

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF

HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH MARCH 2010

Present: The Right Worshipful 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, D Owen, J A Schoner, A Smith and R Watson

Also Present: The Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Z Harris and S Matthews

The Mayor invited Reverend Tony Windross to open the meeting with prayers. A minute's silence was then held in memory of the late Arthur Bailey.

386/09 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 4TH FEBRUARY 2010

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 4th February 2010, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

387/09 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor A J Ewart-James declared a prejudicial interest in Min No 395/09 – Hythe CCTV System – Treasurer of Hythe Against Crime.

Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and Councillor R Belcourt declared prejudicial interests in Min No 395/09 – CCTV System – Directors of Hythe Against Crime.

Councillors M J Dearden, A J Ewart-James, S W Hayward and M J Lyons declared personal interests in Min Nos 395/09 – Shepway District Councillors.

388/09 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO.70

There was no adjournment.

389/09 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor thanked Members for all their support at her Quiz Night. £1,000 had been raised for the Padua Children's Ward at the William Harvey Hospital.

390/09 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 24(2)

There were none received.

391/09 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 16TH FEBRUARY & 9TH MARCH 2010

Minute No 340/09 – Petition for Traffic Calming – West Hythe Road & Lympne Hill

Proposed Amendment

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs R J Griffiths

SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Lyons

That Hythe Town Council supports the measures necessary to remedy the traffic problems and usage by motor vehicles at West Hythe Road and Lympne Hill and urgently requests that the Kent County Council Highways Authority, being the appropriate body concerned in such matters, gives immediate consideration to the implementation of a scheme to install such necessary traffic calming measures to ensure the reduction in speed and encourage safe driving for the wellbeing of all users of the relevant road and adjacent areas.

The amendment was carried

Minute No 367/09 – Aldi Supermarket

Proposed Amendment

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M J Dearden

SECONDED BY: Councillor D Briddock

That a letter also be written to the Hythe Civic Society to thank them for all their efforts in improving the Town Square.

The amendment was carried

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R Belcourt

SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on the 16th February & 9th March 2010 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, subject to the above amendments' being made.

392/09 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 18TH FEBRUARY & 18TH MARCH 2010

Minute 379/09 – Hythe Sports Pavilion

The Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee informed Members that the new Pavilion was in excellent shape and an early completion in May was expected following an anticipated three week delay due to adverse weather conditions. The project was still financially on target and Shepway District Council had now paid its contribution of £150,000 in full.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 18th February and 18th March 2010 be received and endorsed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted

393/09 MINUTES OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH MARCH 2010
Proposed Amendment to new Town Council Standing Orders

It was

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

That the reference in the new Standing Orders (including e mail) on Page 8, 3 b. i be deleted.

The amendment was carried

It was then

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Standing Orders Committee Meeting of the 17th March 2010 and the accompanying Standing Orders be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, subject to the above amendment's being made.

394/09 CIVIC WORKING GROUP
Proposed Amendment

It was

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

That, on this occasion only, Mr Tony Clarke (as an Hereditary Freeman) be invited to the reception following the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting on Friday 26th March 2009.

The amendment was carried

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward and

RESOLVED – That the Civic Working Group Meeting held on the 11th February 2010 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, subject to the above amendment's being made.

Councillor A J Ewart-James exercised his right to speak under Standing Order 1 g. before leaving the Chamber and expressed his concerns on the fact that the CCTV cameras were not to be manned 24 hours and he would be in full support on seeking legal advice on the matter.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt, Councillors R Belcourt and A J Ewart-James left the meeting at this juncture and took no part in the discussion and vote on the following item:

Deputy Mayor in the Chair

395/09 HYTHE CCTV SYSTEM

Councillor J A Schoner updated Members on the current position following the CCTV Partnership Meeting held on the 25th February 2010. The Minutes had been previously circulated.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor D Briddock and

RESOLVED – That the Town Clerk seeks legal advice regarding the standing of the Heads of Agreement document with Shepway District Council dated the 24th May 2002 in respect of the Hythe CCTV System.

Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Dated the: Day of: 2010

..... CHAIRMAN