

MINUTES of the Meeting of the HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
 held at
The 1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich
 on **Wednesday 10th June 2015 at 7.08pm**

Present:	Councillors Ashley, B Brown, J Brown (from 7.10pm), Calver, Carr, Erskine, Fay, Fowler, J Henderson, Powell, Smith and Todd
In the Chair:	Councillor McLeod
Clerk:	Mrs Lucy Ballard
Also present:	1 member of the public and 1 member of the press

012/15	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllrs I Henderson and Morrison, Absences - Cllr Harriss
013/15	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</u> None
014/15	<u>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</u> Betty Holbrook asked if she could thank Cllr Todd for sorting out the holes on the green, which should be completed and ready in time for the Children's Carnival later this month.
015/15	<u>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> The Mayor gave an account of some of his engagements since being elected, including Mayor Making, for which he thanked all for making it a great occasion; attending a reception at the Guildhall to welcome Anne Frank Trust Cyclist Fundraisers; Trinity House Service and the Peace Garden planting day along with pupils from All Saints Primary School.
016/15	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> RESOLVED: That the Minutes and Confidential minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 8 th April 2015 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record. FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 20 th May 2015 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record. FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Mayor Making meeting held on 28 th May 2015 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.
017/15	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u> MIN 180/14 - Members considered a response by Andrew Geldard, NE Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust in relation to the future of All Saints

	<p>House and their services to the community. Cllr Fowler informed members that subsequent to receiving letter, which she read at the previous meeting, she received another suggesting that the mental health services would be relocating.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To write back to Andrew Geldard to ask whether any of the services or actions now undertaken by the pathway teams were previously available at all saints house prior to the restructuring of the services. Cc: TDC and MP</p>
018/15	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u></p> <p>MIN 136/14 . Cllr Calver briefed members on the council's application for posthumous award to Capt. Fryatt.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To seek update from the MP as to progress.</p> <p>Cllr Todd asked about the disused Train Ferry Terminal gantry, and whether a letter was sent to TDC. Cllr Fowler confirmed that this is due to be discussed at a meeting of the E&C Committee next week.</p>
019/15	<p><u>ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)</u></p> <p>Members noted an invitation to submit a response to the consultation, which sets out how the Essex community can be involved in the County Council's preparation of minerals and waste planning documents and planning applications that may affect them, since this did not apply to Harwich and Dovercourt.</p>
020/15	<p><u>REQUEST TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF THE GREAT EASTERN HOTEL</u></p> <p>Members considered a request from a resident of Quayside Court to obtain a photograph of the artist's impression of the Great Eastern Hotel, to coincide with an intended celebration to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the original hotel in August 1865.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To grant the request.</p>
021/15	<p><u>SKATE PARK REFURBISHMENT PROJECT</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the submission of an application for funding from Veolia Environmental Trust and to seek planning permission, if required, to enable the aforementioned application to be submitted.</p>
022/15	<p><u>GUILDHALL IMPROVEMENT WORKS</u></p> <p>Members discussed the on-going improvement works being carried out at the Guildhall and RESOVLED: To earmark up to £1500 to purchase under sink water heaters, a hot drinks dispenser; and a combi oven/microwave. Clerk to liaise with the Mayor, Cllr J Brown and Estates Supervisor to find the most cost effective option for the drinks dispenser.</p>
023/15	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Committee held on 15th April 2015 (previously circulated) be received.</p>
024/14	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 3rd June 2015 (previously circulated) be received.</p> <p>FURTHER RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations of the committee in relation to grant funding application from Harwich Quay Fireworks Committee.</p>

025/15	<p><u>ACCOUNTS</u> Payments and receipts, current balances, financial activity against budgets and earmarked funds were noted. RESOLVED: to authorise payments as presented.</p>
026/15	<p><u>BRIEF REPORTS BY MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES</u> Cllr Erskine attended a recent TDALC meeting where much of the discussion was regarding planning, since Cllr Carlo Guglielmi was in attendance. He referred to a new planning course for TDC councillors; the A120 resurfacing in August for 10 nights (17th - 27th), and the associated diversions through Ramsey, Wrabness, Mistley and Bradfield; PCSOs, which will now be based at Harwich Police Station; and community agents for the area. Cllr Powell mentioned there is a meeting of the Harwich Festival of the Arst Committee tomorrow. He reported that all is on track now after losing one of their substantial funders. He also attended a Community Resilience meeting about Emergency Planning and reported that the Government wants to introduce a central hub so all Emergency Plans (EP) can be put onto it, and where it can be accessed by the emergency services if they are unable to contact anyone from the respective area. He said that personal contact numbers will be removed. He further reported that another amendment was needed to the EP, to incorporate a flood plan, and suggested we work with Ramsey & Parkeston PC as this will also affect them and they will need to do a plan also. Cllr J Henderson attended a recent Teen Talk committee meeting. She reported an increase in staff as they have received some funding, and that they have expanded into Clacton and some uptake in Colchester.</p>
027/15	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE POST OR RAISED BY MEMBERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members noted receipt of a letter of thanks received from the Harwich Society for HTC's contribution towards this year's Harwich in Bloom scheme (circulated separately). • Members noted receipt of a letter of thanks from the Anne Frank Trust following their visit to Harwich and attendance at a reception at the Guildhall in their honour. And further considered sending a letter of thanks for their gift to Harwich Town Council of a copy of Anne Frank's book. RESOLVED: To send a letter of thanks to the Anne Frank Trust and also convey the Council's thanks to Honorary Archivists Ray Plummer, for his attendance and contribution to the evening. <p>Cllr Powell referred to Harwich and Clacton Police stations and potential closures. They are not fit for purpose but feels it's more important to keep the presence of police in Harwich, even if they have to share a premises. We should be prepared for this when and if it happens. RESOLVED: To send a letter to the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC), to inform them HTC are aware of the possibility of closures in Essex and if they were mindful to close Harwich station, the one thing HTC would accept is any reduction of police presence based in that area. Also to reassure people in the area and reinstate people's confidence in the police. Cc: MP</p> <p>Cllr McLeod brought up the possible closure of the Urology department at Colchester. RESOLVED: To write to CHUFT that it's been brought to our attention of urology services being moved away from Colchester and HTC would like to make it clear that on behalf of our residents we are totally opposed to this for the reasons that Harwich has a large population of elderly residents, low transport ownership and poor transport links. Cc: to Ian Davidson and Linda McWilliams at TDC, and MP.</p>

028/15	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Harwich Town Council will be held on Wednesday 22nd July at The 1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich, at 7.00pm, or at the rise of the Town Planning Committee, whichever is the later.</p>
029/15	<p>Exclusion of public and press</p> <p>Pursuant to Sub-Section 2 of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the meeting was closed to the press and public for the transaction of the under-mentioned business:</p> <p>“ Additional key holder</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm

CHAIRMAN

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