

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL'S
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2007

Present: Councillor J A Schoner (In the Chair)
 Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, A Ewart-James, S W Hayward,
 Mrs Z Harris, J Oliver, Mrs L Oliver, D Owen and A Smith

Also Present: The Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillors R Carroll, Mrs A Mayne, A Mayne and R Watson

The Chairman informed Members that Councillor A Mayne had resigned from his position as Vice-Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee due to personal problems and would not be attending Meetings until mid-November.

The election of a Vice-Chairman would take place at the next Finance & General Purposes Meeting in November.

178/07 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23RD AUGUST 2007

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd August 2007, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

179/07 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none declared.

180/07 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 70

There were no written or verbal questions from the public.

181/07 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31ST AUGUST 2007

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the payments for the period to 31st August 2007, covering cheque numbers 010619 – 010651 be authorised, as appended to these Minutes.

182/07 APPROVAL OF BUDGET STATEMENT TO 31ST AUGUST 2007

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Budget Statement to 31st August 2007 be approved.

183/07 APPROVAL OF BALANCE SHEET & INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO 31ST AUGUST 2007

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account to 31st August 2007 be approved.

184/07 REPORT OF RECEIPTS TO 31ST AUGUST 2007

It was

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

RESOLVED - That the Receipts for the period to 31st August 2007 be accepted.

185/07 ROSPA REPORT

Members discussed the financial implications contained within the ROSPA report with particular reference to the shelter and safety surfacing at Horn Street Recreation Ground. The report had been made available in the Office for Members' perusal.

(i) Shelter at Horn Street

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs L Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

RECOMMENDED – That the shelter at Horn Street be removed and the situation be monitored.

(ii) The Installation of Safety Surfacing – Horn Street

It was

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

RECOMMENDED – That the situation be monitored.

186/07 PROPOSED HYTHE BOUNDARY SIGNS

Members considered the previously circulated request from the Hythe Tourism Forum. The Town Clerk reported on the financial implications.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris and

RECOMMENDED – That x 2 signs in London Road and Dymchurch Road be removed by the Town Council at a cost of approximately £100.

187/07 S106 AGREEMENT, ST LEONARD'S SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT SITE

The Town Clerk reported on S106 agreement funding of £10k + inflation and ideas of what use it could be put within Oaklands. Further details would be provided as and when the funding was released. This was noted by Members.

188/07 ALLOTMENT FENCING, SIGNS & PUMPS – RESOLVED MIN NO 163/07 REFERS

It was recommended that this matter be referred for inclusion in the draft revenue budget as a growth item in accordance with Standing Order no 56 (b).

189/07 KENT TREE WARDEN SCHEME – HYTHE

Members considered the previously circulated request for financial assistance towards the running costs of the Kent Tree Warden Scheme in Hythe.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs L Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RECOMMENDED – That £100 be donated to Kent BTCV towards the running costs of the Kent Tree Warden Scheme in Hythe.

190/07 SECOND HOMES FUNDING

Members were asked to consider any projects for supports. Details had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

191/07 TOWN GREEN APPLICATION & REPLACEMENT SPORTS PAVILION

(iii) Sports Pavilion

Members considered prices for the undertaking of temporary works to the Pavilion.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Town Clerk obtain quotes up to the maximum of £2.5k and that funds be taken from the South Road Pavilion R/R Fund.

It was then

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

RESOLVED: That the Press and Public be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business under Section 1 Sub Section (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 from the following items:

- (i) Report on Progress and Preparation for the Public Inquiry
The Chairman congratulated the Town Clerk for all her work on this matter.
- (ii) Report on the Legal Implications arising from the previously circulated letters from Theresa Grutchfield and the Chief Executive

Councillor Mrs Z Harris left the chamber at this juncture and returned for the vote.

The received advice from the Council’s solicitor was read out to Members.

It was

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

RECOMMENDED – That the Town Clerk provide the solicitor with the additional information requested and bring the matter back to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for decision as to what action the Town Council takes.

The Meeting closed at 8.13 pm.

Dated the Day of 2007

.....CHAIRMAN