



# Minutes

Name of Meeting	IWC Public Realm and Coastal Meeting – West Wight	
Date and Time	02/06/2026 10:30	
Venue	Microsoft Teams	
Attendees		
	Alaster Sims [AS]	Penny Acton [PA]
	Stu Brown [SB]	Sarah Preston [SP]
	Emily Tapsfield [ET]	
	Ian Dawson [ID]	
	Abigail Reynolds [AR]	
	Bonny Pettinger [BP] [Note Taker]	
1. Welcome/Apologies /Housekeeping		
Kristian Horlock	David Wallis	
Claire Gale	Cllr Nicholas Gurney-Champion	
Joy Walker	Cllr John Cironne	
Val Taylor	Cllr John Angell	
Michaela Bailey	Cllr Dave Stewart	
Debbie Faulkner	Cllr John Hobart	
Sue Chilton	Mayor Cllr John Nicolson	
Kirsty Gibson	Mayor Cllr Tracy Reardon	
Gareth Hughes	Cllr Andrew Burroughs	
Richard Shaul	Cllr Alison Child	
Fiona Capewell	Cllr Penny Acton	
Sherlie BurrIDGE	Cllr Martin Oliver	
Katie Riley	Cllr Tim Addison	
Sally Woods	Cllr John Pullen	
Michael Davies	Cllr Colin Willis	
Helen Gibbs	Cllr Steve Cowley	
Brian Jacobs	Cllr Keith Cram	
Cllr Paul Fuller	Cllr Gareth Wyre	
Cllr Lora Peacey-Wilcox	Cllr Dawn Haigthomas	
Kate Scragg		
2. Update from Coastal		

<b>ID Provided an update for Coastal:</b>	
Cowes – Contractor has started the refurbishments to the wall where the signage will be placed, we still need to obtain sign to sink into the wall – will be complete ahead of schedule.	
Cowes post office slip way and manhole surround repairs have begun.	
Totland and Colwell slipway and surface defect repairs due to harsh winter weather, these will be repaired within the next couple of weeks.	
Freshwater – surface defect repairs on the promenade are going ahead.	
Freshwater – coastal team have installed a new railing opposite The Albion/Rock hotel and restaurant, to close off steps due to health and safety. These steps used to lead down to an area to moor boats, however due to the tide, this is not safe to do so.	
SP – Enquired about the balustrade along the sea wall in Cowes – is this Town Council to repair or Isle of Wight Council? We have photos	
ID – requested for them to please be emailed to <a href="mailto:coastandbeaches@iow.gov.uk">coastandbeaches@iow.gov.uk</a> .	
AS – Responded to advise that we are investigating asset ownership, as soon as we have a definitive answer I will get back in touch, Cllr Fuller last contacted regarding this.	
SP – Advised that a new race marker has gone up and we are now seeing a similar issue starting to form.	
AS - Appreciative of the additional information	
ID – added that it is a cast concrete wall and unfortunately will not be an easy repair and would not involve only removing a singular balustrade.	
SP – Added that a new marker has been tied with rope and metal, at one point the marker came through the balustrade and concrete.	
ID – Finalised that we have not been asked permission for this, it would be interesting to investigate who they gain permissions from, as this may direct as to who is responsible.	
<b>3. Update from Public Realm</b>	
<b>ED provided an update for Public Realm:</b>	
Fort Victoria, contractors going to plant new hedging	
Box hedging at Church Litten has been replaced after it was decimated by box caterpillars.	
Cowes – Mornington Woods, works are scheduled to begin this week to fill in the septic tank and dress with top soil.	
Gurnard Esplanade sweeping has been carried out by our Maintenance Officer.	
PA – Responded, thank you for completing the sweeping.	
PA – Enquired about the white line road markings, as you are coming into Gurnard, from Woodvale, along Shore Road near the sailing club, these have disappeared.	
ED – Responded that this would fall under Island Roads remit.	
PA- responded that this has been reported to island roads via a fix my street but are yet to receive a response.	
ID – advised to also email – <a href="mailto:info@islandroads.com">info@islandroads.com</a>	
IR use a mainland company called WJ lining	
SP – Added advised to attach photos to the email and this may produce a quicker response from a previous role – attach photos as this will be a quicker response	
<b>4. Update from Public Realm Officer</b>	
<b>SB Provided an update for Public Realm Officers:</b>	
SB – PRO team have been in Cowes this past week reporting used sandbags to be removed. Operation Clean and Safe patrols scheduled with the Police over the coming weeks at Cowes and Gurnard.	

The secret beach issues were forwarded to the police which they have been actively patrolling.	
PSPO for dogs on beaches are now in place and will be the main focus in West Wight over the coming weeks.	
PA – Advised that she reported the issues at the secret beach on the 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 - residents cleared up multiple beer cans, vodka bottles and litter last Friday.	
SB – Responded that a lot of the anti-social behaviour happens outside of our working hours, however the police do work outside these times, and we will pass this on. Public Realm Officers do carry litter always picking equipment in their vehicles. As part of operation clean and safe we are looking at adjusting working hours to try and witness these incidents happening in early mornings/evenings.	
<b>5. Pre-submitted Questions</b>	
None received	
<b>6. AOB</b>	
PA - Old school meadow accessibility issues, is there any where we could be pointed towards for funding for this?	
ED – advised of a website called grant finder, this will show any possible available funding options	
AS – Added – contact Mike Bullpit at community action Isle of Wight.	
<b>7. Next Meeting 07<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	