

MINUTESOF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING OFHYTHE TOWN COUNCILHELD ON THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2009

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

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, R Belcourt, M J Dearden,
Mrs Z Harris, S W Hayward, M J Lyons, Mrs A Mayne, A Mayne,
D Owen, J A Schoner, A Smith and R Watson

Also Present: The Town Clerk and Reverend Tony Windross

Apologies: Councillor R H Carroll

The Mayor welcomed those civic dignitaries present, distinguished guests, Town Councillors and members of the public. The Mayor then called upon the Reverend Tony Windross to open the proceedings with prayers.

01/09 ELECTION OF MAYOR – CIVIC YEAR 2009/2010

The Mayor requested nominations for the appointment of Mayor for the ensuing Civic Year.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M J Dearden

SECONDED BY: Councillor D Owen

That Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt be elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing Civic Year 2009/10.

The matter was put to the vote and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt be elected Town Mayor of Hythe for the ensuing Civic Year 2009/10.

Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt in the Chair.

02/09 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Mayor signed her declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year 2009/2010.

The Mayor announced that Councillor R Belcourt had agreed to be her Escort and the Vicar of St Leonard's Church, Reverend Tony Windross, was to be the Town Council's and Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing Civic Year. The Mayor then presented Councillor R Belcourt with his Escort's medallion.

Councillor A J Ewart-James gave a speech and made presentations to the staff. The Mayor invested Councillor E J Ewart-James with his Past Mayor's Badge and Past Speaker's Badge.

03/08 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR – CIVIC YEAR 2009/2010

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That Councillor D Owen be elected Deputy Mayor of Hythe for the ensuing Civic Year 2009/10.

The Mayor then invested the Deputy Mayor with his Badge of Office.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That in accordance with resolved Min No 431/01 of Council that the meeting stand adjourned until 6.45 pm later that day.

It was later

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the meeting be reconvened.

04/09 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 16TH APRIL 2009

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 16th April 2009, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

05/09 REGISTERING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt declared a prejudicial interest in Min No 11/09 – Civic Allowance for the ensuing Civic Year.

Councillors A J Ewart-James, D Owen, S W Hayward, Mrs K T Belcourt, M J Lyons and M J Dearden declared personal interests in Min No 460/08 – Heads of Terms Agreement – as Shepway District Councillors.

06/09 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There were no written or verbal questions from the public.

07/09 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Mayor informed Members that a clear-up day at Eaton Lands had been arranged commencing at 9.00am at Eaton Lands on the 26th May 2009 and all Councillors were invited to assist.
2. The Mayor invited Members to join her to celebrate the Armed Forces & Veterans Day on Saturday 27th June 2009. Details had been circulated to Councillors.
3. The Mayor informed Members that Mrs Rosemary Ewart-James had suffered a broken leg in a sporting accident and wished her a speedy recovery. She advised that Councillors were to send her flowers.

08/09 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 24(2) B(2)

There were none received.

09/09 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 21ST APRIL & 12TH MAY 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on the 21st April and 12th May 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

10/09 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 23RD APRIL & 7TH MAY 2009

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings held on the 23rd April and 7th May 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

The Mayor left the Chamber for the discussion and vote on the following item:

11/09 CIVIC ANNUAL ALLOWANCE FOR 2009/2010

Deputy Mayor in the Chair

Members were referred to the agreed budget provision of £3,150 Civic Allowance for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Watson and

RESOLVED – That the Civic Allowance be set at £3,150 for the ensuing Civic Year 2009/2010.

The Mayor returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair.

12/09 APPOINTMENTS TO THE TWO STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CIVIC YEAR

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Dearden and

RESOLVED - That the following appointments be made:

Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, together with Councillors R H Carroll, A J Ewart-James, S W Hayward, M J Lyons, Mrs A Mayne, A Mayne, J A Schoner, A Smith and R Watson.

Plans and Works Committee

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, together with Councillors R Belcourt, M J Dearden, A J Ewart-James, Mrs Z Harris, S W Hayward, M J Lyons, and A Mayne.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Lyons and

RESOLVED – That Council stand adjourned to permit the Principal Committees to carry out their business.

