

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the COWES TOWN COUNCIL held at the Community Hall, Northwood House, Cowes on Wednesday, 6th, October 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Wells (Town Mayor) (Chairman)
Councillors Birch, Ellis, Hammond, Jones, McGregor, Matthews, Mazillius,
Peacey-Wilcox, Sanderson, Robinson, Thwaites, Walters and Wilcox.

Councillor Wells welcomed Jane Randall as the assistant town clerk and Councillor Paul Robinson to the meeting.

6378 PRESENTATION BY NIGEL FELL – ENVIRONMENT AGENCY INCIDENT TEAM LEADER

The Environment Agency was encouraging Town Councils to plan for flooding and to mitigate risks through planning. Councillor Walters has worked with Environment Agency to create an “emergency Flood Plan” leaflet with relevant contacts. Flood plans record past events, and use this information to plan for future events. Flood plans help to promote change e.g. planning for road closure to reduce impact on community. Cowes is at risk of flooding in March 2008 flooding was caused by a 5.2m CD (chart data) tide, and previously in 1988 a 4.8m CD tide. Following 2008 flood Environment Agency questioned local people about the flood and several ideas were put forward. Mr Fell gave an example of when a community had planned for flooding and compared to previous events the affect of flooding was reduced. This was a pro-active flood plan with community engagement and a multi-agency team response. The collective response by local people who knew their responsibilities meant the impact was reduced. Flood warning service has also reduced the impact of flooding. Next steps are to build on the “Cowes Town Council Emergency Flood Plan” leaflet.

Councillors questioned how pressing it was to do this work given improvements in drainage as historically flooding has been caused by rainwater and not tides. Mr Fells stated it has so far been as a result of chance that Cowes has not been subjected to serious flooding due to tidal surges. Cowes Town Council would be a partner in the flood plan identifying people who can activate the plan.

RESOLVED

Councillor Walters to create a sub-committee to identify Cowes Town Council flood plan responsibilities and to create an action plan.

6379 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Banks and Gifford.

6380 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Question: Please update on previous question about the railings on sea front from Squadron to the Green. These railings are newer than others but the paint is peeling.

Answer: The town clerk has contacted the IW Council as previously requested who have responded that they hoped to paint the railings again next spring with better quality paint. Despite a request no response has been given by the IW Council regarding the original specification for the paint and painting work to the railings.

6381 REPORTS BY ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Brown referred to the following

- a) Planning Process – changes have been made with immediate effect by central government to end “garden grabbing”.
- b) IW development plan – is going into consultation shortly. Local authorities are now required by central government to be specific about the use of land allocation splitting uses between residential, employment and open spaces.
- c) Attendance of IW Council meetings –when there is a clash with Cowes Town Council meetings and the IW council meetings it is the IW council meeting that is attended. Over past few months there have been several such clashes.

Question from Councillor Walters: Island Core Strategy Plan was withdrawn in 2009. Emma Brown sent information out that it should reappear in Oct 2010. Has this happened?

Answer: This document is now ready and open for consultation.

Councillor Fuller circulated a written report referring to the following:

