



COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cowes Town Council held in the Dining Room, Northwood House, Cowes on Thursday 11 June 2026 at 7pm.

Present

Councillor Ellis (Town Mayor) (Chairman).

Councillors Adams, Hollis, Marriott, Nicholson, Peacey-Wilcox, Rafferty, Wardrop and White.

In Attendance

Patrick Jolin (Town Clerk), Tracy Jones (Deputy Town Clerk), Richard Shaul (Responsible Financial Officer), Councillor Adam (IWC)(7.08 pm).

9405 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barney, Fuller and Walters.

9406 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

9407 REPORT FROM THE LOCAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER

A written report from the local Safer Neighbourhood Officer (PC Manning) was received.

Councillor Hollis requested that a note be made about the growth in the illegal use of e-scooters on and around the High Street. The Town Clerk updated that such use will be able to be monitored by the new smart CCTV service currently being evaluated by the Town Council Office.

To further address the concern raised, the following **ACTION** was agreed:

- That the Town Clerk instructs the Town Communications and Funding Manager to liaise directly with PC Manning's team to raise the e-scooter issue.

9408 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That Minute 9390 of the Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 14 May 2026 be amended to replace "family and friends" with "friends" and that the Minutes then be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9409 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None received.



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9410 REPORTS FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Written reports focussing on local matters and Isle of Wight Council activities were received from Councillors Adam, Fuller, Peacey Wilcox and Rafferty.

Councillor Rafferty updated the Chamber with a progress report on the current situation on the recent Sothern Water spring pump out activities. Councillor Rafferty confirmed that a meeting with the CEO of Southern Water had been scheduled and that an update on progress would be issued after that meeting.

Councillor Adam left the meeting at 7.08pm.

9411 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS

a) **Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee**

The Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting held on 26 May 2026 were received and noted. Following discussions, the following outcomes were recorded:

1. Regarding minute 1169 (Provision of Badges of Office). It was:
RESOLVED
That badges of office be provided for the Past Mayor, Mayor's Consort and Communications and Funding Manager.
2. Regarding minute 1170 (Applications for Grants). It was:
RESOLVED
 - i. **That a grant of £600 be awarded to Cowes Open Bowls Tournament.**
 - ii. **That a grant of £1,500 be awarded to Feeding the Wight.**
 - iii. **That a retrospective grant of £1,500 be awarded to Cowes Fringe.**
 - iv. **That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to The Footprint Trust.**
3. Regarding minute 1171 (Increase in the Numbers of Authorisers on the Lloyds Bank Mandate). It was:
RESOLVED
That Cowes Town Council adds a further 2 authorisers to the Lloyds Bank mandate to bring the total to 4.

The RFO also raised that the Town Council does not have a formal policy on the management of Grants and Donations. To address this, the following **ACTION** was agreed:

- That the Town Clerk and the RFO meet to define a policy and present their findings as a proposal to the Town Council in due course.



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b) Planning & Licensing Committee

The Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee meetings held on 03 June 2026 were received and noted.

Councillor Hollis informed the Chamber that he will be attending in a personal capacity the IWC Planning meeting convened to consider the recent Commodores House, Cowes licensing application.

Councillor White informed the Chamber that she will be objecting in a personal capacity to the Newmans Sports Cafe & Bar, 117 High Street, Cowes pavement license application.

c) Projects Committee

The Minutes of the Projects Committee meeting held on 09 June 2026 were received and noted.

d) Connecting Cowes Advisory Group

The Minutes of the Cowes Harbour Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 May 2026 were received and noted.

e) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC)

The IWALC Treasurers Report for May 2026 was received and noted.

f) IWC Public Realm and Coastal (West)

The Minutes of the IWC Public Realm and Coastal (West) meetings held on 02 June 2026 was received and noted.

g) Quarterly Landslide and Coastal Loss Forum

No report received.

9412 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a written report thanking Councillors for his re-election and confirming that Council business as usual has restarted after May's Annual Town Council meeting and with all newly confirmed Councillor's participation in Town Council Committees, Working Groups and various meetings.

The Mayor gave details of various events and Committees attended in May including the Medina marching band 50th Anniversary Tattoo at the Enterprise College.

The Mayor also confirmed he would continue to strengthen the Councils links with the Town and hoped to build on current projects as Cowes Town moved towards the Cowes 200th Anniversary in August.



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9413 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE AND SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT

A written report was received and noted from Councillor Walters. After discussion, It was:

RESOLVED

That Cowes Town Council formally minute the loss of Cowes Town Council General Power of Competence and that the Town Clerk and RFO are aware of Section 137 expenditure limits.

9414 COUNCILLOR NICHOLSON MONTHLY REPORT

A written report was received and noted from Councillor Nicholson.

9415 CHEQUE, DEBIT CARD AND PETTY CASH PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2026

The Responsible Financial Officer's cheque, debit card and petty cash report for May 2026 was received and noted. Following discussions, it was:

RESOLVED

That the payments for May 2026 by cheque of £36,631.54 and debit card of £446.98 and petty cash of £NIL were received, noted and approved.

9416 UPDATE ON COUNCILLOR SELECTION FOR COWES MEDINA AND COWES WEST WARDS

An update on Councillor selection for Cowes Medina and Cowes West wards was received from the Town Clerk who confirmed that the vacancy for Cowes West ward would be filled by public election and the two vacancies for Cowes Medina ward would be filled by the Town Council co-option process. Following discussions, it was:

RESOLVED

That polling cards for the Cowes West ward public election are required and will be requested to be issued by the IWC Monitoring Officer.

9417 UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

A report on the CTC Town Office achievements and operational projects for May 2026 was received from the Town Clerk and noted.

Regarding the current Parade Public Conveniences refurbishment project, Councillor Adams requested that local transport companies be informed of the refurbishment project progress and the following **ACTION** was agreed:

- That the Town Clerk arranges for local coach companies, ferry services and affected holiday resort businesses be informed of the status of the Parade Public Conveniences refurbishment project.

9418 UPDATE FROM THE PUBLIC REALM OFFICER

A report on the Public Realm Officer activities for May 2026 was received and noted.



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9419 MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Details of miscellaneous publications and correspondence were circulated to all Town Councillors.

9420 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Councillor Hollis requested that the Town Clerk facilitates as soon as possible the next Northwood House Review Working Group meeting so that the outcome of this meeting can be presented at the next Town Council meeting. The following **ACTION** was agreed:

- That the Town Clerk arranges a Northwood House Review Working Group meeting as required.

The proceedings terminated at 7.43pm.

CHAIRMAN