

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE held in the Cowes Town Council Offices, Denmark Road, Cowes on Tuesday 18th January 2011 at 7.10pm.

Present: Councillor McGregor (Chair)
Councillors Banks, Birch, Jones, Matthews, Robinson, Thwaites, Wells

285 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were given.

286 MINUTES

RECOMMENDED

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 28th September 2010 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

287 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS.

Councillor Thwaites has a personal interest in the bench at Egypt Point as she lives nearby.

288 THE CUT

a) Up date on planning progress

There has still been no decision on the planning application – could hear this week. There have been 3 comments on the application, including a comment from the Highways department that they support the application but stating that there is a cost for the traffic order.

It was agreed that the running order of the agenda could be altered to consider item C before item B.

c) Up date on project management company

It was reported that Cllr McGregor has been attempting to contact Mike Wheeler since mid-December 2010 and has had no response so the project is currently unable to progress further.

Assistant Town Clerk to directly contact Mike Wheeler

b) Consideration of artist's proposals for murals

Jane Popov has submitted a detailed schedule of works and contacted the Sports Unit to ask about the use of section 106 funding which would be paid to CTC £370 for paint and £500 Adult and Community and Family Learning for Jane Popov's time.

It was suggested that if section 106 funding was not forthcoming that local business be contacted to help fund the paint costs.

Style of Wight have offered to render the wall and so Cllr Banks has stepped aside.

Potential to delay the major works until later in the year due to planning and / or tendering delays but still continue the mural so that it is done for the summer season and the Island Games.

The committee received the details of the schedule of works.

RECOMMENDED

To accept Jane Popov's proposal and to commence mural works in line with proposed times.

d) Style of Wight Competition (financial & practical assistance)

Style of Wight have offered to:

Re-render the wall for mural

Dig out area in front of mural, lay membrane and shingle or stone

Dig over planting area and plant with all-weather plants and lay down bark chips to prevent weeds

Provide plants for wall planters

Provide a new tree

Potentially provide a circular seat for tree

Next a meeting is needed with Style of Wight, Mike Wheeler, Martin Hayles Assistant Town clerk and Cllr McGregor

e) Any other matters arising

Tree at Francki Place

Cllr Jones said he thought one of the new trees at Francki Place had died and that he would double check this.

There is a possibility that 4Delivery could have liability for this.

RECOMMENDED

The Assistant Town Clerk will write to 4Delivery to state current position of tree.

7.35pm Cllr Birch left the meeting

289 THE BASKETBALL COURT

a) Up date on funding applications.

Eco Island - application was unsuccessful as was over subscribed and was felt that other applications better fitted the criteria

Tesco Charity Trust - bid is underway and due with funder at end of January

Awards for All - bid is ready and awaiting quote for fencing. So far 5 contractors have been approached.

Waitrose - has been asked to add the basketball court to their community projects where shoppers get a token which they can donate to a selection of community projects and are then converted to cash.

Youth Opportunities Fund grant of £10, 000 needs to be spent by 31st March 2010.

RECOMMENDED

To ask Martin Hayles to cost work specification, schedule of works and tendering process and to ask him to proceed if cost is less than £1,000.

7.45pm Cllrs Jones and Matthews left the meeting

b) Update on basketball lease with IWC

It was reported that negotiations with the IW council are now completed following a long delay due to staff sickness. There is now a draft lease for 10 years with a tenant only break clause at year 5, a rental of £20 per annum and £325 fees for surveyor and legal costs.

Assistant Clerk is to liaise with Andrea Jenkins at IW Council to provide details required to sign-off the lease agreement once recommendation has been accepted by Town Council.

RECOMMENDED

Appointment of solicitor to be made to proceed with lease.

290 ADVENTURE PLAY AREA

a) Final accounts & payment to contractor

Defects and liability period ended just before Christmas. Carroways have ordered the bolt for the zip wire and have asked that CTC organise for a local contractor to fit it and take costs from final bill. The outstanding amount is £1785.07 (including cost of fitting bolt)

RECOMMENDED

To pay Carroways final settlement.

b) Update on re-turfing

Hillcroft have not re-turfed as asked. Grass is reported to be partially growing on areas to be re-turfed. Cllr Wells will confirm the current situation.

RECOMMENDED

Assistant Town Clerk to re-contact Hillcroft to delay work until spring and will then confirm extent of works to be done.

c) Dog Hitching post - consideration of design submitted to council

The committee examined the proposed design.

RECOMMENDED

To accept design of dog hitching post.

To get quotes to build and install the dog hitching posts.

291 ADDITIONAL BENCH, EGYPT LIGHT

Mrs Effemey would like to dedicate a seat to her husband and would like this to be the seat outside their house. There is already one put there by IW Council. Mrs Effemey would be happy to purchase a bench to go elsewhere and to dedicate the existing bench outside here house to her husband.

RECOMMENDED

To accept with thanks Mrs Effemey's offer purchase a bench to be placed at Egypt Point.

To place a plaque on the bench outside Mrs Effemey's house dedicating this to her husband - provided permission is granted by IW Council.

To place a plaque on the bench at Egypt Point stating it was provided by Cowes Town Council.

(The proceedings terminated at 8.08pm)

CHAIRMAN