- a) Budget Review Full Council agreed to the following prospective future ‘savings’ these will be considered further in 2011:
 - Adult Care threshold savings
 - Council’s Charging Policy savings
 - Relocating services from Westminster House to The Adelaide and The Gouldings
 - Reviewing discretionary travel for denominational school transport from September 2011.
 - Combining the IW Council’s Fire Control Centre with another authority.
 - Reconfiguring Leisure Services.
 - To reissue residents Annual Parking Permits from December (at £150 per year) & Town specific Tourist permits.
- b) Shoreline Management Plan. The proposals for Cowes are to continue to ‘Hold The Line’ Policy for all frontages including and to the east of Shore Path, Gurnard. At land to the West of Shore Path, the proposals suggest ‘No Active Intervention’, whilst land between Marsh Road and Gurnard Luck will continue with the Hold The Line Policy until 2025, when No Active Intervention will apply.
- c) Planning Applications. I’ve been asked to call-in the designated decision to extend 9 Lammas Close due to loss of outlook to a neighbour. I have met with Planning Officers to discuss contentious applications in Baring Road and Hilton Road , Gurnard. The Planning Committee recently turned down a recent application to relocate the Concrete Batching Plant from Stag Lane to Kingston , East Cowes . This application generated 136 individual letters of objection, 270 pro-forma non detailed objections and 24 pro-forma objections on the grounds of noise and air pollution and traffic generation.
- d) Surgeries. Councilor surgeries at Cowes High School for young people pre 3.30pm and for others from 3:30pm. The monthly surgery is being held in the 6th Form Common Room.
- e) Older-Voices.To listen to residents concerns over the recent withdrawal of afternoon bus services from the Crossfield Avenue Estate, from Cowes Seafront and from Gurnard and how this impacted access to medical services. At the meeting residents also expressed their concerns over the poor access for wheelchair and buggy users in the town. Following this Jo Hadley and I met with the Practice Manager at Cowes Medical Centre and agreed to promote the services that the Medical Centre *can* provide for residents.
- f) Northwood House. Following concerns over the management of Northwood House and Park, a meeting was called between all four I.W. Councillors representing Cowes, The Council Leader and Director, Davina Fiore on the future of Northwood House. All Councillors were supportive of the future of Northwood House, gardens and access to facilities.

Councillor Peacey Wilcox referred to the following

- a) Residents complaining about dog fouling in the Windmill/Maxted Close area once again. Would request council to patrol area.
- b) Reports about inconsiderate and noisy neighbours. Have asked for IW council's support in this area but as the people are private tenants this is proving challenging.
- c) Residents shopper tickets – people have been asking for further information.

Questions: Councillor Peacey Wilcox deferred to Councillor Mazillius on the question of how the Westminster House 90 day consultation period worked.

Councillor Mazillius gave a detailed response on the Westminster House consultation outlining how staff and councilors had worked together following poor inspections and an independent review which deemed the 40 year old building not fit for purpose. Alternative accommodation has been sourced by a working party of councilors, carers, social care and health care professionals and staff at Westminster House at the Gouldings in Freshwater (8 beds) and the Adelaide in Ryde which will house a specialist 2-bed unit specifically for adults with autism. The proposed plan will result in better bed usage at a lower per night cost. There was unanimous group agreement that this plan was viable. New director of Adult Social Care suggested that a further 90 day consultation period is undertaken Councillor Mazillius is chairing new consultation group which will make and disseminate a report and then a final decision will be made by the full council.

Councillor Mazillius circulated a written report referring to the following:

- a) Concrete Batching Plant at Kingston This application was refused last week following a large number of representations against the proposals and concern that the noise and pollution arising from the operation of the proposed plant had not been properly addressed.
- b) Review of Parishes This matter is an Agenda item for Wednesday's Council meeting
- c) Register of Electors Voter registration needs to be completed within the next two weeks. With the expected national referendum on possible changes to our voting system taking place early next year, the importance of being registered to vote is obvious. The new Register of Electors will be published on 1st December.
- d) Shoreline Management Plan Review More information is available at www.coastalwight.gov.uk/smp with a deadline of 23rd October for comments to be received.
- e) Planning Applications Consideration is being given to continuing with the supply of hard copies while consultation and trials are carried out.
- f) Cowes High School There will be an open evening for parents and pupils due to start at the school under the new two tier system. An opportunity to raise questions directly with the Cowes Pathfinder Partnership about their plans for the new Cowes Centre for Learning.
- g) Military Road A new option for drainage to the most vulnerable part of this important Island road will be considered by the Cabinet next Tuesday. This could result in the stabilising of the road for years for several more years at a cost possibly 50% lower than the previous £500,000 estimate. There is no specific funding for this cost.
- h) Island Plan Core Strategy The Cabinet will be considering a Report on this important strategy on 12th October when it is expected a six week consultation on the pre-submission document will be agreed. This is an important process for Cowes as we are included in the designated Medina Valley area where provision for an additional 1255 homes over the next 20 years plus additional employment development intend to make this the focal point for residential and economic growth on the Island. The Report is of substantial length (around 150 pages) and can be accessed via http://www.iwight.com/council/whatisacouncil/Delegated_Powers/latestde.asp
- i) Winter Salt Stocks The I.W. Council has 810 tonnes of road salt in stock now with a further 410 tonnes ordered for later delivery. 1220 tonnes equals 30 call outs against the usual call out totals of 26 for previous years.
- j) Concessionary Fares Scheme The scheme will continue to offer off-peak concessionary fares to the present age group and those with certain disabilities and their carers.

