

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Projects Committee Meeting held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 6.15pm

Present: Councillors Nicholson (Chair), Adams, Brown, Peacey Wilcox and Taylor

In attendance: Kate Gibbs (Assistant Town Clerk)

351. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fuller.

352. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were received

353. MINUTES RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Projects Committee meeting held on 5 August 2020 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and the Chairman be authorised to sign the Minutes.

354. UPDATE ON EXISTING PROJECTS

a) **The Cut - Enhancements**

Martin Hayles (Architect for The Cut project) was not in attendance but had provided an update on the project. He continues to negotiate with Island Roads to receive their final package of documents including schedule of works and payment structure. He will request the final Planning Permission from the IW Council, which was awaiting the final details of the scheme from Island Roads.

b) **Tree Warden Project**

Councillor Taylor advised that the tree wardens are compiling a tree trail in Northwood Park which will be accessed via the TiCL App. Visitors to the Park will be able to follow a trail using the App and learn about the trees in the Park without the need for any printed map or physical signage. Once the notable trees have been photographed and added to the App, Councillors will be asked to support the promotion of the tree trail.

c) **Ark and Dove Commemorations**

Councillors were presented with draft designs and costings for a new information board on Cowes Parade, commemorating the historic story of The Ark and The Dove departing from Cowes. Enquiries are ongoing to incorporate features including tactile graphics and QR codes into the design to make it accessible to as many people as possible. Councillors considered a budget figure of £3,500 will be needed to cover the costs for this project. It was

RECOMMENDED

That Cowes Town Council considers setting aside a budget figure of £3,500 for a new information board, with the cost to be met from the 'New Projects' budget heading.

d) **Town Signs**

There was no update on this project and it will be removed from the Agenda. Additional signage can be considered under the Place Plan.

e) **Community Orchard**

Councillors are keen to proceed with the Community Orchard to provide fresh fruit for the community. The recreational pathway at Northwood Recreation Ground designed by People Powered CIC could incorporate a community orchard as part of landscaping around the pathway. Councillors felt that the IW Council should consider creating the recreational pathway as part of their Active Travel programme. It was agreed

ACTION:

The Clerks will request that the recreational pathway, incorporating a community orchard, is considered by the IW Council as part of their Active Travel programme.

f) **Cycling in Cowes High Street**

Cycling continues to be an issue through the High Street on a daily basis with no enforcement of the traffic prohibition. This issue has been ongoing for many years and previously the IW Council had plans to introduce dedicated cycle lanes through the town, which had not been implemented. Councillors wished to explore alternatives which will make the High Street safer for all users and request the IW Council consider pop up measures to aid safer walking and cycling in Cowes High Street, linking to the Floating Bridge and Cowes-Newport cycle path, as part of their Active Travel programme. It was agreed

ACTION:

The Clerks will request that an alternative route for a pop up cycle lane through Cowes High Street is considered by the IW Council as part of their Active Travel programme.

The meeting adjourned at 6.49pm and reconvened at 6.55pm.

355. MAINTENANCE ISSUES WITH EXISTING PROJECTS

a) **Street Furniture**

The new lock for the Notice Board has been fitted. The new 'Seafront / Parade' directional finger arm has been delivered and will be fitted outside Fountain Quay shortly. The 'Yacht Haven' directional finger arm outside Day Lewis pharmacy will be adjusted to point in the correct direction.

b) **Northwood Recreation Ground**

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the inner receptacle of the waste bin beside the MUGA has been vandalised and is very bent. Councillors requested that attempts be made to straighten the inner receptacle initially and if unsuccessful that the cost of a replacement be obtained from Island Roads. It was agreed

ACTION:

The Assistant Town Clerk will attempt to straighten the inner receptacle and if unsuccessful will obtain the cost of a replacement from Island Roads.

356. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items raised for inclusion on future agendas.

The proceedings terminated at 7.01pm

CHAIRMAN