

YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT YARMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, MILL ROAD, YARMOUTH ON TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2009 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors S Cowley (Town Mayor), R Corbett, P Garlick, R Goodridge, S Mence, S Poston and B Tongue.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Lewis (Locum Clerk)
S Dyer CC

APOLOGIES: Councillor A Ingram and Yarmouth Police. Members sent their good wishes to Councillor Ingram who is currently in hospital.

PART 1

237/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Goodridge declared a personal interest in Minute 240/09 by reason of being a member of the Harbour Advisory Committee

Councillor Mence declared a personal interest in Minute 240/09 by reason of being a member of the Harbour Advisory Committee and in Minute 240/09 by reason of being Secretary of the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan Steering Committee.

Councillor Poston declared a personal prejudicial interest in Minute 240/09 by reason of being Chair of the West Wight Landscape Partnership Advisory Committee.

238/09 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No matters were raised.

239/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2009 (Part 1) and of the special meetings held on 24 September and 8 October 2009 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendment to the Minute 207/09 of the 8 September 2009:

Add to the end of the minute: "and withdrew from the meeting whilst this item was discussed."

240/09 POLICE MATTERS

In the absence of a Police representative no report was given.

241/09 HARBOUR ISSUES

Mr Howe gave a report on behalf of the Harbour Commissioners. Piling work in the harbour is complete and there will be a trial for the ferries on the emergency slipway on 3 November. There will be Christmas activities the Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights before the lights are switched on. It was reported that there will be a public meeting at Yarmouth Primary School at 6pm organised by the Harbour Commissioners. Finally, members were advised that a response is awaited from DEFRA regarding the "Fishermans' Area."

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

242/09 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £20,650.09 and a schedule of accounts for payment.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted and the following accounts be authorised and paid

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount
			£
887	PC World	Holmes Charity Grant	300.00
888	Isle of Wight Council	Clerk's Salary, September 2009	552.29
889	Brightstone Landscaping	Grass Cutting	218.50
890	Audit Commission	External Audit Fee	155.25
891	Staples	Stationery	29.64
892	Royal British Legion	Wreaths for Remembrance Sunday	50.00
893	R H Blezzard	Expenses	18.35
894	Sandham Office Services	Photocopier Repairs	<u>138.28</u>
			1,162.31

243/09 PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Applications

Members had before them one planning application.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow objectors to speak. Standing Orders were reinstated.

RESOLVED: that the Council makes the observations set out below:

P/01474/09 – TCP/22425/F – Continued use of buildings and land for boat storage and boat storage/repair and classic car storage at Newclose Farm, Main Road, Thorley
OBJECT ON THE GROUNDS OF NOISE NUISANCE, DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ACCESS. THE COUNCIL WOULD WISH TO SEE A SINGLE COMPOSITE APPLICATION WHERE MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS APPLY TO ONE SITE.

Planning Decisions

Members had before them details of a recent planning decision made by the Isle of Wight Council.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

244/09 YARMOUTH AND THORLEY COMMUNITY PLAN

Councillor Mence, Secretary of the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan Steering Committee presented a final report of the Steering Committee which has now been wound up following the completion of its work in producing the plan. Minutes of the newly formed Community Plan Advisory Committee were before the meeting.

- RESOLVED: (a) That that all involved in the production of the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan be thanked for their work and;
- (b) That the minutes of the Community Plan Advisory Committee be approved and adopted and the following specific action arising from the plan be authorised:
- Minute 2.1
- B3: Support proposed contact with West Wight Rural ENO and Isle of Wight Council officials;
- B4: Support investigation of costs.
- Minute 2.2
- B1: Support the proposal that the Community Plan Advisory Committee carries out an appraisal of what uses and activities are provided by community centres and another appraisal of future requirements.
- B10: Support the proposal.
- B11: Support the proposal.
- Minute 2.3
- B1: Write to Thorley PCC in support of the adaptation of the west end of Thorley Church as a community facility.
- B6: Support the need to provide effective defences against the rise in sea level by writing to the Isle of Wight Council drawing attention to the potential of an exceptional tide in 2015 and requesting feedback on developments since the matter was first raised (copies to the MP and Cabinet Member).
- B7: Write to Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners in support of their application for a West Wight Landscape Partnership grant.
- Minute 2.4:
- B5: Invite a representative of Planning Aid South to a council meeting when the advisory committee has agreed a suitable date.
- D1: Invite the Rural Housing Enabler from the RCC to a council meeting in the New Year to discuss the need for and provision of local affordable housing.

