

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL'S
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH JULY 2006

Present: Councillor J A Schoner (In the Chair)

Councillors R L Bryan, C J Capon, R H Carroll,
A J Ewart-James, A H Farmer, Mrs W D Harris, N A Matthews
and Mrs J M Nolan

Also Present: The Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillors Mrs C Moran and S W Hayward

**69/06 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1ST JUNE 2006**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st June 2006, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70/06 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor J A Schoner declared prejudicial interests in Minute No. 78/06 – Chairman of the Hythe Venetian Fete Society Limited and Minute No. 79/6 – Hythe Green Car Park – Boot Fair participant.

**71/06 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 70**

There were no written or verbal questions from the public.

**72/06 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 1ST MAY TO 31ST
MAY 2006**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the payments for the period to 1st May – 31st May 2006, covering cheque numbers 010010 to 010051 be authorised, as appended to these Minutes.

73/06 APPROVAL OF BUDGET STATEMENT TO 31ST MAY 2006

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor R L Bryan and

RESOLVED – That the Budget Statement to 31st May 2006 be approved.

74/06 APPROVAL OF BALANCE SHEET & INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO 31ST MAY 2006

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Farmer and

RESOLVED – That the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account to 31st May 2006 be approved.

75/06 REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR PERIOD TO 31ST MAY 2006

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor N A Matthews and

RESOLVED - That the Receipts for the period to 31st May 2006 be accepted.

76/05 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Members discussed the previously circulated Internal Auditor's recommendations, as received on the 14th June 2006.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris and

RECOMMENDED - That the Internal Auditor's recommendations be accepted and implemented.

77/06 TO AUTHORISE THE TRANSFER FROM REVENUE TO CAPITAL CCTV SINKING FUND – RESOLVED MINUTE NO. 332/05 REFERS

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A H Farmer and

RESOLVED – That the transfer of £5,000 from Revenue to Capital CCTV Sinking Fund be approved.

The Chairman left the Committee Room for the discussion and votes on the following items:

78/06 HYTHE VENETIAN FETE SOCIETY LIMITED

Members considered the previously circulated correspondence from the Chairman of the Hythe Venetian Fete Society in respect of the proposed Fete for 2007.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor N A Matthews and

RECOMMENDED – That Hythe Town Council accede to the Venetian Fete Society's request for free use of its land and properties for the Fete 2007, subject to the usual conditions of use and any caretaking fees that might be incurred.

79/06 HYTHE GREEN CAR PARK – INCLUSION OF HIRERS' USAGE

Members discussed the previously circulated e-mail from Councillor Mrs W D Harris in respect of car parking arrangements in relation to Boot Fairs held on the Green.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor N A Matthews
SECONDED BY; Councillor A J Ewart-James

That no Boot Fair Organiser be allowed to charge for car parking on the Green.

Proposed Amendment

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor C J Capon

That:

1. The Portland Road Car Park not be included in the hiring out of the Green for Boot Fairs.
2. Donations only to be requested for car parking on the grassed area at Boot Fairs.

The substantive motion was then put and carried

The Chairman returned to the Committee Room.

80/06 QUOTATIONS FOR THE GREEN ACCESS RE-SURFACING – RESOLVED MIN. NO. 332/05 – REVENUE BUDGET 2006/7 REFERS

The Town Clerk reported on the received quotations for the Green Access re-surfacing in St Nicholas Terrace as follows:

£3,850.00
£7,475.00
£4,796.00

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor A H Farmer and

RECOMMENDED – That the lowest quote of £3,850.00 be accepted for the re-surfacing in St Nicholas Terrace, subject to clarification on detritus removal.

Councillor C J Capon recorded his vote against the above decision.

81/06 PROPOSED HYTHE SPORTS CENTRE

(i) Progress to Date

The Chairman reported on recent meetings that had taken place, notably on 29th June 2006. He further informed Members that a meeting to be held on the 9th August 2006 with representatives from the DCMS was set to only include Officers from Shepway District Council with no representation afforded to Hythe Town Council.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor C J Capon and

RECOMMENDED – That:

1. A strongly worded letter of protest be written to Shepway District Council at the decision to exclude both Officers and Members of Hythe Town Council to the meeting due to be held on 9th August 2006.
2. If the above request to include Hythe Town Council representation were to be denied, the DCMS was to be written to and request that Hythe Town Council be included, as partners in the Scheme.
3. A recommendation be made to Hythe Shepway District Councillors to call a Special Cabinet meeting to discuss the failure to include Hythe.

Subsequent events were reported to Members regarding the Hythe South Road Conservation Area Association's actions in respect of the Town Meeting and Referendum.

(ii) Contingency Plan – Sports Pavilion Replacement

Members discussed the furtherance of the contingency plan in respect of the planning application submissions and related matters.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor C J Capon
SECONDED BY: Councillor R H Carroll and

RESOLVED – That the planning application and related matters be pursued.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Dated the Day of 2006

.....CHAIRMAN