

## HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD at the PARK PAVILION, HARWICH on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Councillor L Double in the Chair  
The Mayor, Councillor J Wares  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Tyrer  
Councillors: B Brown, P Burke, D Rutson and G Calver

The Clerk to the Council, Mrs S Anderson

Also present: Councillor J Brown

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#### **F19/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gardner and Payne.

#### **F20/09 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Councillor Calver declared an interest in item F30/09 as he is a member of The Harwich Society Executive Committee. Councillor Double declared a prejudicial interest with regard to TIC and Community Association grants and stated that he would leave the meeting if discussion took place on either.

#### **F21/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

#### **F22/09 HARWICH AND DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION PANEL**

Request for grant funding of £250 towards costs of rosettes, certificates, monetary prizes, books and other prizes  
**RESOLVED: to recommend** s.137 funding of £250

#### **F23/09 HARWICH QUAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Request for grant funding of £300 towards costs for the New Year's Eve fireworks display at Harwich Quay.  
**RESOLVED: to recommend** s.137 funding of £300

#### **F24/09 HILL SCHOOL SITE**

Further to Minute F09/09, the Committee discussed the possibility of

future uses of the land at the rear of the site. **RESOLVED:** to obtain costs to have a geophysical survey carried out at the site.

**F25/09 BANDSTAND IN CLIFF PARK**

A letter was noted from Paul Skeet at Essex County Council requesting a contribution from Harwich Town Council towards the restoration of the Bandstand in Cliff Park.

**RESOLVED: to recommend** that £1000 is paid to Essex County Council towards the restoration works, at an appropriate time in the future.

**F26/09 KING GEORGE'S AVENUE ALLOTMENT SITE**

Further to Minute F12/09, a member informed the committee of actions agreed, at a recent meeting of the Allotment Committee.

- a) To contact Tendring District Council regarding the acquisition of a piece of their land that adjoins the allotment site.
- b) To approach the Secretary of State regarding procedure.
- c) The final stage would be to have a tri-party meeting in the New Year.

The Committee were advised that this item would remain with the Allotments Committee until it became a matter for the Finance and General Purposes Committee to take the matter forward.

**F27/09 FRIENDS OF HISTORIC ESSEX**

**RESOLVED to recommend** the annual subscription of £10 be paid to Friends of Historic Essex.

**F28/09 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR – GUILDHALL CLOSURE**

**RESOLVED:** to close the Guildhall from Thursday 24th December 2009 until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**F29/09 HARWICH AND DOVERCOURT CRICKET CLUB**

The Committee noted a letter of thanks from Harwich and Dovercourt Cricket Club for grant funding of £719.64.

**F30/09 BUDGET/PRECEPT 2010/2011**

The Committee considered estimates of expenditure and income for the financial year 2010/2011. **RESOLVED: to recommend** that the council precept on Tendring District Council for £172,319 based on a summary of the detailed figures in Appendix A which would have an impact of £29.86/annum to a Band D council tax payer based on a tax base of 5770 (equivalent to an increase of less than 5p per week/per tax payer).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**