

## COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Projects Committee Meeting held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday 4 November 2020 at 6.15pm

**Present:** Councillors Nicholson (Chair), Bertie, Brown, Fuller (6.37pm) and Taylor

**In attendance:** Councillor Wardrop (Non-Voting); Kate Gibbs (Assistant Town Clerk)

### 363. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adams, Peacey Wilcox and Rafferty.

### 364. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were received

### 365. MINUTES RESOLVED

**That the Minutes of the Projects Committee meeting held on 7 October 2020 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and the Chairman be authorised to sign the Minutes.**

### 366. 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. Martin is awaiting the final documentation from Island Roads and the IW Council's Planning Department.

#### b) **Ark and Dove Commemorations**

The Chairman of Cowes Heritage has been asked for his assistance with the design and content of a new information board commemorating the story of the Ark and the Dove. The graphic designer of the existing information boards on the Parade and seafront has been asked to contact the Town Council to discuss the design of a new information board. Cowes Heritage has kindly offered to share their information relating to the sailing of the Ark and the Dove from Cowes.

#### c) **Active Travel**

An initial meeting was held with representatives from the IW Council's Active Travel Team at which the Town Council raised a couple of specific areas in the town where they felt active travel schemes could be considered. The IW Council provided copies of local walking and cycling plans for the Newport and Ryde areas and suggested the Town Council could follow the same Department for Transport process to prioritise schemes for Cowes. They offered further meetings to look in more detail at active travel schemes for Cowes. Councillor Bertie proposed that a full debate is required to decide the Town Council's view on cycling in the High Street before any active travel scheme for the area can be considered.

It was

#### **RECOMMENDED**

**That Cowes Town Council has a full debate to decide the Town Council's view on cycling in the High Street.**

### **367. NEW PROJECTS**

#### **a) No Cold Calling signs**

This item was requested by Councillor Fuller and in his absence was deferred to the next meeting, along with a request that Councillor Fuller provide a report.

Councillor Wardrop left the meeting at 6.36pm.

Councillor Fuller joined the meeting at 6.37pm.

This item was revisited when Councillor Fuller joined the meeting. Councillor Fuller advised that there are No Cold Calling signs on the highway at entrance points to Cowes, Gurnard and Northwood. The signs were originally installed by Trading Standards and are now faded and difficult to read. Trading Standards have advised that they have no available funding to replace the signs. There have been reports of a number of cold callers in the Cowes cluster area, specifically targeting the elderly/vulnerable on estates roads. Councillor Fuller offered to look into the cost implications for replacement signage.

It was agreed:

#### **ACTION**

Councillor Fuller will identify the cost implications for replacement No Cold Calling signs.

### **368. MAINTENANCE ISSUES WITH EXISTING PROJECTS**

#### **a) Street Furniture**

The Assistant Town Clerk advised that two of the 'Cowes' entry signs are being repainted. Enquiries are ongoing to source a contractor to repair the halyard and lock on the flagpole at Francki Place.

#### **b) Northwood Recreation Ground**

John Groves (IW) Ltd have completed ground levelling at the MUGA and Skatepark side entrances and the shelter has been repainted.

The MUGA litter bin inner receptacle has been repaired.

G Filer Engineering Ltd are currently undertaking repairs to the Skatepark ramps and MUGA basketball ring. The repairs are being undertaken during school hours over three days, with the Skatepark remaining open outside of the works to minimise disruption to users.

The Mayor has authorised urgent repairs to the Skatepark perimeter fencing on health and safety grounds.

### **369. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

- World Finger Post – Councillor Bertie

The proceedings terminated at 6.53pm

**CHAIRMAN**