



Minutes of the meeting held of the **TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE** held in the Town Council Office, 13 Denmark Road, Cowes on Monday 17th March 2014 at 7.00pm.

Present: - Councillor Brown (Chairman),
Councillors Banks, Jones and Nicholson

575 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Hall and Robinson

**576 MINUTES
RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2014 may be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

577 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

578 POSSIBLE PROVISION OF OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

Cllr Brown provided an update. She has visited and used the equipment at Ventnor which was very impressive. After this visit she is suggesting that two pieces of equipment might be changed. She has also contacted Cllr Steve Stubbings, Deputy Leader of the Isle of Wight Council who is also a Ventnor Town Councillor, who is supportive of the project. The newsletter has invited comments, so this item will be held over for further discussion to the next agenda.

579 DOG WASTE

Cllr Brown provided an update on her meeting with Island Roads earlier this month. She advised that even with the Island Roads quick response to reports of dog fouling there are still problem areas without a suitable receptacle. Island Roads will not allow the use of the "dual purpose" signage, so

ACTION: The Assistant Town Clerk contacts Colin Newnham Services for a quotation to install two extra dog waste bins - one on the Parade and one opposite Queens Roads on the Esplanade.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That Cowes Town Council purchases from Island Roads two additional dog waste bins at £60 each.**
- 2) That as Island Roads have quoted £48.36 per hour to install, the most effective installation quotation will be used**
- 3) That Cowes Town Council contracts with Island Roads to empty the additional two dog bins at £2.15 per lift twice per week.**

580 SHELTER ON THE SEAFRONT

£17,000 has been ring fenced for this project pending further investigation. Until permission has been gained for the installation, no further action can be taken. The design should be made from wood on a stainless steel base (made on the Isle of Wight) to provide a low maintenance structure.

ACTION: Cllr Banks to arrange a meeting with Isle of Wight Council to establish ownership of the groins and obtain permission to site a shelter.

581 MEMORIAL BENCHES

Cllr Banks provided a written policy for discussion.

RECOMMENDATION: That the written policy is adopted by Cowes Town Council.

582 WISHING WELL

This item was previously discussed but as IW Council have been unable to confirm ownership it is proving difficult to formulate a policy. The Assistant Town Clerk has tried to contact IW Council again without success. Island Roads have confirmed that they have no governance or maintenance contract for the Wishing Well.

RECOMMENDATION: That Cowes Town Council takes on responsibility for the Wishing Well.

583 TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS

Cllr Jones is continuing with the condition survey. The benches owned by Cowes Town Council in Northwood Park require some urgent maintenance.

RECOMMENDATION: That Quotations are requested for the repair/repainting of all the benches in Northwood Park to a maximum of £500.00, and the contract awarded to the most cost effective quotation received.

584 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) The ownership and condition of the plaques in the Band stand (Cllr Banks)
- b) The installation of the Horizon Plaque (Cllr Banks)
- c) To consider the cost of bunting for the High Street (Assistant Town Clerk)

Meeting ended at 8.10 pm.

CHAIRMAN