

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 2008

IN THE TOWN HALL

Present: The Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe
Councillor A J Ewart-James (In the Chair)

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, R Belcourt, R H Carroll, M J Dearden, Mrs Z Harris, S W Hayward, M J Lyons, A Mayne, Mrs A Mayne, D Owen, J A Schoner, A Smith, the Deputy Town Clerk and 20 Members of the public.

Apologies: Councillors J Oliver, Mrs L Oliver and R Watson

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 26TH APRIL 2007

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor R H Carroll and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 27th April 2007 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL – 2007/8

The Mayor read the Annual Report of the Town Council, as appended in hard copy to these Minutes.

TOWN COUNCIL AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END 31st MARCH 2007

It was

PROPOSED BY: Mr Kevin Howell
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

AGREED – That the accounts be received.

COUNCIL'S OBSERVATIONS ON ITS FINANCES FOR THE IMMEDIATE PAST YEAR 2007/08

The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee presented the Council's observations on its finances for the year 2007/08, as appended in hard copy to these Minutes.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor D Owen and

AGREED – That the Town Council's observations on finances for the current year 2007/8 be received.

REPORT BY THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR THE TOWN

Councillor C J Capon, County Councillor

The report was presented by Councillor C J Capon, as appended in hard copy to these Minutes.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Mr Norman Dunkley and

AGREED – That the above report be received.

REPORT BY A NOMINATED SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR THE TOWN

Councillor M J Dearden

This report was presented by Councillor M J Dearden, as appended in hard copy to these Minutes.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Mayne and

AGREED – That the above report be received.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

Councillor D Owen

The report was presented by Councillor D Owen, as appended in hard copy to these Minutes.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

AGREED – That the above report be received.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The written reports are appended in hard copy to these Minutes.

AGE CONCERN

HYTHE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE / TOURISM FORUM

HYTHE CIVIC SOCIETY

HYTHE LIBRARY

HYTHE VENETIAN FETE

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor R H Carroll and

AGREED – That the above reports be received.

WRITTEN NOTICE RESOLUTIONS

The written Motion was presented as follows:

Proposed By: Councillor Mrs Keren Belcourt
Seconded By: Councillor David Owen

“It is proposed that this Town Meeting should record its appreciation of Cllr Christopher Capon’s service to the Town of Hythe as a Town Councillor with 40 years continuous service, as a District Councillor and as a County Councillor representing the interests of Hythe.

It is recognised by this motion and by the Town Meeting that Cllr Capon has given 40 years continuous service as a Town Councillor and during that period has not only been a Borough Mayor but also the first Town Mayor, a Speaker of the Cinque Ports Confederation and Chairman of Kent County Council. As Chairman of the Kent County Council he remains the only Councillor who has represented this Town in the County as Chairman.

This motion recognises that Cllr Capon has unfailingly put the interests of Hythe to the forefront and that this Town Meeting expresses its gratitude to him for so doing.

This motion of the Town Meeting wishes to record a vote of thanks to Cllr Capon for the services referred to in this motion and being a pillar of our Community”.

GUEST SPEAKER – COUNCILLOR RORY LOVE

Councillor Rory Love presented a report on the aspects of his Cabinet portfolio and took questions from the floor.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Love for his report and for all those who attended the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.