



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillors D McCleary (Mayor), G Head (Deputy Mayor), P Cronin, P Spink, A Draper, B Freshwater, M Peckham

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Louise Metcalfe and 10 members of the public

Louise Metcalf of Yarmouth Scouts & Guides delivered a presentation about the proposed relocation of the HQ to the former Yarmouth school premises, for which they are seeking funding of £7K. She agreed that the sale of the existing premises would be used in part to repay this grant.

20/2026 APOLOGIES

Cllr Farrell tendered apologies for absence

21/2026 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Spink spoke about the new outdoor gym at Fort Victoria, saying there had been no consultation with local councils prior to its installation, resulting in its location being in a less than favourable area. A meeting at Memorial Hall Freshwater on this issue was due to take place.

He reported that an enforcement notice will be issued to restore the frontage of the former Yarmouth Deli. He explained that a notice to quit had been served on the head tenant some time ago though an employee of the current store denied there was any plans to leave the premises. Cllr Spink was under the impression that an enforcement notice had been served on the sub-tenant.

ii) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Freshwater reported that the dog poo posters had been put up and thought that they had had some effect on the incidence of dog fouling, suggesting that more posters should be displayed, perhaps in more permanent places, and it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Cllr Peckham and agreed unanimously to do this at a cost of £50.

The Deputy Mayor reminded the Clerk of the need to update the local street maps on display.

iii) LOCAL ISSUES

A member of the public commended Premier Store for their helpfulness to customers. Another lady praised Cost Cutters for similar reasons.

iv) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public which had not already been discussed.

22/2026 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

This had been dealt with in the Annual Council Meeting

23/2026 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

It was RESOLVED to take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the April monthly meeting held 7/4/26.

24/2026 FINANCE

24/2026.1 Payment of Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Peckham, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and agreed unanimously to approve payment of the following accounts for May:

267009	CHOYD	Broadband	£59.41
267011	Shalfleet CEP	Tansport pancake races	£290.00
267012	ICS	Toilet cleaning services	£708.33
267013	IGM	Grounds maintenance Rec	£582.00
267014	B Jacobs	Clerk pay Apr 26	£1,032.28
267015	HMRC	PAYE Clerk pay Apr 26	£388.99
267016	Community Action	PAYE admin	£93.60
267017	CLT	Subscription	£90.00
267018	Bill Freshwater	Website development	£82.80
DD	Everflow	Water public toilets	£200.25

24/2026.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 30/4/26 was noted.

24/2026.3 SPEND 2025/26

The 31/3/26 financial performance report was noted.

25/2026 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

It was decided to defer consideration of the following until the next meeting:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
26/00545/HOU	Bank House Market Square Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0NS	Removal of chimney; Proposed partial loft conversion with alterations to roof to include recessed balcony; proposed single storey rear extension and balcony with external staircase; alterations to fenestration	30/45/26

The following were noted:

Street Trading Applications

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4

Application for: Street Trading Consent Street Trading Mobile Consent – Scarrots Lane Bakery FE19 WVY

26/2026 RECREATION GROUND

Committee Chairman Cllr Cronin reminded that remedial work was needed on a couple of the benches in the Play Area, and the Clerk agreed to remind WW Men in Sheds about this. The Mayor commented that she had been told that YTC was less than generous last year in its grant to WWMiS for carrying out the summer planting at the bus station, but the Clerk advised that this was not the case and they had been awarded £180.

The RoSPA inspection is due this month and Cllr Cronin planned to meet the inspector on site to discuss the rubber matting surface.

The land drain replacement has been delayed by a breakdown in the contractor's plant. Registration of land between the Rec and the former railway track: the Clerk reported that he had attempted to establish its ownership from the Land Registry but the information yielded was unsatisfactory and a further attempt will be made.

Cllr Cronin reported that the manager of Yarmouth Youth football team has had to step down for health reasons and the team will be absorbed into West Wight. He has been attempting to find other users. It was decided to stick with the agreement made last month to accept Bembridge PC's offer of £2500 for 50m of ball-stop netting.

27/2026 TREE WARDEN/WIGHT NATURE REPORT

In the absence of Thomas Cowley there was no report.

28/2026 SCHOOL SITE HOUSING AND SCOUTS & GUIDES RELOCATION

The pre-development costs of £7000 for a proposed new Scout and Guide Hall in Yarmouth had already been discussed above.

Scouts & Guides bulb planting: it was agreed that this should be done in the border adjacent to the buoy opposite CHOYD.

29/2026 FUTURE PRIORITIES

Cllr Freshwater reported that he had been in touch with Andrea Jenkins at IWC who had referred to the 'Community -led Housing Group', and the Mayor informed that this was a group formed when YTC was a bidder for the school site.

Cllr Freshwater stated that the group has recommended to the council that the Regeneration of Yarmouth Town Centre is made one of the top priorities along with the preservation and protection of the surviving 13th-century porch and belfry of the original St Swithin's Church. The Group also agreed that it would be a good idea in regard to the first of those items that YC invites Living Streets to do a presentation at the next YTC meeting.

30/2026 CHANGE OF DOMAIN AND WEBSITE

It was proposed by Cllr Freshwaater, seconded by the Mayor and agreed unanimously to adopt the suggested IT policy and accessibility statement. He suggested that the YTC website needs updating and the Deputy Mayor, who has some IT experience, offered to go though it with him to carry this out.

31/2026 FIRE STATION SITE

It was decided to remove this from future agendas.

32/2026 VANDALISM OF HEROES ORCHARD

It was agreed to defer this until next month as Thomas Cowley's advice is needed.

33/2026 LAND OUTSIDE CHOYD

Cllr Spink asked the Clerk to contact IWC Property Services to clarify the title for this area. A search of the Land Registry, to include Coastguard's Green, was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by the Mayor and agreed unanimously.

34/2026 CLERK'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

35/2026 CORRESPONDENCE

correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

36/2026 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CHOYD land & Coastguard's Green

Heros' Orchard vandalism

Website

Scouts & Guides relocation

37/2026 MEETING VENUES

Thorley Church was confirmed as the venue for the June monthly meeting on 2/6/26 starting 18:30.

38/2026 CONFIDENTIAL

The press and the public are excluded from this part of the meeting