

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
EXTRA-ORDINARY HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH 2007

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

Councillors R L Bryan, D R Bushell, A H Farmer, A J Ewart-James, S W Hayward, Mrs D Maskell, N H Meurice, Mrs C Moran and Mrs J M Nolan

Also Present: The Town Clerk, Mr T Ellames, Shepway District Council, Ms L Barton (LAAG) and Mr R Gordon, London Ashford Airport

Apologies: Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, Mrs A Bryan, R H Carroll and J A Schoner.

355/06 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors N A Matthews, S W Hayward, Mrs J M Nolan, A H Farmer, D R Bushell and Mrs D Maskell stated that they were not fettering their discretion in discussing or voting on this matter at the Town Council level (District Councillors).

Councillor Mrs C Moran entered the Chamber.

356/06 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 70

There were no written or verbal questions from the public.

357/06 PLANNING APPLICATION Y06/1647/SH & Y06/1648/SH – LONDON ASHFORD AIRPORT, LYDD, ROMNEY MARSH, KENT

- (i) Erection of a terminal building (capable of processing 500,000 passengers per annum) and 637 car parking spaces.
- (ii) Construction of a 294 metre runway, together with an additional 150 metre starter extension.

The Mayor invited Ms Louise Barton to give a presentation on behalf of LAAG. Copies of this presentation were circulated to Members.

The Mayor then introduced Mr T Ellames.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs D Maskell
SECONDED BY: Councillor A H Farmer and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting stand adjourned for public inclusion to ask questions of Ms Barton.

After several questions it was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs C Moran
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs J M Nolan and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting be re-convened.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs D Maskell and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting stand adjourned for a recess.

Councillor R L Bryan left the Chamber at this juncture.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs D Maskell and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting be re-convened.

Mr Robin Gordon was introduced by the Mayor and he gave his presentation on behalf of London Ashford Airport.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor A H Farmer and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting stand adjourned to allow for public inclusion to ask questions of Mr Gordon.

After several questions it was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs D Maskell
SECONDED BY: Councillor A H Farmer and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting be re-convened.

Councillor Mrs C Moran left the Chamber during the course of the above debate.

Points of clarification were then provided by Mr T Ellames as follows:

1. Key issues – views of “Natural England” and the Ecological EIA.
2. RSPB’s objection to the scheme.
3. KCC had not yet commented upon the application.
4. Additional information was to be requested. It would take a further 3-6 months for the application to be finally determined. There would be further discussions with the Applicant next month.
5. The Application would possibly go to a Local Inquiry for determination.
6. The information provided on impact as a whole was not currently sufficient.

Following lengthy discussions it was

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

That this application be supported in principle, subject to additional information being received from Kent County Council and other organisations, who had not yet responded.

The Motion failed.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs J M Nolan
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs D Maskell and

RESOLVED – That:

1. The Planning Applications (Y06/1647/SH & Y061648/SH) not be supported as the information presented to Council was too vague at this time.
2. The Planning Application be re-appraised as and when further details, become available and they could be properly assessed.

Carried unanimously.

The Meeting closed at 10.13 pm.

Dated the Day of 2007

.....CHAIRMAN