Councillor Ellis questioned why the toilets at Northwood recreation ground have been closed without public notification? When asked, a council officer responded that these toilets are closed for the winter period on an annual basis. Councillor Peacey Wilcox noted that this has been the case over the winter period, although now the toilets at Northwood Park are permanently closed and suggested that this funding be transferred over to Northwood Recreation Ground. Given the increased use of the new play area there is a greater need for them to be open. Councillor Mazillius had nothing further to add.

6382 REPORT FROM THE LOCAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER

- a) Crime Levels – during August Cowes saw twice as much crime as expected – however this was probably due to a change in demographics over the holiday time. The statistics for September are much better and on a par with Sept 09 with Sept the second lowest month for the year as a whole.
- b) Bus shelter on Palance Road – damaged recently and suspect to be interviewed 7th October.
- c) Little Britain event went well and received extra resources from the police.
- d) PC Mark Thomas now returned to work and able to bring PC Pringle back to the west side of Cowes.
- e) Halloween planning is underway an operation order has been written and “No trick or treat here thank you” signs for householders to display.
- f) Graffiti suspects several names have been put forward however investigations will continue further.
- g) Public feedback – Survey of public / police interaction which has highlighted a request for instant up dating of crimes this could be possible through the use of technologies like blue tooth to warn of burglaries etc. There is a balance to strike between information and a heightened fear of crime.
- h) Signage on Terminus Road – this is confusing and a lorry has recently struck a shop Councillor Brown agreed to take issue of signage on Terminus Road forward to the IW Council as this was an ongoing issue.
- i) Complaint from member of public re a new wall on Granville Road / Park Road junction which it was claimed blocked the motorists view of the road. This had been noted as a potential problem at time of planning application although the application was subsequently passed. It was agreed that Coucillors would use Granville Road / Park Road junction to see if line of sight is obscured.

Questions: Councillor Thwaites asked about graffiti on Northwood House toilet block.

Answer: PCSOs regularly patrol the area and all officers were aware of the problem.

6383 Consideration of merging Cowes, Northwood and Gurnard Town and Parish councils

This item was brought forward on the agenda. A written report was circulated prior to the meeting by Councillor Mazillius.

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 has devolved the power to make ward alterations down to principle authorities, such as the Isle of Wight Council.

Where a Parish or Town Council has had some form of recent alteration to its “electoral arrangements” then no further changes can be made by the principle authority for a period of five years from that alteration taking effect without the consent of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Parishes which fall into this category are termed “Protected”. So, once the Isle of Wight Council has resolved to make any changes, then these must be authorised by the LGBCE, and suitable evidence must be provided to demonstrate that any such changes are in the interests of the electorate to secure convenient and effective local government. Currently Cowes is protected.

Electoral Arrangements include:

- Whether of not a Council should be divided into Wards (or continue to be divided into Wards),
- The number and boundaries of any such Wards,
- The number of Councillors to be elected for any such Ward,
- The name of any such Ward

Councillor Mazillius has put the suggestion of merging Northwood, Gurnard and Cowes councils to Northwood council who decided not to debate the issue as they were several members short. There was concern that the other two councils might feel dominated by the Cowes Town Council and that combined meetings could be over long, also concern was raised about the loss of local identities. The IW Council does not intend to impose any changes to the areas. Historically the areas have been united and then broken up again by central government. There is the potential that a larger organisation could do more than 3 smaller organisations. It was suggested that joint meeting could be useful to address joint issues like Northwood House. It was also recognised that localism is part of central governments' agenda. Gurnard has not discussed the issue yet.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mazillius would gather feedback from the other councils concerned and report back to Cowes Town Council.

