

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL'S
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2009

Present: Councillor J A Schoner (In the Chair)

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, R H Carroll, A J Ewart-James,
Mrs Z Harris, S W Hayward, A Mayne, Mrs A Mayne,
A Smith and R Watson

Also Present: The Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillor D Owen

**347/08 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2009**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th January 2009, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

348/08 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor A Smith declared a prejudicial interest in Min No 361/08 – EDF Easement – Employee of Murphy's, agents for EDF Energy.

**349/08 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 70**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris and

RESOLVED – That the meeting stand adjourned.

Mrs A Taylor addressed the Meeting. *

Please see attachment for public comments which are attached but do not constitute part of the Minutes.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting be reconvened.

350/08 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31ST JANUARY 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RESOLVED – That the payments for the period to 31st January 2009, covering cheque numbers 011241 - 011280 be authorised, as appended to these Minutes.

351/08 APPROVAL OF BUDGET STATEMENT TO 31ST JANUARY 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R Watson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs A Mayne and

RESOLVED – That the Budget Statement to 31st January 2009 be approved.

352/08 APPROVAL OF BALANCE SHEET & INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO 31ST JANUARY 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account to 31st January 2009 be approved.

353/08 REPORT OF RECEIPTS TO 31ST JANUARY 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RESOLVED - That the Receipts for the period to 31st January 2009 be accepted.

354/08 TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL TO REVENUE – RESOLVED MIN NO 59/08 REFERS

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That the transfer of £3,100.00 in respect of additional CCTV equipment be approved.

355/08 SEEDA SPORTS PAVILION STEERING GROUP MEETING

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the SEEDA Sports Pavilion Steering Group Meeting of the 4th February 2009 be received and the decisions taken therein be endorsed.

356/08 APPLICATION TO THE ARTS, CULTURE & LEISURE FUND

Members discussed the previously circulated requests for funding from the following applicants:

(i) The Hythe Art Society

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward and

RECOMMENDED – That the Hythe Art Society application in respect of its 2009 Annual Summer Art Exhibition be deferred, pending a decision on items (i) and (ii) below.

(ii) Ms Juliet Alderdice

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RECOMMENDED – That Ms Juliet Alderdice’s application to assist with the production of “The Apple Journey” at the Tower Theatre in July 2009 be refused.

(iii) Hythe Aqua

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mr K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward and

RECOMMENDED – That:

1. A grant of £200.00 be granted to Hythe Aqua in respect of its exchange/twinning visit with a Swimming Club from Wunstorf, Germany, subject to the usual conditions’ being met.
2. The above grant of £200.00 be taken from the Youth of Hythe Fund.

(i) The Hythe Art Society

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward and

RECOMMENDED – That a grant of £200.00 be granted to the Hythe Art Society application in respect of its 2009 Annual Summer Art Exhibition, subject to the usual conditions’ being met.

357/08 INSURANCE QUOTATIONS

The Town Clerk reported on the x2 received quotations in respect of the Town Council's insurance provisions. A further quotation was awaited.

Assets Working Group

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward and

RECOMMENDED – That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor D Owen be appointed to the Assets Working Group to appraise all insurance quotations received.

358/08 TREES – HORN STREET

The Town Clerk reported on the received quotations for the tree works at Horn Street.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

RECOMMENDED – That the lowest quote of £1,200.00 from N J Apps be accepted, the other two quotations being as follows:

Quotation 2	£3,640.00	Shepway District Council
Quotation 3	£2,100.00	KCC Landscapes

359/08 TREES – EATON LANDS

The Town Clerk reported on received the quotations for the tree works at Eaton Lands.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward and

RECOMMENDED – That:

1. The lowest quote of £1,600.00 be accepted from N J Apps. The other quotations received were as follows:

Quotation 2	£3,840.00	KCC Landscapes
Quotation 3	£5,645.00	Shepway District Council

2. The selected Contractor was to be requested to erect the bird boxes on various trees within the woodland at the same time as the undertaking of the tree works, which would be funded from the “Breathing Places” grant.

360/08 GATES ON THE GREEN – RESOLVED MIN NO 341/08 REFERS

Members discussed the previously circulated letter from the County Member for Hythe, in respect of two gates on Hythe Green.

Mrs A Taylor

Mrs Taylor addressed the meeting and voiced her extreme dismay in respect of the planting of the trees at Eaton Lands. She considered that they would obscure the view from her property in Castle Road.