

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
CIVIC WORKING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON THE 17TH JANUARY 2012

Present: Councillor D Owen (In the Chair)
Councillors Mrs K Belcourt, S Hayward, Mrs W Peacock and
J Schoner

Also Present: The Deputy Town Clerk

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor M Dearden – work commitments
Councillor A Ewart-James – on holiday

It was

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

AGREED – That the above apologies be accepted.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none declared.

3 **MINUTES OF THE CIVIC WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH DECEMBER 2011**

It was

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

AGREED – That the Minutes of the Civic Working Group Meeting held on the 6th December 2011 be agreed as a correct record of the Meeting.

4 **DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Members discussed further outcomes in respect of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations to be held on Monday 4th June 2012. The Hythe Town Concert Band, the Apache Band and One for the Road had all confirmed their availability to play on the Bandstand. The Sea Cadets Marching Band had been contacted and was unable to play on the 4th June due to other commitments. It was **AGREED** that the New Romney Cadets and the Ghurkha Band be contacted to ascertain their availability.

The Deputy Town reported that the Town Clerk had placed the order for the purchase of a native oak (*quercus robur*) tree to be planted in the Princess of Wales Memorial Garden in Oaklands.

The Hythe Venetian Fete had been contacted in respect of its lending its coloured lights to go around the Bandstand and it had agreed to supply the lights with the proviso that the Venetian Fete Society's Electrician be contacted to put up and take down the lights and full insurance indemnity was to be given by Hythe Town Council

for any loss/damage of the lights. It was also **AGREED** to ascertain the viability of stringing coloured lights in the tree adjacent to the Bandstand. The Deputy Town Clerk was to contact the Electrician to ascertain his availability to carry out these duties. It was further **AGREED** that the portable floodlights which would be in the ownership of Hythe Town Council by the 4th June 2012 be utilised to ensure the public's safety when leaving Oaklands.

It was **AGREED** to investigate the possibility of decorating the Office building in Oaklands with bunting.

The Dog Display Team had confirmed that it would perform two displays. Mr S Weller and Mr R Jennings had confirmed their attendance, with Mr Weller providing his PA system and Mr Jennings to assist with the commentary. Following investigations in respect of a static firework display, it was **AGREED** that due to the cost and practicability of providing a display, this avenue was not to be pursued.

Councillor D Owen had contacted the Managers of Sainsbury's and Waitrose with a view to securing sponsorship for the event. Councillor Mrs K Belcourt reported that she was to contact a professional individual to provide a hog roast for the event as they would carry the all the necessary hygiene certifications.

Mr K Crowe had agreed to take on the role of advertising and publicity for the Diamond Jubilee event and he was to be invited to the next meeting of the Civic Working Group. It was **AGREED** that the local papers be informed of the "Party in the Park" so as to make the public aware at an early stage that the Town Council was organising an event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Local organisations had been written to inviting them to attend the event and provide a stall (and possibly a side-show). Replies were expected to be available at the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs W Peacock had agreed to contact the local schools in respect of a children's fancy dress competition and Councillor Mrs K Belcourt had contacted Tynwald, Cornerways and St Margaret's Nursing Home all of whom would be very pleased to enter a Diamond Jubilee Hat competition.

Councillor D Owen had written to the Principal of the Brockhill Park Performing Arts School to enquire as to whether they would consider providing a dance display and possibly a choir. Mayfair Enterprises was to be contacted to ascertain if they would be able to provide an ice cream van to be in attendance at the event.

The Hythe Albion Club had confirmed it was willing to provide a marquee and bar for the event using its own licence arrangements and it was to be contacted to ascertain as to whether a water supply was required.

Shepway District Council was to be requested to open the public toilets in Oaklands and Chapel Street until 11.00 pm on the 4th June 2012.

Date of next meeting – Monday 6th February 2012.

The meeting finished at 10.17 am.