Councillor Mazillius left at 8.30pm

6384 REPORT FROM LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER

A written report was sent to the Town Clerk.

- a) Removed a sofa from Moorgreen Res.
- b) Princes St, Albert St and Moorgreen Road cleared of litter and broken sheeting
- c) Happy with cleanliness of Cowes and high quality of local cleaners.

6385 MINUTES

RESOLVED

1. That the resolution That the Town Council contacts Groundwork Solent requesting that replacement conifers be planted to screen the I.W. Council building be removed from the minutes of the meeting 8th September (Refers to min. no. 6372 f) 1)
2. That subject to the above alteration the Minutes of the Meetings held on 8th September, 2010 and 28th September, 2010 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6386 MATTERS ARISING

a). Update on new play area in Northwood Recreation ground (min. 6372f refers)

Item held over.

b) Shoreline Management Plan 2 Consultation (min. no. 6374b refers)

Councillor Peacey Wilcox attended a presentation and stated that this plan does not affect Cowes and so no comment was required..

c). War Memorial Project (Min. No. 6372h refers)

Councillor Banks had sent a final list to the stonemasons and the materials were due shortly. Work should be completed before Remembrance Day service on 14th Nov and Rev Emblem would incorporate the dedication of the memorial into the service at 11.00am. There would also be an opportunity for the Town Mayor to report to the congregation about the project. Councillors were requested to inform the town clerk if attending.

6387 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS

a) Northwood House

Councillor Thwaites gave a report in her capacity as chairman of the Northwood House Charitable Trust as follows:

The Isle of Wight Council left Northwood House on 30 September, by arrangement when final reading of meters was carried out. Trustees are working hard to take charge of all aspects of their new responsibility. The support of the public is extremely welcome – our eyes and ears, and sometimes our helpers too. We are trying hard to get our message of action across but it is very disappointing to get unwarranted and misguided criticism. We are very pleased that two new advisors are working with the Trustees – commercial and legal based.

It is the Trustees' intention that the House continues to be a registered venue for weddings and other civil ceremonies, as well as private functions, and will therefore be retaining its marriage licence for the time being. Although initially Northwood House had been removed from IWC website as being a registered venue, this has now been reinstated. Negotiations of a confidential nature are being or have been conducted with more than one contractor – more below.

Meanwhile the Community Hall users are being accommodated as far as possible with no changes. However, once running costs are known, it may be necessary to raise the rates charged to ensure that costs are covered by income. This is one aspect I have asked this Council to consider taking on the responsibility for managing – it is after all the Hall for the Community and it is being used by CTC tonight.

The Bowls Clubs are working together to be self supporting in their area of the park. The Trustees are very happy for them to continue and will assist them in any way they can.

Facilities in the Park have now been winterised, as normal. Unfortunately there was some vandalism and graffiti on the toilet block in the park, and we ask that police presence reflects the need for vigilance. The security guards have already made their presence known to the police and to park users.

The Car park toilets have been or are about to be mothballed. It is not anticipated that they will reopen under the Trust's auspices. Any body which wishes to take on responsibility for them can contact the Trustees for a licence on the basis that they meet all costs connected with the facility. The children's play area where the swings are is still in use, and will be inspected in line with professional advice. The trustees do not consider this facility is central to their policy and would like the facility to wash its face. I have previously asked CTC for assistance here and I repeat that request. As an alternative CTC may be able to use their good offices to find a £1.5k sponsor for the Children's Play facility. As Trustees we have to cover insurance, regular inspections as well as maintenance and repair. No guarantee is given that this can continue. Much depends on the outcome of the revenue raising schemes/plans which are all in their infancy.

Arrangements have been agreed for grass cutting and leaf sweeping this winter, and plans are being made for some extra sweeping to be done by volunteers. The public may have to get used to a slightly rougher look to the park but the trustees are confident we can manage a reasonable level of upkeep for the immediate future. All suggestions are gratefully received. The lead shown by the Bowlers who are prepared to take responsibility for their own facility is a good example.

