

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Queen Diamond Jubilee Sub Committee held in the Town Council Office, Denmark Road, Cowes on Monday 9th January 2012 at 6.00p.m.

Present: Councillors Banks, Brown Ellis, Hammond, McGregor, Mazillius, Robinson, Walters and Wells.

M. Campbell (Cowes Business Association) (entered the meeting at 6.53p.m.)

Appointment of Chairman.

It was agreed that Councillor Banks would be Chairman for the meeting.

Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the Queens Diamond Jubilee Sub Committee held on 5th September 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Queens Diamond Jubilee.

It was stated that the Town Council had applied for a Road Closure for The Parade between Watch House Lane and a line from the western end of the bandstand to the eastern end of the Royal London flagpole mast to run from 31st May to 7th June 2012. An advertisement had also been placed inviting expressions of interest from organisations willing to run the programme of events on The Parade for the Town Council; none was received. As there was no interest in organising events, it was agreed that the Town Council should cancel the application for a road closure for The Parade and notify the Royal Yacht Squadron of the decision.

Also, as requested by the Town Council, the Town Mayor had written in her Beacon article that funding may be available from the Town Council to help local organisations with events they may be arranging to celebrate the Jubilee.

The Cowes Carnival would be hosting a tea party on 4th June; the venue had not finally been determined but it would most likely be in the High Street. Councillor Wells stated that the Town Council did not have the resources to organise a party of their own; they should support the Carnival Committee in their endeavours.

Councillor Mazillius stated that it had been announced that the Queen would be touring the South East of England to mark the Jubilee; she could well be visiting Cowes as part of that tour. If she did visit the town he would like to have a special event to mark the occasion – possibly a charity concert. It was agreed that Councillor Mazillius would investigate the feasibility of such an event and report back to the next meeting.

Other suggestions included:

- Red/white/blue bunting for the town
- Support the Woodland Trust initiative of ‘Plant a tree for the Jubilee’
- Small memento for youngsters – Councillor Walters would obtain information regarding suitable mementos
- Horizon plaque/Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee plaque to be installed on The Parade

Following much general discussion it was

RECOMMENDED

- 1). That as there had not been sufficient interest to organise events on The Parade the Town Council should cancel their application for a road closure and notify the Royal Yacht Squadron of that decision;
- 2). That the Town Council should ‘ring fence’ up to £4,000 to support organisations running their own events to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee;

- 3). That the Town Council should seek permission from the I.W. Council to plant a tree on the grassed area of Mornington Road;
- 4). That the suggestion of a Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee plaque/horizon plaque would be considered by the Town Improvements Committee;
- 5). That the Town Council accepts in principle that they would supply a memento to all pre and primary school children in Cowes.

(The meeting closed at 7.05p.m.)

Chairman