

AT A MEETING of HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL held at THE GUILDHALL, HARWICH, ESSEX on WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH 2006 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

The Mayor of Harwich Councillor G J Ford in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor Councillor J Thurlow

Councillors:

S Henderson L Payne

M Gardner

W Bleakley

P Brand

G Calver

M Gibbins

W Rose

A Morrison from 7.20pm

The Assistant to the Clerk to the Council Mrs E Novorol

The Mayor's Chaplain Major G Warren

Also present was one member of the press

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Double, Rutson, Mcleod, Williams and Markham-Lee

108/05 PRAYERS The Mayor's Chaplain said prayers.

109/05 REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

110/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Councillor Henderson declared a personal interest in item 15g: The Licensing Act 2003.

111/05 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The Mayor gave details of engagements undertaken since the last meeting.

112/05 MINUTES RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th February 2006 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

113/05 FUTURE OF REGENERATION OF EAST WARD 100/05 Response from Tendring District Council noted.

114/04 FRIENDS OF THE EARTH: UPGRADING OF THE A120 101/05 The Assistant to the Clerk advised members that no response had been received from Friends of the Earth
RESOLVED: write to Friends of the Earth again.

115/05 SKATEPARK 104/05 Request for lighting from the Police Community Support Team. The Committee were advised that Tendring District Council had responded to the request and stated that the facility is the responsibility of Harwich Town Council. Police Community Support Team have suggested that some of the youngsters regularly using the facility would like to try fund raising. RESOLVED: to request that Tendring District Council provide a breakdown of costs and expenditure regarding skatepark facilities at Frinton, Clacton and Harwich together with details of who meets these costs. FURTHER RESOLVED: to contact PC Latchford and suggest an informal meeting regarding fundraising.

116/05 BATHSIDE BAY Councillor Calver confirmed that the government had today granted full approval for the Bathside Bay development to go ahead. RESOLVED: to write to Hutchinson Port UK and offer Harwich Town Council's support and wish to liaise in the future.

117/05 CRUISE SHIP The Council were advised that 61 cruise ships are expected to visit Harwich over the coming months. It was suggested that walking tours of the town and visits to the Guildhall could be arranged to coincide with some of these. RESOLVED: to contact Harwich International Port to confirm dates of cruise ships.

118/05OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2006/7Information from Tendring District Council noted. Councillor Bleakley agreed to put forward suggestions to the committee on behalf of Harwich Town Council.

119/05FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Councillor Brand presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2006. RESOLVED: that the minutes be resolved.

120/05HILL SCHOOLCOMMITTEECouncillor Morrison presented the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2006. RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted.

121/05BRIEF REPORTS OF MEMBERSNone

122/05FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTSThe Petty Cash expenditure list was presented for consideration by members. RESOLVED: that the Accounts Appendix 'A' is approved.

123/05JAMESTOWN 2007Request by Councillor Thurlow for assistance from Harwich Town Council with celebrations to mark the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement was noted RESOLVED: to allow use of the Guildhall on 22nd July 2006 by The Harwich Society together with the presentation of a Commemorative Plaque .

124/05PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP SCHEMEInformation received from Tendring District Council was noted.

125/05MEMORIAL SERVICE CAPTAIN FRYATT Councillors were given information and it was RESOLVED: to ask the contact in Belgium to confirm details of the service, the reception and the numbers from Harwich Town Council being invited.

126/05HARWICH and DISTRICT PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATIONA request for Councillor Thurlow to act as representative was noted. RESOLVED: to write to the Association and confirm acceptance of their request.

127/05THE LICENSING ACT 2003 Application for grant of premises licence for Café on the Pier, Ha'penny Pier, The Quay, Harwich was noted.

128/05EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESSRESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 1 of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the meeting is closed to the press and public for the transaction of the undermentioned business:Part 'B' Announcement by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Thurlow

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN