

AT A MEETING of HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
held at **1912 CENTRE, HARWICH, ESSEX**
on **WEDNESDAY 14th November at 7.15pm.**

PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor D McLeod in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor Councillor D Rutson

Councillors:

B Brown
J Brown
S Tyrer
J Wares
L Double
A Colbourne
G Calver
M Gardner
L Payne

Assistant to the Clerk to the Council Mrs S Anderson

Also present were one member of the press and three members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Henderson, Morrison, Callender, Howlett and Burke

Prayers were said by the Reverend E Lammens

97/07	REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	None
98/07	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None
99/07	MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	The Mayor gave details of engagements undertaken since the last meeting including his recent visit to Mayflower School to receive a £250 donation towards Christmas lights. RESOLVED: to write a letter of thanks.
100/07	MINUTES	RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings held on the 3 rd October and 1 st November 2007 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.
101/07	RHYME AGAINST CRIME	The meeting was advised that, subject to the Local Government Act 1972 and supporting case law, a council cannot lawfully decide any matter not specified on the

agenda. The Chairman agreed to take the item. A member formerly announced the closure of 'Rhyme Against Crime'. Councillor Calver advised the Committee that although the scheme had been successfully running for 12 years, the schools have proposed to try running another Crime Prevention initiative of a similar nature. The Committee gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Calver for all his efforts and hard work over the last 12 years. **RESOLVED:** to write letters of thanks to everyone concerned who has been involved in the success of 'Rhyme Against Crime' over the last 12 years.

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| 102/07 | CCTV COVERAGE AT STATIONS SERVING HARWICH | A letter from One Railway, addressing issues raised by the Committee, was read to the meeting. |
| 103/07 | ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE | Councillor J Brown presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 25 th October 2007. RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted. |
| 104/07 | FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE | Councillor Wares presented the minutes of the meeting held on 29 th October 2007. RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted with amendments to: F26/07 to delete all of the wording after the figure (£500). F27/07 The committee requested for Councillor Wares to arrange a meeting with Teen Talk and to take whatever urgent action was necessary before 31 st December. F28/07 to amend the resolution to recommend as follows: s.137 funding of £2280.00. |
| 105/07 | SPECIAL MEETING OF HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL | Councillor McLeod presented the minutes of the special meeting held on the 1 st November 2007. RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted. |
| 106/07 | BRIEF REPORT OF MEMBERS | <p>Councillor Colbourne gave details of the Merchant Navy Association meeting and thanked the committee for use of the Guildhall.</p> <p>Councillor B Brown read a report, on behalf of Councillor Howlett, as to the current position of Teen Talk. Councillor Calver raised concerns of the failure of Harwich Town Council's representative to inform the council of the crisis and confirmed that the Council did not criticise Teen Talk at their last meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Wares confirmed that Harwich and District Community Association had no problems and were doing a wonderful job.</p> |

Councillor Tyrer gave a report on a recent meeting with the Harwich Conservation Panel covering various issues.

Councillor Rutson gave a brief report on a meeting with Tourist Information Centre.

**107/07 HARWICH TOWN
COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER**

Councillor Double advised the meeting that as the Clerk has passed her CiLCA examination, the Harwich Town Newsletter would be the last link in the chain to achieve Parish Council Status. **RESOLVED:** that a small editorial board be formed, consisting of three Councillors and the Clerk. **RESOLVED:** for the item be referred back to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

**108/07 HIGH STEWARD OF
HARWICH –
PERSONALISED
NOTEPAPER**

The Committee considered the request from the High Steward to use Harwich Town Council crest on personalised notepaper. **RESOLVED:** to agree to the request.

109/07 FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

**110/07 THE LICENSING ACT
2003**

Application for variation of premises licence from The Billy, 65 West Street, Harwich was noted. **RESOLVED:** to contact Tendring District Council objecting to the variation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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