

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE held in the Town Council Office, Denmark Road, Cowes on Monday, 9th January 2012 at 7.05 p.m.

Present: Councillor Walters (Chairman)
Councillors Birch, Brown, Jones, McGregor and Wells.
In attendance: (non voting) Councillor Robinson.

383 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peacey-Wilcox and Wilcox.

384 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th November, 2011 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

385 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Jones and Walters declared personal and prejudicial interests in agenda item 4 regarding the 70th Anniversary Commemoration of the ORP Blyskawica defence of Cowes; Councillor Jones on the grounds that he was Treasurer of Cowes Heritage and they were staging an exhibition as part of the commemorative events and Councillor Walters on the grounds that he had been co-opted onto the organising committee. They left the room for this item

386 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – FRIENDS OF ORP BLYSKAWICA

Arrangements were being made to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the defence of Cowes by the Polish destroyer ORP Blyskawica; the commemoration events would be held in Cowes and East Cowes between 4th and 7th May 2012. The Town Council were being asked to underwrite the event in the sum of £5,000.

Members had been circulated with the Friends of ORP Blyskawica Society accounts and details of the proposed schedule of activities for the commemoration together with budget costs.

Members wished to support the commemoration as they had done for the 50th and 60th anniversaries. They were aware that events were being held in both Cowes and East Cowes and anticipated that East Cowes Town Council would wish to support the activities on their side of the river.

Following much further discussion it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Town Council agrees to underwrite the ORP Blyskawica commemoration in the sum of £3,000 in respect of activities taking place in Cowes.

(The proceedings terminated at 7.30p.m.)

CHAIRMAN