

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL'S
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST 2008

Present: Councillor J A Schoner (In the Chair)

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, Mrs Z Harris, S W Hayward,
A Mayne, Mrs A Mayne, A Smith and R Watson

Also Present: The Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillors R H Carroll, A J Ewart-James and D Owen

136/08 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3RD JULY 2008

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July 2008, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

137/08 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt declared a personal interest in Min No 149/08 – Access Gate to Hythe Green – Governor of Hythe Bay Community School.
Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in Min No 150/08 – EDF Energy Easement – Employee of EDF Energy.
The Town Clerk declared a personal interest in Min No 144/08 – Review of Banking Arrangements – customer of Lloyds Bank.
Councillor J A Schoner declared a prejudicial interest in Min No 145/08 – Hythe Venetian Fete, 19th August 2008 and Min No 146/08 Electricity Supply Venetian Fete Kiosk – Chairman of the Hythe Venetian Fete Society.

138/08 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 70

There were no written or verbal questions from the public.

139/08 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31ST JULY 2008

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RESOLVED – That the payments for the period to 31st July 2008, covering cheque numbers 010993 - 011049 be authorised, as appended to these Minutes.

140/08 APPROVAL OF BUDGET STATEMENT TO 31ST JULY 2008

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Watson and

RESOLVED – That the Budget Statement to 31st July 2008 be approved.

141/08 APPROVAL OF BALANCE SHEET & INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO 31ST JULY 2008

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Smith
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris and

RESOLVED – That the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account to 31st July 2008 be approved.

142/08 REPORT OF RECEIPTS TO 31ST JULY 2008

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward and

RESOLVED - That the Receipts for the period to 31st July 2008 be accepted.

143/08 REPLACEMENT SPORTS PAVILION UPDATE

(i) Minutes of the Sports Pavilion Sub-Committee

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Smith
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Watson and

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Sports Pavilion Sub-Committee held on the 24th July 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein be endorsed. Thanks were given to all concerned.

(ii) Members discussed the contents of the previously circulated email from the Town Clerk dated the 31st July 2008.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That:

(a) The Town Clerk be authorised to obtain both an agronomist report on the state of the land adjacent to the Twiss Road allotments and an ecological assessment so as to accord with both the requirements of the Football Foundation application and the planning approval for the development of the land for the purpose of football pitches.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That:

- (b) The Town Clerk be authorised to obtain a revised drawing for the internal layout of the ground floor of the replacement Sports Pavilion, so as to conform with the Football Foundation’s requirements.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That:

- (c) The Town Clerk be authorised to obtain estimates for the development of the proposed football pitch area for inclusion within the Bid.

It was further

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

AGREED – That the Twiss Road allotment access road be deferred, pending the Football Foundation Bid’s outcome.

Councillor A Mayne recorded his vote against the above resolution.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RESOLVED – That:

- (d) The Town Clerk be authorised to attend the next meeting of the Football Foundation Panel Surgery, if necessary, so as to ensure that the above revisions comply to the Foundation’s requirements.

Councillor A Mayne recorded his dissension to football’s dominating the Pavilion.

144/08 REVIEW OF BANKING ARRANGEMENTS – TOWN CLERK’S REPORT 05/08 REFERS

Members discussed the previously circulated Town Clerk’s report 05/08 and the recommendations contained therein.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Watson and

RECOMMENDED – That The Town Clerk’s report 05/08 be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be endorsed as follows:

- (i) The Town Council retains all of its accounts via the offices of the National Westminster Bank for the time being, subject to the continuation of its providing free banking.
- (ii) The situation be reviewed, as and when charges are imposed by the National Westminster Bank.

Councillor J A Schoner left the Committee Room for the discussion and vote on the next two items:

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Mayne and

AGREED – That Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt take the Chair.

Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt in the Chair.

145/08 HYTHE VENETIAN FETE, 19TH AUGUST 2009

Members discussed the previously circulated correspondence from the Venetian Fete Society in respect of the following:

- (i) Free use of the Town Council’s land and property in respect of the holding of the Fete and associated activities and events.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris and

RECOMMENDED – That free use of the Town Council’s land and property in respect of the holding of the Fete and associated activities and events be granted, subject to the usual conditions of use being met.

- (ii) Financial assistance/sponsorship in respect of the holding of the Fete. (A copy of the Society’s Accounts had been made available in the Office for Members’ perusal prior to the meeting, together with a list of expenditure).

It was

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

RECOMMENDED – That:

- (i) The Hythe Venetian Fete Society be granted £5,000 for the 2009 Venetian Fete events in respect of the costs as submitted.
- (ii) A grants/events budget item be put forward in future revenue budgets.

146/08 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, VENETIAN FETE KIOSK

Members considered a review of the current rental level of £100 per annum.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Watson and

RECOMMENDED – That an increase of £20 to £120 p.a. be implemented so as to reflect increased costs for the ensuing five year period, ie from 1st September 2008 to 1st September 2013.

Councillor J A Schoner returned to the Committee Room and resumed the Chair.

147/08 ASSESSMENT OF PAINTINGS

Members considered the re-assessment of major paintings within the Town Council's collection. Members had been previously circulated with a current list of paintings as contained within the Local History Room collection.

It was

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

RECOMMENDED – That an estimate as to the cost of the re-valuation be obtained.

148/08 PLAY AREA FENCING, HYTHE GREEN PLAY AREA

The Town Clerk reported on prices received in respect of this approved budgetary item. Two prices had been received to date, although four had been requested.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That this item be deferred to the next Finance & General Purposes meeting in September to allow for further quotes to be obtained.

149/08 ACCESS GATE TO HYTHE GREEN

Members considered the previously circulated letter from the Vice-Chairman of Governors at the Hythe Bay Community School.

It was

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

RECOMMENDED – That a site visit with all Councillors be arranged when the Hythe Bay Community School re-convenes.

