

**HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010 at 7.00pm  
at THE 1912 CENTRE, COW LANE, HARWICH**

**Present: The Mayor, Councillor J Wares, in the Chair at the commencement of the meeting  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Tyrer  
Councillors: P Burke, B Brown, J Brown, R Callender, G Calver, A Colbourne, L Double, M Gardner, D McLeod, S Henderson, A Morrison, L Payne and D Rutson**

**Clerk to the Council Mrs S Anderson**

**Also present: 1 member of the press and 17 members of the public**

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

Raymond Adams asked the reason why the buses were frequently late at the first bus stop from the Harwich Depot. Councillor McLeod to investigate.

Maria Fowler asked when the 10p car park charge would be reinstated at Milton Road. Members confirmed that this was not about to happen but hoped the motion to reinstate the 10p charge would be supported by all Councillors of Harwich as the decision to charge the current 80p was taken by an Officer of Tendring District Councillor without any supporting evidence.

Audrey Salter congratulated The Mayor for chairing the Annual Parish Meeting with such a low turn out of Councillors present and asked for more interaction between the Council and members of Harwich and Dovercourt to work together, with the help of the local newspaper to publish more information of forthcoming meetings.

Members confirmed that there is no guarantee of how many Councillors will attend a meeting and unfortunately other meetings coincide with dates of Harwich Council meetings. A member confirmed that members of the public have the opportunity to ask questions at every Harwich Town Council meeting, a practice introduced two years ago.

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**01/10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Mayor called for nominations for Chairman for the forthcoming year. Councillor J Wares moved and Councillor A Colbourne seconded that Councillor S Tyrer be elected as Chairman of Harwich Town Council for the forthcoming year.

The Mayor then called for any further nominations and there being none, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor S Tyrer be elected as Chairman. Councillor S Tyrer signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**02/10 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor S Tyrer called for nominations for Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. Councillor S Tyrer moved and Councillor D Rutson seconded that Councillor B Brown be elected as Vice-Chairman of Harwich Town Council for the forthcoming year.

Councillor S Tyrer then called for any further nominations and there being none, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor B Brown be elected as Vice-Chairman. Councillor B Brown signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**03/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Howlett.

**04/10 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None

**05/10 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor gave details of her recent engagements including St George's Dance arranged by the Mayoress.

The Mayor advised that a total of £2148.87 had been raised by the Mayoress Appeal which was presented to her chosen charities at a reception held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

**06/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20th April 2010 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

**07/10 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR**

Councillor D McLeod moved and Councillor A Colbourne seconded that the appointment of Officer, Committees and Representatives for the ensuing year, as recommended by the council at an informal meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, be approved.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the appointments as listed in Appendix A.

**08/10 MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor J Wares moved and Councillor B Brown seconded that the meetings of the Council, in accordance with Standing Orders 1 – 3, be approved.

**RESOLVED:** to agree council meetings as listed in Appendix B.

**09/10 SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BE PAID ANNUALLY**

**RESOLVED:** to agree Annual Subscriptions as listed in Appendix C.

**10/10 FINANCIAL UPDATE AND RECORD OF PAYMENTS**

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

**RESOLVED:** to authorise payments as listed in Appendix D.

**11/10 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

**RESOLVED:** to accept the recommendations regarding an increase in the members' allowance to £744.00.

**12/10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Harwich Town Council will be Mayor Making on Thursday 20th May 2010 at The Electric Palace, Kings Quay Street, Harwich at 11.00am. The next ordinary meeting of Harwich Town Council will be held at The 1912 Centre, Harwich on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.00pm, or at the rise of the Town Planning Committee Meeting, whichever is the later.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm

**TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**