The dog and litter bins are currently being maintained, and Trustees will be considering how this service may be maintained after 27th October. Information on the cost will be available shortly but we believe we can show that it can be done properly at a much reduced figure of £3k to that previously charged by IWC to the Trust for this service.

Trustees have not yet received all information on costs of maintaining the street lighting in the Park, but indications are that this will be large charge on the Trust's very limited income. These paths are used by local people to get from a to b, not just for pleasure in the Park, and it would be a wonderful gesture of public benefit if this Council were to fund the lighting going forward. The alternative of turning off the lighting is not something the trustees want to contemplate. Yet again as another

alternative if CTC were able to use its good offices to find sponsors for the lighting that would be a possible solution.

Somebody said to me the other day, 'They should get rid of that Town Council representative on the Trust of Northwood House; they don't do anything to help.' That's me of course. I was able to explain my efforts, but the perception remains that Cowes Town Council is not sufficiently proactive at the moment in the affairs of the house and park. It has been said that CTC wants to help but with respect we have not seen a single concrete proposal of assistance from CTC. It should be understood that I have never known such a prolonged and at times immensely frustrating period of hard work with problem after problem rearing its head. I am not a representative of CTC on the Board of Trustees. Having been appointed I am advised by the Trust's legal advisers and by the Charity Commission that it is my duty to carry out the role to the best of my ability. It should be understood that the workload on all the trustees has been enormous and we are only coping because of the amount of help and assistance we are receiving from persons who give of their services without having any axe to grind. I wish I could report on practical assistance received from CTC.

After my last report when my request for financial assistance from CTC was turned down, I was pleased that this Council had contacted IWC for information on various costs related to the park. Unless providers can be found to take on costs of facilities enjoyed in the grounds of Northwood House, the Trustees may have to permanently close them because we have no funds to subsidise them. I have in mind the toilets in the grounds, the tennis courts, the hut and putting area and the other areas mentioned specifically in this report.

Prompted by our Mayor's report critical of Northwood House in the current issue of the Beacon we had a meeting to talk over the issues faced by the Trustees when I showed him just one of my files, 2" thick, of legal correspondence exchanges between the Trustees and IWC since 30 April this year. I asked for more support from this Council, my nominating body. I hope I will now receive it. Support from the Friends of Northwood House and Park is very welcome and they are progressing various ideas at the moment.

Negotiations with a professional operator of car parks to work on behalf of the Trustees are at the detail stage. The Trustees opened discussions with more than one operator and have chosen a favoured contractor based on the best return to the Trust. IWC has been advised that the short term licence arranged with the Trust may be terminated by the Trustees, as agreed, before it expires at the end of the year. It is planned that the Rotunda area will be properly managed as a short term car park, with charges. Currently it is used by long term parkers without charge. Some cars and vans park all week, making it impossible for people visiting to find a parking space. IWC permits will not be valid in either car park and the IWC have been advised several times not to issue anymore.

Trustees have been in discussion with several potential providers of interim events in the House, which they hope to determine this month. This is to enable the house to continue functioning as a venue, generating income and also avoiding the closed up feeling that unused properties soon acquire. We have chairs, tables, crockery available for use as required. A heritage exhibition will be held here for 3 weeks later this month.

The Registrar's have left their offices in a very clean condition, with only some fresh paint required. Information on what rental income could be generated by different parts of the house is being sought. The Feasibility Study is underway by Knight Frank to assist in identifying a sustainable future for the Northwood House Estate with reference of course to the deed of gift and the later scheme details of which the Trustees are obliged to follow, to the exclusion of any other interest they may have. Following the Trust paying for House insurance (over £22,000) from July this year, the provider has conducted a full survey of the property and was satisfied on all aspects, including the security arrangements put in place by the Trustees.

This council has a considerable amount of material stored in what was the caretaker's flat, and I am assured that this will be cleared soon. Papers as well as artefacts and pictures, just waiting for a Cowes Town Council office!

The Trustees have asked for detailed information from IWC concerning a property within the grounds. IWC has today asked the Charity Commission to release it from its role as Custodian

Trustee – regrettable at a time when issues remain concerning Accounts and the legitimacy of some charges levied by IWC on the Trust. A further issue yet to be addressed in detail is the area of Trust land used by Medina Housing without their registered title. I hope to be able to report on progress in these issues in future reports.

