frontages and the image of a Victorian town
- Marine industries – retention of existing and further provision

This did not represent an exhaustive list of issues that might be facing Cowes.

It was agreed that the notes would be circulated to all members of the Town Council for their consideration. Members should identify any further issues that they consider should be added to the list and notify the Town Clerk of those issues.

They should also give consideration to a justification for identifying the issues listed.