

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF

HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2019

Present: The Town Mayor of Hythe
Councillor D Wade (In the Chair)

Councillors T Cullen, M Dearden, A Dickinson, P Graham, J Hawkins, J Martin,
S McConnell, K Miles, D Owen, N Slade, T Prater, M Whybrow and H Williams

Also Present: The Town Clerk

68/19 APOLOGIES
Councillors L Fraser and P O'Connor

69/19 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 16TH MAY & 24TH JUNE 2019
It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Dearden
SECONDED BY: Councillor T Prater and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 16th May and 24th June 2019, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

Voting:
For 13 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

70/19 REGISTERING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were none declared.

71/19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Whybrow
SECONDED BY: Councillor P Graham and

RESOLVED – That the meeting stand adjourned to enable public participation in accordance with Standing Orders 1f and 1g.

A member of the public addressed the meeting regarding Min No 79/19 Wildlife Trust.

Councillor K Miles entered the Chamber at this juncture.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J Martin
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Dickinson

RESOLVED – That the meeting be re-convened.

72/19 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS

- 1 The Mayor passed on the Civic Society’s thanks to all the Councillors who had come along to its Civic Day exhibition. The Civic Society had stated that it had been a pleasure to meet with himself and Councillor Hawkins and they understood that Councillor Miles and maybe a couple of others had come along too. The Civic Society hoped they all found it interesting.
- 2 The Mayor had attended Armed Forces Day and was pleased to have met with the two D-Day veterans. He had also attended a very moving occasion on Canada Day.
- 3 The Mayor replied to Councillor Miles’s email regarding Civic Sunday. The reason that he did not feel able to convene one was that he was aware of some councillors’ opposition on the grounds that they were not Anglicans, or Protestants, or perhaps practising Christians and would therefore feel excluded by the rituals, expressions of faith and piety, pomp, prayers and religious context of such a civic event. He did appreciate that many people are entirely comfortable mixing our civic duties with the practices and tenets of a particular religious tradition but many others are not. There is perhaps not now the religious uniformity and conformity that there was when this practice was invented in Victorian times.

73/19 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 8 b

There were none received.

74/19 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 21ST MAY & 11TH JUNE 2019

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J Martin
SECONDED BY: Councillor M Dearden and

RESOLVED – That The Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on 21st May and 11th June 2019 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Voting:

For 14 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

75/19 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 16TH MAY & 23RD MAY 2019

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Whybrow
SECONDED BY: Councillor S McConnell and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings held on 16th May and 23rd May 2019 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Voting:

For 14 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

76/19 PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24TH JUNE 2019

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J Hawkins
SECONDED BY: Councillor M Whybrow and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee meeting of 24th June 2019 be received and the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

Voting:

For 14 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

77/19 PROPOSED CLIMATE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Members considered the previously circulated declaration to be adopted by the Town Council put forward by Councillor Whybrow.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Dearden
SECONDED BY: Councillor T Cullen

That the target year of carbon neutrality from its activities of 2025 by changed to 2030.

The motion was lost.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Whybrow
SECONDED BY: Councillor J Hawkins and

RESOLVED – That a sub-committee be formed of Councillors to report back to the Finance & General Purposes committee.

Voting:

For 14 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

78/19 JOURNEY TO PLASTIC-FREE COMMUNITY STATUS

Members considered the previously circulated proposal to be adopted by the Town Council put forward by Councillor Hawkins.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J Hawkins
SECONDED BY: Councillor P Graham and

RESOLVED – That the proposed journey to plastic-free community status be adopted.

Voting:

For 14 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

79/19 HYTHE WILDLIFE TRUST

Members considered the previously circulated proposal from the Mayor, Councillor Wade.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Wade
SECONDED BY: Councillor M Dearden and

RESOLVED – That:

- 1 The creation of a corporate trust with the appropriate documentation whereby each representative of the council would be a representative of that trust be implemented.
- 2 To enhance the objectives, the Wildlife Trust to be merged with the other four charities.

Voting:

For 14 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

80/19 WOODLAND TRUST

Members considered applying for free saplings from the Woodland Trust and to determine which areas would benefit from planting.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Wade
SECONDED BY: Councillor T Cullen and

RESOLVED – That:

- 1 The Town Council would apply for free saplings from the Woodland Trust.
- 2 A public consultation be enacted to ascertain how many would be needed and where would be the most beneficial area from them to be planted in.

Voting:

For 14 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

Councillor N Slade left the Chamber during the discussion and vote on the next item.

81/19 EMPLOYMENT OF A FACILITATOR FOR A ONE DAY TEAM BUILDING FOR COUNCILLORS & STAFF

Members considered the previously circulated proposal from Councillor Graham.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor P Graham
SECONDED BY: Councillor J Martin and

RESOLVED – That:

- 1 The Town Council support the employment of a facilitator for a one day team building exercise.
- 2 This item to be brought back to the Finance & General Purposes committee to discuss the financial implications.

Voting:

For 12 Against 1 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

Councillor N Slade returned to the Chamber at this juncture

82/19 HOSPITAL OF ST BARTHOLOMEW & ST JOHN

To appoint a Town Council representative to the Hospital of St Bartholomew & St John.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen

SECONDED BY: Councillor K Miles

That Councillor L Fraser be appointed as the Town Council's representative to the Hospital of St Bartholomew & St John.

Voting:

For 4 Against 10 Abstain 0 **The motion was lost.**

It was further

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J Hawkins

SECONDED BY: Councillor P Graham

That Councillor M Whybrow be appointed as the Town Council representative to the Hospital of St Bartholomew & St John.

Voting:

For 10 Against 4 Abstain **The motion was carried.**

It was then

RESOLVED – That Councillor M Whybrow be appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Hospital of St Bartholomew & St John for the ensuing four years.

Voting:

For 10 Against 4 Abstain **The motion was carried.**

83/19 WAKFIELD BEQUEST

To appoint a Town Council representative to the Wakefield Bequest.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen

SECONDED BY: Councillor J Martin

That Councillor K Miles be appointed as the Town Council's representative to the Hospital of St Bartholomew & St John.

Voting:

For 4 Against 10 Abstain 0 **The motion was lost.**

It was further

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Whybrow

SECONDED BY: Councillor J Hawkins

That Councillor T Prater be appointed as the Town Council representative to the Wakefield Bequest.

Voting:

For 10 Against 4 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

It was then

RESOLVED – That Councillor T Prater be appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Wakefield Bequest for the ensuing four years.

Voting:

For 10 Against 4 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

84/19 POLLING DISTRICT, PLACE & STATION REVIEW

Members discussed the previously circulated email from the F&HDC Democratic Service Manager relating to the current status of polling stations.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen

SECONDED BY: Councillor M Dearden and

RESOLVED – That a working group comprised of Councillors D Owen, A Dickinson and M Whybrow be formed to review all of the Polling Stations in Hythe.

Voting:

For 14 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

Councillor N Slade left the Chamber during the discussion and vote on this item.

85/19 6 STURDY CLOSE

Members discussed the previously circulated email from a local resident.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor K Miles
SECONDED BY: Councillor M Whybrow and

RESOLVED – That the previous Hythe Town Council members came to an agreement with the resident in question in relation to the development. The agreement made by the previous council must be honoured and we cannot go back on it. Indeed, the resident in question incurred considerable expense as part of that agreement, covering the Town Council's legal fees. It is clear that the covenant still holds and will be upheld by Hythe Town Council in the future.

Voting:
For 13 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

Meeting closed at 20:25 hrs

Dated this Day of 2019

Chairman