

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE held in the Town Council Office, 13 Denmark Road, Cowes on Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 6.35pm.

Present : Councillor McGregor (chairman)

Councillors: Banks, Brown, Jones, Matthews, Robinson, Walters and Wells

In attendance; (non voting) Sanderson

369 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Birch, Fuller, Peacey Wilcox and Wilcox

370 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That subject to the alteration "from Lightbown's to Lightmains, minute number 362", the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2012 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

371 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Banks declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in the Skatepark fence and Street Furniture and left the room for these items.

Councillor McGregor and Wells declared a Personal and Prejudicial in the Queen Victoria Plaque and left the room for this item.

372 RESTORATION OF THE QUEEN VICTORIA PLAQUE, AND PROGRESS OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH AND HORIZON PLAQUES

Three quotes have been obtained for the restoration of the Queen Victoria Plaque:

A J WELLS - Vitreous enamel tray 915 x 610 x25 mm sprayed white and screen printed in one colour to face using text and style to be agreed - tray to be internally backed with an aluminium tray – powder coated in colour as advised. Design and fixings to be advised to enable a secure fitting to a sea wall - £428 plus VAT
DELABOLE SLATE – Slate plaque with amendments as advised - £1101.20 plus VAT and Delivery
WIGHT STONEMASONRY LTD – Black granite plaque with 394 cut letters £1003.28 PLUS vat (including fixing to the sea wall)

This does not need planning as it is replacing the original.

After discussion, Vitreous enamel was regarded as an unsuitable medium so Councillors McGregor and Wells came back into the room and it was a decision between the two other mediums. Following much discussion it was:

RECOMMENDED

1. The Delabole Slate plaque is commissioned once firm delivery costs have been established.
2. Delabole State prepares a quotation in the same style as the Queen Victoria plaque to include delivery, once the wording is agreed

The Planning department requires the old plaque to be removed and the new one set back into the wall. After some discussion, Councillor Banks offered to complete the work of installing both plaques as a gift to the town, in line with the IW Council's recommendations.

Horizon Plaque – a draft graphic was supplied by APX Design. Councillors felt that this design was not as had been discussed and a small sub-committee of Councillors Banks, Jones and Matthews will work with the designers and Councillors to find a suitable design. It was decided that time scales are too tight for the Jubilee weekend or Queen’s visit to Cowes, but the plaque must be installed by the end of this calendar year. It was resolved that Councillor Matthews would circulate the list of suggestions of what to include on the Horizon Plaque so that all members of the Committee could have an input in this process.

373 Town Map

Biltmore have provided a quote of £1, 000 to update the town map without the advertising. Councillor Jones will obtain another two quotes. Tim Addison is producing a new paper folded town map for this summer.

374 To receive updates regarding various project in Northwood Recreation Ground.

MUGA – all completed expect for the line painting which will happen after the school Easter holidays. Official opening on 04/04/12 by Lee Bradbury. The sign will be installed on Tuesday 03/04/12. Refreshments will be available – Councillor McGregor is taking this in hand. This is proving a popular addition to the Recreation ground.

Quotes will be obtained for two benches to be sited alongside and the provision of two litter bins (to IW Council specifications).

Toilets – a draft lease has been circulated to councillors. A quote has been obtained from Robinson Jarvis and Rolf for £350 plus disbursements and fees. We will need to include the toilets on the Public Liability Insurance (no extra premium as already increased to £10 million). The Buildings will need to be insured for a replacement value of £110,000. Our current insurers have advised an approximate additional premium of £280 per annum.

A schedule of repairs has been completed by councillors Banks and Sanderson. This will be used to obtain 3 quotes for the works.

RECOMMENDATION

1. To proceed with the lease without engaging a solicitor as the lease appears not to present any problems.
2. To add the toilet block to our current insurance once the lease has been agreed.

Skatepark Fence

Three quotes have been obtained (Councillor Banks left the room for this item)

JRR Fencing	£2,147.40 plus VAT
JFK Fencing	£3,200.00
GJ Banks	£5,800.00 plus VAT

RECOMMENDATION

JRR Fencing is awarded the contract.

Picnic Benches – two have been bought, installed and are in use.

375 Update of EIF bid from the Isle of Wight Council

Cowes Town Council applied for £19,295.50 for four projects, plus Northwood House Trust applied for £6,312. IW Council combined all five bids and has awarded a total of £19,332 to Cowes. Cowes Town Council has already identified some cost savings in some of their projects. After much discussion it was:

RECOMMENDED

That all five projects may have to have up to 20% of funding reduced to keep within the total amount of grant awarded.

376 The Cut

Due to lack of time, this item was forward to the next meeting.

377 Possible arrangements for Christmas to enhance the town.

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378 Bollard in Franski Place

It was reported that this is no longer a problem as the planters have been moved to stop parking on the outskirts of the place (outside of Corries Cabin). This will continue to be monitored.

379 Street Furniture

Quotes has been sought for repainting the Cowes sign at Egypt Point, 10 benches along Princes Green, the circular seating around the umbrella tree on Princes Green and the semi-circular wall and seat on the Parade.

Moss Hayman	£1,020.00
G J Banks	£2,335.00 plus VAT
Mark Weldon	£1,060.00
John Groves (IW) Ltd	£1,910.00 plus VAT

RECOMMENDATION

The contact to maintain the street furniture is awarded to Moss Hayman.

Cowes Medina Bowls Club requested funds to buy wood stain for the maintenance of the park benches supplied by Cowes Town Council which are placed around the bowls green in Northwood Park.

It was suggested that they apply for a grant.

(Meeting ended at 8.30pm)

CHAIRMAN