

**MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING OF**

**HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL'S**

**FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009**

**Present:** Councillor J A Schoner (In the Chair)  
  
Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, R Belcourt, D Briddock, M J Dearden,  
A J Ewart-James, Mrs R J Griffiths, S W Hayward, M J Lyons,  
S Matthews, A Mayne, D Owen, A Smith and R Watson

**Also Present:** The Town Clerk

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs A Mayne

**268/09 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A Smith  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor A J Ewart-James and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**269/09 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were none declared.

**270/09 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 70**

There was no adjournment.

**271/09 ANNUAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2010/2011 – TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
07/09 REFERS**

The Chairman ran through the main points as contained in the draft Revenue Budget and the accompanying Town Clerk's report 07/09. Thanks were given to the Chairman and the Town Clerk for the production of the draft Revenue Budget.

It was

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

That the Town Clerk's report be received as follows:

- 1 The contents of this report be received and the recommendations as outlined within it be adopted.

- 2 The library rent of £18,500 pa to be paid to the Davis Oaklands Charity, in accordance with the provisions of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and to be identified in the budget accordingly.
- 3 The proposed base draft revenue budget be approved as contained within the draft budget statement - representing an increase of 1.0% and a commensurate Precept level of £293,438.00 which equates to £48.86 per annum – a rise of £0.48p per year on the Band D equivalent.
- 4 Appropriate changes, as they impact upon the Draft Capital Budget statement, be incorporated into the Capital programme for approval at the January meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor D Briddock  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor S Matthews

That the election costs be reduced to £2k from £6k and the item relating to Hythe in Bloom be increased by £505.

**The amendment was lost**

**The substantive motion was then put and carried**

**272/09 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIODS TO 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A Smith  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor S W Hayward and

**RESOLVED** – That the payments for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009, covering cheque numbers 011649 - 011686 be authorised, as appended to these Minutes.

**273/09 APPROVAL OF BUDGET STATEMENT TO 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor D Owen  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

**RESOLVED** – That the Budget Statement to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 be approved.

**274/09 APPROVAL OF BALANCE SHEET & INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A Smith  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor M J Lyons and

**RESOLVED** – That the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 be approved.

**275/09 REPORT OF RECEIPTS TO 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A Smith  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor A Mayne and

**RESOLVED** - That the Receipts for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 be accepted.

**276/09 TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

It was

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

**RESOLVED** – That the transfer of funds from unallocated capital reserves to revenue in respect of dry rot works at the Town Hall in the sum of £5,727 (representing the balance over £15k identified in the revenue budget for this item), be approved.

**277/09 HYPHE SPORTS PAVILION & NEW PITCH**

The Chairman took items (i) and (ii) together.

(i) Progress & (ii) Update of the Site Progress Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009

The Chairman updated Members on progress to date and the Site Progress Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Progress had been delayed by 8 days on the roof works and brick and block work due to heavy rain. The brick and block works were now completed and the building was watertight. All the windows were installed with only the patio door left to be installed. The first fix duct work to the shower room had been completed and the extra steel beams for the patio door had been installed. The timber works had commenced to the balcony and the insulation was completed and ready for the upper rooms under floor heating to commence.

(iii) Hythe Sports Pavilion Income & Expenditure Statement – To Date

The statement had been previously circulated to Members.

Concern was expressed over the issue of heating and the rising costs amounting to £11k+. As regards to the roof finish to the first floor, the Architect had suggested that this might be improved by cedar cladding. This was to be an item for consideration at the January Finance & General Purposes Committee. The Town Clerk invited all Councillors to view the site in the New Year.

**278/09 FENCING AT SOUTH ROAD**

Members considered the quotations received to date for the replacement fencing at South Road Tennis and Bowls perimeter fencing.

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor J A Schoner  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

**RECOMMENDED** – That this item be deferred for more information to be obtained.

**279/09 FOLKESTONE RUNNING CLUB**

Members discussed the previously circulated request from the Folkestone Running Club for free use of the Green on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 for its Annual 10 mile road race.

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor D Owen and

**RECOMMENDED** – That the Folkestone Running Club be granted free use of the Green on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 for its Annual Running Club 10 mile road race, subject to the usual conditions' being met.

