

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
EXTRA-ORDINARY HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2010

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

Councillors R Belcourt, D Briddock, M J Dearden, A J Ewart-James, S W Hayward, Mrs R J Griffiths, M J Lyons, A Mayne, Mrs A Mayne, S Matthews, D Owen, J A Schoner, A Smith and R Watson

Also Present: The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Mr A Stewart, Chief Executive, Shepway District Council and Mr J Chambers, Head of Corporate Services, Shepway District Council

The Mayor invited the Reverend Tony Windross to open the meeting with prayers.

285/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
There were none.

286/10 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
Councillor D Briddock declared a personal interest in Min No 288/10 – Hythe Swimming Pool – he resided in a rented flat opposite the Swimming Pool.

287/10 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 1 g
It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting stand adjourned.

* Mr D Plumstead spoke in respect of Min No 288/10.

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

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Smith
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs R J Griffiths and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting be re-convened.

288/10 HYTHE SWIMMING POOL

It was

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

RESOLVED – That Standing Order No 32a be suspended.

The Mayor then invited Mr A Stewart to give a power point presentation to the meeting and take questions and statements from Councillors.

Mr Stewart's presentation covered:

The Current Facilities

Main pool – 25m x 11m.

Learner pool – 9.5m x 4.5m.

Tired changing facilities.

Small gym with 8 stations.

24 car spaces and no coach parking.

Requirements for replacement (subject to a feasibility study)

New facility to open before the old one closes.

25m, 6 lane main pool and learner pool.

Modern gym facility.

Spectator and cafe facilities.

Changing village.

Adequate parking and coach drop off point.

Nickolls Quarry Proposal

The current approved and funded scheme.

S106 agreement – 21st May 2010.

Funding for a feasibility study and planning.

Summary - £3.2m funding and site.

Over 7 years before the facility could be delivered.

Funding could be used off-site

Site and value of the land would be lost if off-site.

Hythe Town Council request to Shepway District Council

“That in the light of the very strong feeling in the Town that a swimming pool for Hythe should be established within the central area of population, the Town Council reiterated its previous request for an assessment to be undertaken by the District Council of the sites within its ownership, as to their suitability for either the development of a new swimming pool or for the refurbishment of the existing one, the latter course of actions being seen as being made possible via an enabling development”.

Shepway District Council's Response

Refurbishment of the existing facility was ruled out.

The public had been asked for their views, suggestions and proposals.

High community interest.

Main issues were timelines and location.

Community Responses (with any substance)

Princes Parade.

South Road Recreation Ground.

Plans had been submitted to Shepway District Council for both.

Princes Parade

£16.6m (out of price range).

Other options being explored for the site (could include a swimming and gym facility, but would be over 5 years down the line).

South Road Recreation Ground

Detailed proposal that could produce a new facility within budget and enhance other facilities on site. Deliverable within 3 years.

Land not in the ownership of Shepway District Council (land in the ownership of Hythe Town Council).

Summary

Shepway District Council had a fully funded proposal that would take over 7 years to deliver.

Affordable alternatives could be delivered within 3 years, but only with the assistance of Hythe Town Council (or another, as yet unidentified, partner).

What Next

Hythe Town Council needed to give a view – without commitment.

A favourable view would enable Shepway District Council to commission detailed work to send to Hythe Town Council for its formal consideration.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Mayne

SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Dearden and

RESOLVED – That Standing Order No 32a be re-instated.

After some discussion it was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt

SECONDED BY: Councillor A Mayne

That Hythe Town Council request Shepway District Council to look at the various options including, South Road Recreation Ground, including the Tennis and Bowls area, the existing Swimming Pool site, Fisherman's Beach and Princes Parade.

A recorded vote was called for in accordance with Council Standing Order No 1.t. as follows:

Councillor M J Dearden	Against
Councillor A J Ewart-James	For
Councillor M J Lyons	Against
Councillor R Belcourt	Against
Councillor D Owen	Against
Councillor A Smith	Against
Councillor Mrs R J Griffiths	Against
Councillor S Matthews	Against
Councillor D Briddock	Against
Councillor S W Hayward	Against
Councillor A Mayne	For
Councillor Mrs A Mayne	For
Councillor R Watson	Against
Councillor J A Schoner	Against
Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt	For

The motion was lost.

It was then

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

That a feasibility study for the Hythe replacement pool be carried out on the existing swimming pool site and on Prince's Parade.

The motion was carried.

Councillors A Mayne and Mrs A Mayne recorded their vote against.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Dated the: Day of: 2010

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