Which leads me to:-

Councillor Walters raised the subject of this Council occupying office space in Northwood House as its right and without charge.

I am told this suggestion has been aired before, as some of you will probably recall. But, as this was before my time and to be sure, I have asked for legal advice. Therefore:-

The Trustees wish me to inform Cowes Town Council that following legal advice and advice from the Charity Commission we are advised that it does not have entitlement to the use of the Trust's facilities without charge. However the Trust will look carefully at any sensible proposals CTC puts forward for a lease or licence of any part of the House at a return which is in keeping with the Trust's function.

Meanwhile the Trust repeats its request that CTC takes over some of the responsibilities for the facilities offered by the Trust within the Grounds and funds the same for the benefit of the Cowes community.

Following Councillor Thwaites report, Councillor Hammond stated that she was concerned at the potential for the lights at Northwood Park being turned off as there were many of users who relied on the lights for their safety as an access route to and from school.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the Trustees of the Northwood House Charitable Trust be asked to provide a list with costings of the items they want the Town Council to support them with;
- 2) That once the request had been received the Northwood House sub-committee would reconvene to consider all the requests;
- 3) That Councillor Thwaites would attend these meetings as an advisor to provide further details as needed.

b) Cowes Harbour Advisory Committee

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Cowes Harbour Advisory Committee held on 3rd September 2010 were received.

Councillor Walters highlighted a potential disagreement between Red Funnel and the Harbour Commissioners over the outer harbour wall. It was noted that only East Cowes Town Council had been consulted over the proposals and given the flooding impact the outer harbour wall could have it was agreed that further information be sought.

c) Town Improvements Committee

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Improvements Committee held on 28 September 2010 were received.

i). Basketball Court.

RESOLVED

- 1). That the Town Council request an additional £5,000 from Youth Opportunities Fund; and
- 2). That the Town Council 'ring fence' a further £5,000 from the Town Improvement budget as match funding.

ii). New Play Area.

RESOLVED

- 1). That the Town Council utilise the money saved on planting for the re-turfing work.
- 2). That the Town Council increase the fee paid to skate park cleaner by £5 per week.

iii) Additional Bench Egypt Light.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council have a bench installed facing west adjacent to Egypt Light and if possible find a sponsor to meet the cost.

(Councillors Peacey Wilcox and Wilcox left the meeting at 8.45pm)

d) Assistant Town Clerk Working Party

Members of the Working Party had looked at potential office accommodation in Denmark Road for the Town Clerk. Obvious options were Northwood House or to use new office space in Denmark Road which included secure storage. Councillor Thwaites stated that at this stage, Northwood House could only be offered on a short rental basis due to other possible plans for the house.

It was agreed that Councillor Sanderson would join working party; they would meet again to formulate a proposal that would be submitted to the November meeting of the Town Council.

6388 ITEM SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILLORS

a) Town Crier

Councillor Hammond stated that all Island Town Criers would be involved in the 2011 Island Games with the closing ceremony for those games to be held in Cowes. As a principle Island town and as Cowes does not have a Town Crier, should the Town Council consider engaging one? A uniform would cost around £1,000.

RESOLVED

To invite David Ball (chair of the Island Games) to a Cowes Town Council meeting
Councillor Wells to request information from the public on the presence or otherwise of a town crier in Cowes.

(Councillor Sanderson left the meeting at 9.25pm)

6889 MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN CLERK

a). Approval of the following urgent decision:

i). Amendment to the Premises Licence for Lugleys of Cowes – *the Town Council had made no objection to the application.*

b).*A review of Cowes Week 2010.

c). Application for a Street Trading consent from Pixie Pixie for Cowes Week 2011.

d). A invitation to the AGM of Home Start at the Quay Arts Centre on 21st October.

e). A invitation to the launch of IWRCC's 'Volunteer Support Teams Project' to be held at Brading Roman Villa on 19th October.

f). The provision and location of Christmas trees for the town, whether the Town Council should organise a 'Lights of Love' carol service and whether the Town Council should make a donation to the Hospice.

g). A invitation to the launch of the Newport 10.10 campaign to be held in St. Thomas Square on Saturday, 9th October.

h).*Details of miscellaneous correspondence.

i). *Accounts and petty cash payments for the period July to September 2010.

