

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF

HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2008

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

Councillors R Belcourt, Mrs K T Belcourt, R H Carroll,
M J Dearden, M J Lyons, J A Schoner, D Owen, A Smith and
R Watson

Also Present: The Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Z Harris, S W Hayward, Mrs A Mayne,
Mrs L Oliver and J Oliver

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

**298/08 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE 30TH OCTOBER
& 13TH NOVEMBER 2008**

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on the 30th October and 13th November 2008, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

299/08 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor J A Schoner declared a prejudicial interest in Min No 295/08 – Folkestone & Hythe Scouts free use of the Green – Vice-President & Trustee of the Hythe Branch of the Folkestone & Hythe Scouts.

Councillor J A Schoner declared a prejudicial interest in Min No 287/08 – Annual Revenue Budget 2009/10 – Venetian Fete Grant – Chairman of the Hythe Venetian Fete Society.

Councillor M J Dearden and the Town Clerk declared prejudicial interests in Min No 297/08 - Application to the Arts, Culture & Leisure Fund – St Augustine’s Catholic Primary School.

**300/08 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO.70**

There were no written questions or addresses from Members of the public.

301/08 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor informed Members that he had "clocked up" 500 hours to date representing the Town during the course of the Civic Year and specifically mentioned his Mayoral duties in November and December:

Remembrance Sunday, Armistice Day – wreath laying at Berck, Canterbury Cathedral – Lord S Bruce-Lockhart's Memorial Service, Hythe Aqua Awards, visit to Dungeness B Power Station, Sandgate Parish Council, Late Night Shopping, 3 Carol Services and the Eaton Lands planting days, for which he thanked all those who had assisted in the planting of the trees and bulbs.

302/08 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 24(2)

Councillor A Mayne had put forward the following written questions to Councillor J A Schoner as follows:

- 1 Will the Chairman of F & GP acknowledge that he was consulted by the Town Clerk in preparing the draft revenue budget for 2009/2010 to raise, by precept, an increase of nearly 12%.
- 2 When doing so he obviously recalled that for the year 2008/2009 he will have agreed a draft budget of nearly 15% increase in precept.
- 3 Simply he will note that in two years he was prepared to load the residents of Hythe a precept in excess of 25%.
- 4 In respect of the 2008/2009 budget some 5% of the precept was due to the legal cost of defending the 'village green' dispute. He will also know that Shepway did subsequently pay 50% of the legal costs, some £6,000. Will he acknowledge that this amount contributed by Shepway has not been used to relieve the heavy burden of the precept for this year 2009/2010.

A verbal reply was given by Councillor J A Schoner in response to Councillor Alec Mayne's questions in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders No 24.

303/08 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 28TH OCTOBER & 18TH NOVEMBER 2008

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on the 28th October and 18th November 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

304/08 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER & 18TH DECEMBER 2008

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor R H Carroll and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings held on the 6th November & 18th December 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

305/08 MINUTES OF THE SEEDA PARTNERSHIP/STEERING GROUP HELD ON THE 4TH DECEMBER 2008

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Lyons and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the SEEDA Partnership/Steering Group Meeting held on the 4th December 2008 be received.

306/08 INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE – MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME

Members discussed the previously circulated Model Publication Scheme and the attached information details, as specific to Hythe Town Council.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Town Council adopt the above model replacement Scheme and the specific detail as related to the Town Council's operations.

307/08 APPOINTMENT TO HOSPITAL OF ST BARTHOLOMEW & ST JOHN

Members discussed the appointment of a Hythe Town Council representative to serve on the above following the term of Mrs W Peacock's coming to an end on the 19th December 2008.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That Mrs Wendy Peacock be re-appointed as the Hythe Town Council representative to serve on the Hospital of St Bartholomew & St John for the ensuing four years.

308/08 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Members discussed the appointment of a Hythe Town Councillor to serve on the Standing Orders Committee following the resignation of Councillor Alec Mayne.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That Councillor R Belcourt be appointed to serve on the Standing Orders Committee for the remainder of the Civic Year.

309/08 APPOINTMENT TO AGE CONCERN

Members discussed the appointment of a Hythe Town Council representative to serve on the above outside body following the resignation of Councillor Alec Mayne.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That Councillor D Owen be appointed to serve on Age Concern for the remainder of the Civic Year.

310/08 APPOINTMENT TO SHEPWAY CAB

Members discussed the appointment of a Hythe Town Council representative to serve on the above outside body following the resignation of Councillor Alec Mayne.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Lyons and

RESOLVED – That Councillor R Belcourt be appointed to serve on Shepway CAB for the remainder of the Civic Year.

311/08 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 17B

The motion was not put as the Proposer was not present.

Meeting closed at 7.34 p.m.

Dated the: Day of: 2009

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