

HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON 27th JANUARY 2010 at 7.00pm
at THE 1912 CENTRE, COW LANE, HARWICH**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor J Wares, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Tyrer
Councillors B Brown, J Brown, R Callender, G Calver, A Colbourne,
L Double, S Henderson, D McLeod, A Morrison and D Rutson

Clerk to the Council, Mrs S Anderson

Also present: Executive Leader of Tendring District Council, Councillor N Stock,
Finance Portfolio Holder of Tendring District Council, Councillor P
Halliday, 1 member of the press and 6 member's of the public.

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132//09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Burke, B Howlett, M Gardner, L Payne and Reverend E Lammens.

133//09 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Item 142/09 Councillor's Wares and Calver declared a personal interest.

Item 145/09 Councillor McLeod declared a personal and prejudicial interest.

134/09 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave details of engagements she has recently undertaken including all her engagements over the Christmas period. The Mayor informed members that a Farewell Service for Reverend Lammens will be held at All Saints Church, Dovercourt on 14th February 2010 at 7.30pm.

135/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 9th December 2009 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

136/09 HARWICH MASTER PLAN

Further to Minute 111/09, Councillor N Stock, Executive Leader of Tendring District Council gave a presentation regarding the Harwich Master Plan detailing a) lack of planning applications from developers, b) pedestrianisation of Harwich Quay, c) costs of reclamation and contamination at Gas House Creek and, d) the excessive cost of Public Liability insurance to cover the Train Ferry Gantry. Councillor P Halliday, The Finance Portfolio Holder of Tendring District Council was also present to assist with any financial questions raised.

Individual members of Harwich Town Council asked questions, raised points and made comments throughout the presentation and were advised that a

further meeting to discuss the Harwich Master Plan was scheduled to take place at Tendring District Council in the coming weeks.

Councillor's Stock and Halliday left the meeting at 7.45pm

137/09 PUBLIC APOLOGY

Further to Minute 112/09, The Mayor read a public apology received from Councillor T Ferguson of Tendring District Council. The letter was noted.

138/09 MEN'S HEALTH CLINIC AT THE FRYATT HOSPITAL, HARWICH

Further to Minute 114/09, a letter received from the office of the new Chief Executive of North East Essex PCT, Dr Paul Watson confirming his attendance at the next Council meeting scheduled for 10th March, 2010, was noted.

139/09 WASTE BINS

A letter received from Mr A Nepean of Tendring District Council was noted. **RESOLVED:** to write to Mr Nepean requesting clarification of the reference to the two bins sited very close by the war memorial.

140/09 LANDSLIP BETWEEN MANNINGTREE AND HARWICH RAILWAY

Further to Minute 118/09, a response from Network Rail was noted. Councillor Morrison informed members that as there were major problems with subsidence on this stretch of the railway, the matter should be referred to the next Council meeting. **RESOLVED:** to write to Network Rail to chase their investigation.

141/09 DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Councillor McLeod suggested that the 60th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II in 2012 was a chance for Harwich Town Council to support local organisations with their celebrations.

142/09 ENTRANCE ROADWAY TO UNITED SERVICES CLUB, BRITISH LEGION AND NAVIGATOR

Members were informed of the serious condition of the entrance roadway to United Services Club, British Legion and Navigator. **RESOLVED:** to write to Tendring District Council requesting urgent repair and maintenance to the roadway.

143/09 EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

Councillor Colbourne reported on road gritting, by Essex County Council, throughout the recent extreme weather conditions and although all main roads and bus routes had been well gritted, side roads had been neglected. **RESOLVED:** to write to Essex County Council requesting the number and location of grit bins in Clacton, Frinton, Walton and to ascertain the criteria under which grit bins are provided, managed and located in the Harwich area.

144/09 POWERBOAT RACE 31ST JULY / 1ST AUGUST 2010

The Council were informed of a Powerboat Race scheduled to take place on the weekend of 31st July/1st August 2010. **RESOLVED:** to invite the organisers to attend the next Full Council Meeting with their proposals.

145/09 ALCOHOL EXCLUSION ZONE

At 8.10pm Councillor McLeod left the room.

Councillor Calver reported on the intention of Harwich Police to enforce an alcohol exclusion zone from West End Lane to Cliff Park, Dovercourt. The Council discussed this matter and **RESOLVED:** to write to Harwich Police opposing the initial proposal, but would support a proposal for an alcohol exclusion zone taking in the Town Centre area between Orwell Terrace and Cliff Road, Dovercourt.

Councillor McLeod rejoined the meeting at 8.25pm

146/09 ACCOUNTS

Payments and receipts, current balances, financial activity against budgets and earmarked funds were noted.

RESOLVED: to authorise payments as listed Appendix A.

147/09 MUTLI-USE GAMES AREA, RAY AVENUE RECREATION GROUND

Members noted an email from Kirsty Horton, Play Officer at Tendring District Council, regarding of the installation of a new multi-use games area at Ray Avenue Recreation Ground in the near future.

148/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Harwich Town Council will be held on Wednesday 10th March 2010 at The 1912 Centre, Harwich at 7.00pm, or at the rise of the Town Planning Committee, whichever is the later.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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