

## MINUTES OF THE INTERREG WORKING GROUP

HELD ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011

**Present:** Councillor J Schoner (in the Chair)

Councillors R Belcourt, A J Ewart-James, and Mrs Sally Chesters (Hythe Civic Society), Mr D Uden (Hythe Town Concert Band) and Mr J Wren (1<sup>st</sup> Hythe Scouts) and Mrs J Ames (Hythe Chamber of Commerce & Tourism)

**Also Present:** The Town Clerk

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors A J Ewart-James and R Belcourt declared personal interests in the High Street Enhancement & Seasonal Lighting Project – Members of the Hythe Chamber of Commerce & Tourism.

Councillor J A Schoner declared a personal interest in the Scout HQ Extension Project – Trustee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hythe Scout Group.

Councillor J A Schoner declared a personal interest in the Hythe Town Concert Band – Vice-President of the Band.

Councillor J A Schoner declared a personal interest in the Canal Bank Seating Project – Chairman of the Hythe Venetian Fete Society.

### **3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A J Ewart-James

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor R Belcourt and

**AGREED** – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 be approved as a correct record.

### **4 STATUS OF BID**

Members discussed the previously circulated letter from Zonnebeke in regard to options for the future for the bid's resubmission. All costs to date had been met by the "host" Town of Zonnebeke, but any future work on the bid would be apportioned to all parties. The options were as follows:

(i) To cut down the bid.

(ii) To withdraw the bid.

The bids were to be reviewed with the Project Facilitators in Zonnebeke on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The individual Hythe projects were then reviewed as follows:

#### **1 Hythe Town Concert Band**

The Hythe Town Concert Band was progressing its transfer to Saltwood Primary School. The project was now set to cost less than the original submission of £34k. £10k would now be required from Interreg. The Band had not investigated the idea of using the "Tin Church" as it had found a "new home" at Saltwood.

#### **2 Scout HQ Extension**

From a total project cost of £160k - £50k was being requested from Interreg. There was to be a major fund-raising campaign in January / February and therefore a reduced amount of Interreg funding might be possible. Cross border cultural interchange initiatives were to be pursued with Poperinge.

- 3     Improvements to the Hythe Skatepark  
This project was to be reduced to £20k in total so as to reduce the Interreg element and the matched funding requirement to £10k each.
- 4     Canal Bank Seating/Centre Stage  
It was **AGREED** that this project was not to be pursued via Interreg.
- 5     South Road Recreation Ground – Boundary Improvements  
It was **AGREED** that this project was not to be pursued as it was not deemed to be sufficiently transnational.
- 6     High Street Enhancement – Seasonal Lighting  
It was **AGREED** that £5k of Interreg funds would be bid for – to be matched with other funds forthcoming from the Chamber of Commerce & Tourism.
- 7     Oaklands Public Space  
It was **AGREED** that this project was not to be pursued via Interreg.
- 8     IT Facility, Hythe Sports Pavilion  
It was **AGREED** that this project was not to be pursued via Interreg.
- 9     The Green Boundary Improvements  
It was **AGREED** that this project was not to be pursued via Interreg.

It was **AGREED** that a revised bid be submitted based upon the above figures and project revisions amounting to £75k of Interreg funds – excluding administration. This figure would be translated into Euros for the purpose of a future bid.

5     **DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**  
**To be arranged.**

Meeting closed at 12.10 pm.