

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE held in the Town Council Office, 13 Denmark Road, Cowes on Monday, 30th January 2012 at 7.05pm.

Present: Councillor McGregor (Chairman)

Councillors Banks, Birch, Brown, Fuller, Jones, Peacey-Wilcox, Robinson, Walters and Wells.

In attendance: (Non voting) Councillors Mazillius and Sanderson

353 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Matthews and Wilcox.

354 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2012 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

355 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mazillius and Peacey-Wilcox declared personal interests in the item relating to the lease of land for the MUGA as they were both members of the I.W. Council who owned the land.

Councillors McGregor and Wells declared personal interests in the item relating to parking adjacent to Corries Cabin in Francki Place as they were personal friends of the owner of Corries Cabin.

355 LEASE OF LAND FOR MUGA

Councillor McGregor stated that she had received a copy of a draft lease for land in Northwood Recreation Ground; this had been studied by the Solicitor acting for the Town Council.

The Town Council would be required to uprate their Public Liability insurance from £5m to £10m and this would cost an additional premium of approximately £120 in a full year.

Several other conditions within the lease were questioned or considered not applicable and Members agreed to amendments that would be requested.

Councillor McGregor would contact the Town Council solicitor regarding the requested changes to the lease; Councillor Mazillius would contact the I.W. Council solicitor requesting the lease should be simplified and more in line with that for the skatepark.

(Councillors Peacey-Wilcox and Wells left the meeting at 7.25p.m.)

356 ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT FUNDING (EIF)

Councillor McGregor referred to the proposed I.W. Council Economic Improvement Fund which would be allocated on a proportional basis to the 33 Town and Parish Councils for the financial year 2012/13; Cowes Town Council allocation amounted to £19,332 and would be available on condition that it was 'match funded' and used specifically for projects that would directly or indirectly contribute to the economic wellbeing of the town.

Funding allocated to Town and Parish Councils that elected not to apply may be re-distributed to support other projects on the Island.

Councillor McGregor then outlined projects that would fit the criteria together with the funding required from the EIF as follows:

Northwood Recreation Ground Improvements

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| • MUGA (shortfall on funding required) | £11,500 |
| • Toilets (total repair works required £6,581) | £ 3,290 |
| • Replacement skatepark fence (total cost £5,800) | £ 2,900 |
| • 2 Picnic benches adjacent to play area (total cost £3,210) | £ 1,605 |

Nunnery Steps, Northwood Park

The Town Council had not received from the Trustees a quotation for the work or written confirmation that ‘match funding’ was available. However, a breakdown of the likely cost of remedial cosmetic works was submitted in the sum of £10,200

£ 5,100

Following much discussion it was

RECOMMENDED

- 1). That Cowes Town Council applies for their full allocation from the Economic Improvement Fund for the schemes identified for Northwood Recreation Ground;
- 2). That subject to the receipt of a formal quotation and written evidence of ‘match funding’ before the February Town Council they would consider whether the Nunnery Steps project should be included with their overall bid for Economic Improvement Funding; and
- 3) That the Town Council seeks the approval of all I.W. Council members for Cowes for all of the projects to be submitted for Economic Improvement Funding prior to submission of their application.

357 QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

Councillor Banks outlined his proposal for the installation of a horizon plaque to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee located on the 3 ft square inlet of The Parade sea wall opposite the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club. A graphic designer would be required to collate all the relevant information and to produce a full scale drawing of the plaque.

Another suggestion was that one of the public landings on The Parade could be named Queen Elizabeth Landing.

RECOMMENDED

- 1). That the Town Council agrees in principle to the proposal for the installation of a horizon plaque on The Parade; and
- 2). That subject to a maximum cost of £500, the Town Clerk be authorised to appoint a local graphic designer to produce a scale drawing of a suitable horizon plaque.

358 PARKING, FRANCKI PLACE

The Town Mayor reported that a number of complaints had been received of Town Council plant troughs being moved and a car parking between the bollards in Francki Place as well as other issues regarding bins.

She had contacted the owner of Corries Cabin who had stated that the car belonged to the tenant of his flat who was also his employee; he was aware that he had no right to park there and this could be stopped. The area his bins were situated formed part of his freehold and he had rights of access from

his back door. The remainder of the area was I.W. Council owned land on which he had permission for tables and chairs. He had returned the troughs to their original position; they had been moved again and an unidentified vehicle now parked between the bollards.

It was agreed that the only permanent solution to the problem would be the introduction of a fixed barrier.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk seeks a quotation for the supply and installation of additional bollards for Francki Place to alleviate the problems of illegal parking in the area.

(The proceedings terminated at 8.27p.m.)

CHAIRMAN