

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office, Northwood House, Cowes on Thursday 24 October 2024 at 6.15pm.

Present: Councillors Hollis (Chairman), Barney, Brown, Dodwell, Nicholson, Sanders, Wardrop & White.

In attendance: Debbie Faulkner, Locum Town Clerk; 21 members of the public.

1937 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

1938 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Nicholson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No 1940 (i) as he had engaged with the applicant and the local planning authority to assist with this planning application.

1939 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee meeting held on 2 October 2024 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1940 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Clerk submitted details of the planning applications received and following Committee's consideration it was:

RESOLVED

That Cowes Town Council has no objections to the following planning applications:

- (i) **Application No:** 24/01427/FUL
Location: Hamlet Court, 6 Queens Road
Proposal: Demolition of building; proposed construction of two detached dwellings with parking.
- (ii) **Application No:** 24/01471/3MAPA
Location: Chip Ahoy, 36 Victoria Road
Proposal: Prior approval for proposed change of use of Ground and Lower Ground Floors from an existing Chip Shop and storage area to a single dwelling providing accommodation over two floors.
- (iii) **Application:** Certified Location campsite application
Location: The Whispering Fields, West View Road, Gurnard
Proposal: Campsite limited to 5 caravans and 10 tent pitches.

That Cowes Town Council **OBJECTS** to the following planning application on the following grounds and due to the strength of feeling in the local community:

1. The effect of noise from extraction units and the occupants of the building which backs on to a number of residential properties.
2. The loss of a community facility (DM7).
3. Concerns regarding the living of bats in the property and an ecological survey is requested.

Cowes Town Council intend to ask the local IW Councillor, Richard Quigley, to call this planning application in to be discussed fully at the IW Council's Planning Committee.

- (i) **Application No:** 24/01378/FUL
Location: Cowes Methodist Church, Birmingham Road
Proposal: Change of Use to Class E (b) together with associated external and internal alterations and installation of plant and extraction equipment.

1941 PLANNING DECISIONS

To receive the planning decision as detailed below:

- (i) **Application No:** 24/01215/CLEUD
Location: 10 Bath Road
Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of first and second floors as C3 (residential) and use of ground floor as Class E (office).
Decision: Planning Permission Granted.

1942 PLANNING APPEALS

To receive the planning appeal as detailed below:

- (i) **Application No:** 24/00503/ADV **Appeal Reference:** APP/P2114/Z/24/3348162
Location: Cowes Town Central Shopping Arcade, 104 High Street
Description of development: Free standing non-illuminated sign denoting The Bird Bar.
Decision: Appeal dismissed.

1943 UPDATE REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION 24/00176/FUL – CLARE LALLOW LTD (MIN NO 1933 REFERS)

At the Planning & Licensing Committee meetings on 26 June, 17 July, 12 September and 2 October, Councillors raised their concerns about the length of time this planning application is taking. This company is important to Cowes and is a considerable local employer. The Town Clerk has again written to the IW Council who have responded by saying that the time taken to determine the planning application is due to the sensitivities of the site and the need to ensure that concerns raised by statutory consultees are addressed. They advise that once they have Natural England's comments on the Habitats Regulation Assessment they will be able to determine the planning application. It was agreed:

ACTION

The Town Clerk will write again to the IW Council's Planning Department for an update.

1944 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

(i) Application for a Premises Licence Minor Variation – The Garden, 48 – 49 High Street

Councillors were asked to consider this Application for a Premises Licence Minor Variation to add the ground floor of 49 High Street to their existing Licence. It was:

RESOLVED

That Cowes Town Council has no objections to this Application for a Premises Licence Minor Variation.

(ii) Application for Street Trading Consent – Really Awesome Coffee Isle of Wight – Island wide mobile consent

Councillors were asked to consider this Application for an Island wide Street Trading consent for the supply of hot and cold drinks, cakes, sweets and snacks from 06:00 hours to 21:00 hours seven days a week. It was:

RESOLVED

That Cowes Town Council has no objections to this Application for a Street Trading Consent.

1945 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

There were no tree preservation orders to consider.

The proceedings terminated at 7.30pm.

CHAIRMAN