

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Cowes Town Council held in the Drawing Room at Northwood House, Cowes on Thursday 17 February 2026 at 7pm.

Present: Councillor Ellis (Town Mayor) (Chairman).
Councillors Adams, Marriot, Peacey Wilcox, Rafferty & Walters.

In attendance: Patrick Jolin (Town Clerk), Kate Scragg (Deputy Town Clerk), Richard Shaul (Responsible Financial Officer) & Jasmine Hayden (CTC retained Town Architect).

9325 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carter, Dodwell, Hollis, Nicholson, Wardrop and White.

9326 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

9327 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 05 February 2026 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9328 TO APPOINT A CONTRACTOR FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARADE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

A report was received from the CTC Town Architect giving a detailed analysis of the tenders received to complete the refurbishment of the Cowes Parade public conveniences. Following discussions, the following **ACTIONS** were agreed:

- a) That the Architect, the Town Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer enter discussions with Contractor C about further tender response clarifications on build specification, resource allocation, build programme, build costings, acceptable contract conditions and contractor compliance with all legal and insurance requirements and that subject to acceptable confirmation of these factors, to then enter formal contract negotiations with Contractor C.
- b) That Contractor B should be retained as reserve tenderer.
- c) That the Town Clerk confirms the CTC legal tenure status with the IW Council of The Parade public conveniences.

9329 TO CONSIDER COSTS FOR ADDITIONAL PLANTERS OUTSIDE SAINSBURY'S, COWES HIGH STREET

A report was received from the CTC Town Architect giving detailed costs for additional planters outside Sainsbury's, Cowes High Street. Following discussions, it was:

RESOLVED

That the Council approve costs of up to £10,000 for the supply and installation of three Corten steel planters and associated planting in Cowes High Street and with the cost being met from funding from the IWC Area Regeneration Officer (Minute number 9266/C/1 refers).

9330 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

None

The proceedings terminated at 7.44pm.

CHAIRMAN