



Minutes of the meeting of Cowes Town Council held in the Drawing Room, Northwood House, Cowes on Thursday 16 July 2026 at 7pm.

Present

Councillor Ellis (Town Mayor) (Chair).

Councillors Hollis, Marriott, Nicholson, Peacey-Wilcox, Rafferty, Wardrop, Walters, Barney, Reen, Fuller, Paler and Southwell.

In Attendance

Patrick Jolin (Town Clerk), Tracy Jones (Deputy Town Clerk), Richard Shaul (Responsible Financial Officer), PC Brad Manning and PCO Tilly.

9421 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adam and White.

9422 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

9423 REPORT FROM THE LOCAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER

A written report from PC Manning was received. Councillor Fuller raised the issue of scooters being ridden along The Parade by individuals in balaclavas. To further address the concern raised, the following was agreed:

ACTION

Further action to be taken by PC Manning's team if images are received of the individuals.

9424 MINUTES

RESOLVED

Minutes of the 11 June 2026 Town Council meeting were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9425 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None received.

9426 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, Wardrop and Rafferty.

Councillor Fuller updated the Chamber regarding the McDonald's planning application for Three Gates Road which will be considered by the IWC Planning Committee this month with a recommendation that it be refused.



9427 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS

a) Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee

The Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting held on 23 June 2026 were received and noted.

b) Planning & Licensing Committee

The Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee meeting held on 15 July 2026 were received and noted.

Councillor Hollis advised the Chamber that the Castle Hill application had been granted despite CTC objections and that representations have been made regarding lack of planning permission sought for changes to the grounds of Northwood House.

c) Projects Committee

The Minutes of the Projects Committee meeting held on 14 July 2026 were received and noted.

1. Regarding minute 743 (f) Smart CCTV trial extension, after discussions it was:

RESOLVED

To initially extend the trial to a year.

2. Regarding minute 743 (h) Installation of CCTV at Mornington Road Public Conveniences, after discussions it was:

RESOLVED

To arrange for CCTV to be installed at Mornington Road Public Conveniences.

d) Supporters of Cowes Library Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the Cowes Harbour Advisory Committee meeting held on 06 June 2026 were received and noted.

e) Quarterly Landslide and Coastal Loss Forum

The Minutes of the Quarterly Landslide and Coastal Loss Forum held on 26 January 2026 were received and noted.

f) IWALC AGM Treasurers Report

The Minutes of the IWALC AGM Treasurers meeting on 25 June 2026 were received and noted.

g) IOW Local Access Forum Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the Local Access Forum held on the 28 January 2026 were received and noted.



9428 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS

a) Mayor's Report

A written report was received and noted from the Mayor.

b) Northwood House and Park Grounds Maintenance Report

A written report was received and noted from Councillor Wardrop.

c) IWC Councillor Monthly Reports

A written report was received and noted from:

- Councillor Rafferty.

d) CTC Councillor Monthly Reports

A written report was received and noted from:

- Councillor Nicholson.

9429 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE RFO

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

RESOLVED

That the payments for June 2026 by cheque of £36,341.26 and debit card of £4006.18 and bank transfers of £58,869.20 petty cash of £NIL were received, noted and approved.

9430 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN CLERK

a) To Provide an Update on Councillor Selection for Cowes Medina Ward and Cowes West Ward

At the start of the meeting Councillor Louise Southwell was congratulated on her election and Councillors Mark Reen and Michael Paler were welcomed following their co-option to the Council Chamber.

The Mayor reminded all Councillors to attend Committee meetings that they have volunteered to be part of.

b) To Provide an Update on the Arrangements for Cowes 200 Including The Parade Toilets Renovation

The Town Clerk confirmed that a full schedule of the setup, health and safety arrangements and events for the week from Island Roads, Cowes Week Ltd, Stage Gear and Isle of Wight Council were expected shortly and would be circulated to the Chamber.

The Chamber discussed the lack of access to The Parade for local residents and that the Town Council had not been consulted on the plans.



A Shoreside Working Group was proposed for 2027 which would be tasked with working closely with event organisers for Cowes Week and other large sailing events which affect the Town and residents. Following discussions it was:

RESOLVED

That the Shoreside Working Group to be convened in September 2026.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the renovations being carried out on The Parade toilets would be completed by the start of Cowes Week.

c) To Provide an Update on the Northwood House Working Group Actions

The Town Clerk gave feedback on the first Northwood House Working Group meeting. Councillor Barney explained that the focus of the group will be to re-establish working relationships with the Northwood House Trustees and the new Operations manager following the departure of the current CEO in August 2026.

The Chamber discussed recent events held at Northwood House and complaints received from local residents.

d) To Provide an Update on the Town Office Activities and Achievements for June 2026

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

e) To Receive an Update on the Public Realm Officer Activities for June 2026

A report of the Public Realm Officer activities for June 2026 was received and noted.

f) To Receive Miscellaneous Publications and Correspondence

Miscellaneous Publications and Correspondence for June 2026 were received and noted.

9431 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

No items were received.

The proceedings terminated at 8.18pm.

CHAIR