

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF

HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2007

Present: The Mayor of Hythe
Councillor N A Matthews (In the Chair)

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, R Bryan, Mrs A Bryan,
D R Bushell, R H Carroll, A J Ewart-James, Mrs W D Harris,
Mrs D Maskell, N H Meurice, Mrs C Moran, Mrs J M Nolan
and J A Schoner

Also Present: Reverend Brian Barnes and the Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillors C J Capon, A H Farmer, S W Hayward and
Mrs J M Nolan (for lateness)

The Mayor invited Reverend Brian Barnes to open the meeting with prayers.

**297/06 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST
DECEMBER 2006 & THE EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THE 18TH JANUARY 2007**

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on the 21st
December 2006 and 18th January 2007, having been circulated, be confirmed
as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

298/06 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor D R Bushell declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 279/06 –
Wiring, Age Concern – Trustee of Age Concern.

Councillors J A Schoner and Mrs W D Harris declared personal interests in
Minute No. 279/06 – Wiring, Age Concern – Private Members of Age
Concern.

**299/06 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO.70**

There were no verbal or written questions from the public and no adjournment.

300/06 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor informed Members that:

1. A Charity Tour of the Shepherd Neame Brewery in Faversham was to take place on Wednesday 7th March 2007 in aid of the Mayor's Benevolent Fund.
2. A Standing Committee of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports was to meet on the 16th February 2007 where the affects on the Cinque Ports of the Local Government Reform White Paper would be discussed. The Mayor and the Town Clerk were to attend.

301/06 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 24(2)

There were none received.

302/06 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH JANUARY 2007

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D R Bushell
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs A Bryan and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meeting held on the 9th January 2007 be received and the decisions made therein be endorsed.

Councillor Mrs J M Nolan entered the Meeting at this juncture.

303/06 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH DECEMBER 2006
Minute No. 278/06 – Scales of Fees & Charges

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the junior tennis charges be remitted back to the next Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 21.

It was then

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

RESOLVED – That the fees for football be remitted back to the next Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 21.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor R L Bryan and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 18th January 2007 be received and the decisions made therein be endorsed, subject to the above amendments.

304/06 MINUTES OF THE SEEDA PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON THE 22ND JANUARY 2007

The Mayor reported that an additional amount of £9,999k had been allocated by SEEDA to the SEEDA Project 24, with a further £10k from the Sports Development Unit at Kent County Council.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs C Moran and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the SEEDA Partnership Meeting held on the 22nd January 2007 be received.

305/06 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2007/2008

Members had been previously circulated with a draft Calendar of Meetings Schedule for 2007/2008.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Calendar of Meetings Schedule for 2007/8 be approved for the ensuing Civic Year.

306/06 CIVIC SUNDAY 2007

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That the date for Civic Sunday be approved as the 10th June 2007.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor N A Matthews
SECONDED BY: Councillor J A Schoner 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 item:

307/06 JUDICIAL REVIEW – HYTHE SPORTS CENTRE

Members were updated on the current position by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

After lengthy discussions it was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor N A Meurice
SECONDED BY: Councillor J A Schoner and

RESOLVED – That Hythe Town Council withdraws from the taking of any further legal action and adopts the arbitration route, subject to the mutual agreement of all parties to partake in arbitration.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Dated the: Day of: 2007

..... CHAIRMAN