(* Copies circulated to all Councillors)

(Councillor McGregor declared a personal and prejudicial interest in f) above and left the meeting for this item)

RESOLVED

1). That the action taken by the Town Clerk following consultation with the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor in respect of the urgent decision regarding Lugleys be noted and approved;

2). That the Town Council has no objection to granting a street trading licence for Pixie Pixie;

3). a). That the Town Clerk be authorised to have two Christmas trees installed in the town.

b). That the Town Clerk be authorised to organise a 'Lights of Love' carol service in aid of the Earl Mountbatten Hospice

c). That the Town Council makes a donation of £300 to the Hospice; the Town Mayor to present the cheque at the 'Lights of Love' carol service; and

4). That the following accounts and petty cash payments for the period July to September 2010 be noted and confirmed.

IW Council	Election Charges (Min No 6353e)	131.15
Caroway	New Play Park (Min No 6290b)	26,568.70
IW Council	CCTV Installation – Phase 3 (Min No 6265a)	5,046.09
Play Inspection Co	Inspection – New Play Park	365.00
Plaza Ices	Children’s Ice creams – Play Park (Min No 6354i)	44.20
R. Williams	Skate park cleaner (Min No 4999f)	200.00
IW County Press	Job Advertisement (Min No 6324c)	81.60
IW Council	Hire of meeting rooms	225.60
Sign Co	Skate Park sign	100.00
R Hendey	Salary	903.20
HM Revenue and Customs		309.38
Riverside Centre	CRB Checks (Min No 6278c)	96.00
Wight Business Services	Stationery	74.30
Audit Commission	Annual Audit	550.00
IW Beacon	Newsletter (Min No 6157e)	110.00
Trident Concert Band	Concert (Min No 6315e)	200.00
Turtle and Pearce	Flags (Min No 6353a)	191.83
Cowes Week Ltd	Grant – Fireworks (Min No 6363c)	1,000.00
Cowes RBL Band	Grant – “	400.00
Cowes Town Regatta Cttee	Grant – “	200.00
ASTO	Grant – “	360.00
IW Playing Fields	Affiliation fee – “	25.00
RBL	Refreshments – Remembrance Day (Min No 6363c)	200.00
Groundwork Solent	Play Park – stage 2 (Min No 6216b)	1,566.67
Hamborough	Mayors reception (Min No 6354h)	1,000.00
Forest View Nursery	Cowes in Bloom Prizes (Min 6346a)	100.00
R Hendy	Salary	903.20
HM Revenue and Customs		309.38
R. Williams	Skate park cleaner (Min No 4999f)	200.00
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TM Taylor and Sons	Engraving Cowes in Bloom Cups (Min No 6346a)	44.26
IW Beacon	Newsletter (Min No 6157e)	110.00
John Palmer	Clock Battery etc	26.02
R Hendey	Salary	903.20
HM Revenue and Customs		309.38
R Hendey		41.61
Sign Co	New play park signs (Min No 6290b)	275.00
2 nd Cowes (St Mary’s) Sea Scouts	Grant (Min No 6373b)	400.00
IW Musical Comp Festival	Grant (Min No 6373b)	50.00
Biltmore Printers	Printing Flood Plans (Min No 6353c)	350.00
IW Beacon	Newsletter (Min No 6157e)	110.00

Petty Cash Payments July to September 2010

Till Receipts	Misc. items for the play park opening (Min No 6354i)	98.34
R. Hendey	Telephone line rental April to June 2010	29.35
Till Receipts	Frames for Cowes in Bloom Certificates	6.77
R. Hendey	Telephone calls, July to September 2010	14.80
R. Hendey	Postage “ “	23.46
R. Hendey	Travelling “ “	27.19

(The proceedings terminated at 9.33pm)

CHAIRMAN

