

MINUTESOF THE MEETING OFHYTHE TOWN COUNCILHELD ON THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2011

Present: The Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe
Councillor D Owen (In the Chair)

Councillors Mrs K Belcourt, R Belcourt, M Dearden, A J Ewart-James, J Griffiths, Mrs R Griffiths, S Hayward, M Lyons, Mrs A Mayne, P Peacock, Mrs W Peacock, J Schoner, A Smith and R Watson

Also Present: The Town Clerk, Mr Steve Griffiths Kent Fire Brigade Assistant Chief Officer and Mr Bob Cherry – KFB Fire Officer

The Reverend Tony Windross opened the meeting with prayers. A minute's silence was called for by the Mayor in memoriam of Brigadier J C Holman CBE, DL – former Deputy Constable of Dover Castle.

238/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor A Mayne – unwell.
It was

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

AGREED – That the above apology be received and accepted.

239/11 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 22ND SEPTEMBER 2011

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Lyons
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs R Griffiths and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 22nd September 2011, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

240/11 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor S Hayward declared a personal interest in Min No 242/11 Hythe Fire Station – retired retained firefighter.

Councillors Mrs K Belcourt, R Belcourt and A Ewart-James declared prejudicial interests in Min No 247/11 – CCTV Minutes – Director of HAC.

Councillor A Ewart-James declared a personal interest in Min No 250/11 – Notice of Motion – Seabrook School Governor.

Councillor J Schoner declared a prejudicial interest in Min No 235/11 – Trees donated by the 1st Hythe Sea Cubs and Land Cubs – Trustee of the 1st Hythe Scout Group.

241/11 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 1 g

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor P Peacock
SECONDED BY: Councillor M Dearden and

RESOLVED – That the meeting stand adjourned.

*Mr S Griffiths and Mr Bob Cherry spoke on Min No 242/11 – Hythe Fire Station. Their comments are attached but do not constitute part of the Minutes.

It was then

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

RESOLVED – That the Meeting be re-convened.

242/11 HYTHE FIRE STATION

Members discussed the previously circulated letter from the Kent Fire & Rescue Service in respect of the above.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K Belcourt

That Hythe Town Council urges Kent Fire & Rescue Service not to remove a machine because of the increased potential for development in the Town of Hythe.

Motion was lost

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Dearden
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs W Peacock and

RESOLVED – That the Town Clerk writes to Kent Fire & Rescue Service for clarification as to the proposal for the Hythe Fire Station to acquire a smaller quicker response vehicle in the stead of the second fire tender.

243/11 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor informed Members that:

- 1 He had attended 12 functions on behalf of the people of Hythe and continued to emphasise support towards the Cinque Ports and their limbs. The most important engagement was Speaker's Day which he had attended with the Town Clerk in Hastings. The highlight of the event was the unveiling by the Lord Warden of a plaque in honour of the Hastings Winkle Club.
- 2 Members would be aware that the season of Remembrance had commenced and it had been the his pleasure to attend two functions already – a Poppy Appeal Concert by the Royal British Legion in Rochester Cathedral and the Kent Poppy Appeal Launch at County Hall Maidstone.

- 3 It had also been the Mayor's great pleasure to attend the inaugural service at the newly re-named St Michael's Methodist Anglican Centre. The coming together of two Christian communities in Hythe had been a joyous occasion for all concerned.

244/11 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 8 (b)

There were no questions received.

245/11 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 27TH SEPTEMBER & 18TH OCTOBER 2011

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs R Griffiths
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on the 27th September and 18th October 2011 be received & endorsed, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

246/11 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER 2011

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs W Peacock and

RESOLVED – That the recommendations from the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 6th October 2011 be received and endorsed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Councillors Mrs K Belcourt, R Belcourt and A Ewart-James left the Chamber for the ensuing discussion and vote on the following item.

247/11 MINUTES OF THE CCTV COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 6TH OCTOBER & 11TH OCTOBER 2011

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the recommendations from the Minutes of the CCTV Committee Meetings held on the 23rd September, 6th October and 11th October 2011 be received and endorsed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Councillors Mrs K Belcourt, R Belcourt and A Ewart-James returned to the Chamber.

248/11 MINUTES OF THE CIVIC WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 27TH SEPTEMBER 2011

It was

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

RESOLVED – That Item 5 – Armed Forces Day be deferred until after the meeting with Mr D Bradley and Mr R Brunsdon which was due to be held on the 22nd November 2011.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen
SECONDED BY: Councillor S Hayward and

RESOLVED – That the recommendations from the Civic Working Group Meeting held on the 27th September 2011 be received and endorsed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, subject to the above amendment's being made.

249/11 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 4 a

Proposed by: Councillor Mrs K Belcourt

“That Hythe Town Council obtains a licence which enables marriage / civil partnership ceremonies, etc to be held in the Town Hall”.

