

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF

HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007

**Present:** The Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe  
A J Ewart-James (In the Chair)

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, R Belcourt, M J Dearden,  
Mrs Z Harris, S W Hayward, M J Lyons, D Owen, J A Schoner  
and A Smith

**Also Present:** The Town Clerk

**Apologies:** Councillors R H Carroll, A Mayne, Mrs A Mayne, J Oliver,  
Mrs L Oliver and R Watson

The Mayor invited the Reverend B Armson to open the meeting with prayers.

**266/07 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
2007**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor M J Dearden and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
November 2007, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and  
signed by the Chairman.

**Councillor Mrs Z Harris entered the Chamber at this juncture.**

**267/07 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor S W Hayward declared a prejudicial interest in Min No 256/07 –  
Employee of Age Concern.

Councillor J A Schoner declared a personal interest in Min No 256/07 –  
Private Member of Age Concern.

**268/07 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.

**269/07 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

1. The Mayor informed Members that the Town Sergeant was in hospital following a minor operation. He was due home at any time and the Mayor wished him well on behalf of all Councillors.
2. The Mayor informed Members that the envisaged trip of HMS Kent to Dover in November had been cancelled and she was now due in to port on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

**270/07 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 24(2)**

There were none received.

**271/07 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER & 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R Beclourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor M J Lyons and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**272/07 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

The Chairman introduced the budget provisions and after some discussion it was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor J A Schoner  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor S W Hayward and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**273/07 KENT FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE – INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008/09**

Members considered making comments on the above. A copy of the Plan and Questionnaire had been made available in the Office for Members' perusal.

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor M J Dearden  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor D Owen and

**RESOLVED** – That the Mayor and the Town Clerk prepare a response and complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

**274/07 APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No 42a, Members considered the appointment of a replacement Member to the Plans & Works Committee for the remainder of the Civic Year. Councillor D Owen had expressed his willingness to stand.

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor M J Dearden and

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor D Owen be appointed as the replacement Member to the Plans & Works Committee for the remainder of the Civic Year.

**275/07 NEWINGTON UNKNOWN DONOR'S CHARITY**

Members discussed the appointment of a Town Council representative to serve on the Newington Unknown Donor's Charity following the expiry term of Mr Neil Matthews on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor M J Dearden and

**RESOLVED** – That:

1. Councillor R Belcourt be appointed as the Hythe Town Council representative to serve on the Newington Unknown Donor's Charity Committee for the ensuing four year term.
2. Thanks be given to Mr Matthews for his service during the course of his appointment.

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Dated the: Day of: 2008

..... CHAIRMAN