245/09 WEST WIGHT LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED: That the Council submits an application to the West Wight Landscape Partnership for funding for a survey into the effect of sea level rises and coastal changes.

246/09 ST JAMES' DAY AND CHARTER CELEBRATIONS 2010 AND LOCAL HEROES PROJECT

Councillor Mence reported on the public meeting held on 15 October 2009 (Minute 215/09 of 8 September 2009 refers) when it was agreed that a core committee should be formed to take forward the St James' Day and Charter Celebrations 2010 and the Local Heroes project.

RESOLVED: That the initiative be supported.

247/09 LORD THOMAS HOLMES NON-ECCLESIASTICAL CHARITY

RESOLVED: That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting.

248/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Members had before them a list of correspondence which included a request from the Yarmouth Business Association for funding for Christmas lighting.

RESOLVED: (a) That the correspondence be received and noted and;
(b) That a contribution of £200 be made towards the cost of Christmas lighting with a recommendation that the additional lighting be provided for the pier.

249/09 THORLEY ISSUES

No items were raised for discussion.

250/09 YARMOUTH ISSUES

Wightlink Ferry Service

RESOLVED: That the Council promotes the formation of a Wightlink Users Group to liaise with Wightlink about timetabling and other issues and S Dyer CC be asked raise the matter with Wightlink.

Remembrance Sunday

RESOLVED: (a) That approaches be made to local carpenters for suggestions of designs for folding stands to hold the wreaths in situ on Remembrance Sunday (Councillor Corbett to action) and;
(b) That the arrangements for raising the flag be checked with the Town Trust (Councillor Goodridge to action).

Mayor's Award

RESOLVED: That the Mayor's Award be advertised as in previous years with a closing date of Wednesday 9 December 2009.

Kerbstone Replacement, St James Street

RESOLVED: That the Isle of Wight Council be reminded about this matter.

251/09 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR,S REPORT

Members had before them a written report from S Dyer CC which was added to verbally. S Dyer CC advised the meeting that he had toured the town and noted maintenance issues including flooding and drainage problems at New Barn. A meeting has been arranged with officers to discuss congestion at the Yarmouth and Fishbourne ferry terminals. A further meeting with the Cabinet member and the Chief Executive is to take place to which an invitation is extended to a Town Council representative. S Dyer CC further advised that he had been in contact with Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and was suggesting that local schools organise a pen pal scheme. Finally, S Dyer CC advised that he had taken part in a wind turbine fact finding trip.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted and that the Mayor or a substitute attend the meeting with the Cabinet Member and Chief Executive.

252/09 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Members had before them the Town Clerk's report which included the following:

- 1. Proposed Closure of Yarmouth Fire Station:** The Fire Station is reprieved at least for the next few years pending the building of a new fire station in the West Wight.
- 2. Review of the Youth Service;** 500 generic letters of objection to the closure of Yarmouth Youth Centre have been produced for circulation.
- 3. Tripartite Agreement:** Two months notice has been given by the Isle of Wight Council to terminate the tripartite agreement between the Isle of Wight Council, IWALC and SLCC.
- 4. Town Clerk's Resignation;** The Town Clerk has resigned with effect from 31 March 2010 or earlier if a suitable replacement can be found.

RESOLVED: (a) That Councillor Corbett be thanked for his work in the campaign to save Yarmouth Fire Station from closure;
(b) That a letter be sent to the Isle of Wight Council Leader (copy to IWALC Chair) expressing deep concern, sadness and regret at the Ending of the Tripartite Agreement;
(c) That the Council's thanks be expressed for the return of letters of objection to the closure of Yarmouth Youth and Community Centre;
(d) That arrangements be made to advertise the Town Clerk's post.

253/09 REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mence reported on a meeting of IWALC held on 1 October 2009.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted and it is recommended that members attend training on "Powers, duties and precepts."

254/09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the following items be included on the agenda of the next ordinary meeting: Holmes Non-Ecclesiastical Charity; Recreation Ground Safety Inspection; future cycle of meetings.

255/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note that the next ordinary meeting will take place on Tuesday 1 December 2009 at the Town Hall commencing at 6.30pm

256/09 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

Signed..... Date.....
(Chairman)