In the light of Standing Order No 5 c, the Mayor ruled that the contents of this motion be remitted to the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on the 3rd November 2011 and thence be brought back to Council.

250/11 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 4 a

Proposed by: Councillor Mrs K Belcourt

“That in the light of the recent OFTSED report which graded Seabrook Church of England School as outstanding, this Council urges KCC to prioritise the funding of a replacement new build which has been promised to the School for many years and for which planning consent has been granted”.

RESOLVED – That the above motion be embodied in a letter to be sent to Kent County Council and be copied to Councillor C Capon.

Carried unanimously.

251/11 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 4 a

Proposed by: Councillor Mrs R Griffiths

“That in the light of the Town Council's resolution of the 22nd September 2011 to go forward with the production of a Town Plan for Hythe and the approach already made by the Town Clerk to the District Council for it to apply for funding from the Department of Communities and Local Government towards the Plan's production, this Town Council endorses this approach and requests the District Council to make the application prior to the deadline of the 4th November 2011 in order for it to be considered by the DCLG”.

Carried unanimously.

252/11 KCC HYTHE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Members discussed the previously circulated notes from the meeting held on the 15th September 2011 and addressed any outcomes pertaining to actions required to be taken by the Town Council.

After some discussion it was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Belcourt

That the Minutes not be received.

The motion was lost.

It was then

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

RESOLVED – That:

- 1 The Forum notes and actions be noted.
- 2 Hythe Town Council is not satisfied that both the notes and the responding actions of the Forum meetings are an accurate reflection of those meetings.
- 3 That Kent County Council takes these matters up with both its employee, Allison Allan, Community Engagement Manager - Shepway (who takes the Forum's notes) and with the Forum's Chairman, Councillor Chris Capon.

253/11 2016 LONG DISTANCE WALK

Members discussed the previously circulated email from Mr Ian Russell in respect of the above.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That a letter of support be sent to the organiser on behalf of the Town Council.

254/11 HYTHE INSTITUTE FUND – APPOINTMENT OF HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Members discussed the appointment of a Hythe Town Council Representative to the Hythe Institute Fund following the expiry of the four year term of office of Councillor Mrs K Belcourt in September 2011.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor J Griffiths and

RESOLVED – That Councillor Mrs K Belcourt be re-appointed as the Hythe Town Council Representative to the Hythe Institute Fund for the ensuing four year term.

255/11 HOSPITALS OF ST BARTHOLOMEW & ST JOHN – APPOINTMENT OF HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Members discussed the appointment of two Hythe Town Council Representatives to the Hospitals of St Bartholomew & St John following the expiry of the four year term of office of Councillor D Owen in September 2011 and the vacancy that was not taken up at the Council meeting held in June.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That Councillors D Owen and Mrs R Griffiths be appointed as the Hythe Town Council Representatives to the Hospitals of St Bartholomew & St John for the ensuing four year term.

256/11 NEWINGTON UNKNOWN DONOR’S CHARITY – APPOINTMENT OF HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Members discussed the appointment of a Hythe Town Council Representative to the Newington Unknown Donor’s Charity following the expiry of the four year term of office of Councillor R Belcourt in November 2011.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That Councillor R Belcourt be re-appointed as the Hythe Town Council Representative to the Newington Unknown Donor’s Charity fund for the ensuing four year term.

257/11 KALC – SHEPWAY AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs R Griffiths had offered to attend these meetings on behalf of the Council.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That Councillor Mrs R Griffiths be appointed as a Hythe Town Council Representative to the KALC – Shepway Area Committee for the remainder of the current civic year.

Meeting closed at 9.01 p.m.

Dated the: Day of: 2011

..... CHAIRMAN

ACFO Steve Griffiths and FO Bob Cherry

The above speakers gave a presentation to the meeting in respect of the Integrated Risk Management Plan and its implications in regards to Hythe Fire Station.

8 Fire Stations would be closing in Kent and one fire engine was to be removed from Hythe Fire Station. 21 new fire engines were to be deployed and there was to be investment in 5 new pieces of equipment – smaller quicker response vehicles. 5 new fire stations were to be built in Kent in Ramsgate, New Ash Green, the Medway Towns (x2) and Herne Bay, resulting in employment for 80 new staff. There was to be a 12 week consultation period and a final decision on the proposals would be made in February 2012. There were no plans to reduce staff levels at Hythe Fire Station and a smaller vehicle was proposed to be deployed in Hythe. The Speakers pointed out that Hythe was the only retained Fire Station in Kent to house 2 fire engines and with the withdrawal of one engine – back up would be given from Folkestone and Dymchurch.

The Mayor thanked the speakers for their presentation.