

HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 7th JANUARY 2009 at 7.15pm at the 1912 CENTRE, COW LANE, HARWICH

Present: The Mayor, Councillor D Rutson, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Brown

Councillors: B Brown, R Callender, L Double, G Calver,
M Gardner, A Colbourne, A Morrison, S Henderson, J Wares, S
Tyrer and P Burke

The Clerk to the Council, Mrs E Novorol

Also present: 1 member of the press and 11 members of the public.

Mr C Strachan gave a statement regarding hospital services at Harwich. He asked if the new PCT has access to the results of studies carried out in the 1990s and raised concerns regarding facilities that are available at the Fryatt Hospital but are not presently in use.

Dr Zollinger-Read gave an update regarding the hospital and explained which services could or could not be offered in Harwich. Further questions from members of the public were answered by Dr Zollinger-Read who agreed to send further information, as it becomes available, to Harwich Town Council and to those present at this meeting.

129/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors McLeod, Payne and Howlett

130/08 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

131/08 THE FRYATT HOSPITAL

Councillors asked for further information regarding services at The Fryatt Hospital. Dr Zollinger-Read explained how the PCT buys in services via tenders which can be from both the NHS and the private sector. A discussion followed regarding a drop-in centre for men's health problems, the maternity unit and use of the hospital's gym by those with disabilities. Members were advised that GP's will be moving to the hospital in early February.

RESOLVED: to write to Dr Zollinger-Read, assuring him of the full

support of Harwich Town Council for the provision of a drop-in centre for men's health problems at Harwich Hospital.

132/08 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Harwich Town Council will be held on 28th January, 2009 at the 1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich at 7.00pm or at the rise of the Planning Committee, whichever is the later.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

DATE