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HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL'S
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2009

Present: The Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe
Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt (In the Chair)

The Deputy Mayor
Councillor D Owen

A J Ewart-James, S W Hayward, M J Lyons, A Mayne,
Mrs A Mayne, A Smith, J A Schoner and R Watson

Also Present: Councillors R Belcourt, M J Dearden and Mrs Z Harris

Apologies: Councillor R H Carroll

13/09 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING CIVIC YEAR 2009/10

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Smith
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Watson and

AGREED – That Councillor J A Schoner be elected as Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the ensuing Civic Year.

Councillor J A Schoner in the Chair.

14/09 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING CIVIC YEAR 2009/10

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward and

AGREED – That Councillor A Smith be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the ensuing Civic Year.

15/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were none declared.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
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PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2009**

Present: The Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe
Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt (In the Chair)

The Deputy Mayor
Councillor D Owen

Councillors R Belcourt, M J Dearden, A J Ewart-James,
Mrs Z Harris, S W Hayward, M J Lyons and A Mayne

Also Present: Councillors Mrs A Mayne, A Smith, J A Schoner and R Watson

Apologies: Councillor R H Carroll

17/09 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING CIVIC YEAR

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M J Lyons
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Dearden and

AGREED – That Councillor R Belcourt be elected Chairman for the ensuing Civic Year.

Councillor R Belcourt in the Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING CIVIC YEAR

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor D Owen and

AGREED – That Councillor A J Ewart-James be elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Civic Year.

18/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were none declared.

It was then

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

RESOLVED – That the Council Meeting be reconvened.

20/09 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP TO COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

(i) Standing Orders Committee

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris and

RESOLVED – That the following Members be appointed to serve: Mayor and Deputy Mayor – Ex Officio, together with Councillors J A Schoner, M J Dearden, M J Lyons and R Belcourt.

(ii) Aims & Objectives Committee

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Mayne and

RESOLVED – That the following appointments be confirmed: Mayor and Deputy Mayor – Ex Officio, together with Councillors J A Schoner, R Watson, A Smith, R Belcourt, S W Hayward and Mrs Z Harris.

(iii) CCTV Committee

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Smith
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Watson and

RESOLVED – That the following Members be appointed to serve: Councillors J A Schoner, A Mayne, A J Ewart-James and M J Lyons.

(iv) Crime Reduction Committee

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Smith
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Dearden and

RESOLVED – That the following Councillors be appointed to serve: Mayor and Deputy Mayor together with Councillors R Belcourt, Mrs Z Harris, J A Schoner and R Watson.

21/09 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) Age Concern

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt and D Owen be appointed as Hythe Town Council’s representatives to Age Concern.

(b) Hythe Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

It was

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

RESOLVED – That Councillors D Owen and A J Ewart-James be appointed as Hythe Town Council’s representatives to the Hythe Chamber of Commerce & Tourism.

(c) Hythe Twinning Association

It was

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

RESOLVED – That Councillors R Watson and A Smith be appointed as Hythe Town Council’s representatives to the Hythe Twinning Association.

(d) Kent Association of Parish Councils – Shepway Area Committee

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That Councillors R Watson and M J Lyons be appointed as Hythe Town Council’s representatives to the Kent Association of Parish Councils – Shepway Area Committee.

(e) Shepway Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Mayne

SECONDED BY: Councillor D Owen and

RESOLVED – That Councillor R Belcourt be appointed as the Hythe Town Council's representative to the Shepway CAB Management Committee.

(f) Shepway Tourism Action Group

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen

SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Dearden and

RESOLVED – That Councillor M J Lyons be appointed as the Hythe Town Council's representative to the Shepway Tourism Action Group.

22/09 APPOINTMENT OF BANDSTAND CO-ORDINATOR

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt

SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RESOLVED – That Councillor J A Schoner be appointed as the Town Council's Bandstand Co-ordinator for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

23/09 APPOINTMENT TO THE HYTHE INSTITUTE FUND

Members discussed the appointment of a Hythe Town Council representative to serve on the Hythe Institute Fund following the term of Mr R C E Trice's term coming to an end on the 26th June 2009.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt

SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That Mr R C R Trice be re-appointed as the Hythe Town Council representative to serve on the Hythe Institute Fund for the ensuing four year term.

24/09 AUTHORISATION OF BANK SIGNATORIES

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt

SECONDED BY: Councillor J A Schoner and

