

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 14th December 2006

85/06 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. M. Dew
Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. K. Scott
Cllr. R. Streames
In attendance: Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

86/06 Apologies for absence Mr. J. Schofield.

87/06 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meetings of 16th November were approved and signed after two amendments: para 77/06 where "upgrading" should read "review"; para 70/06 should be numbered 84/06 and should include a note under a) that "A request was received from Brantham Social club for funding for their fireworks display; this was turned down." Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

88/06 Declaration of interests The Clerk gave the Councillors their declarations of interest to enable them to update them as necessary.

89/06 Matters arising from the minutes

117/05b) Highways matters The Clerk was asked to remind Highways about a number of minor works marked months ago for repair. **Action: Clerk**

126/05 Guide book The company which prints guide books generally funds them entirely through advertising; however they feel that insufficient advertising would be forthcoming in this area to cover their costs and would probably expect a contribution from the local councils involved. They have promised to let us have an estimate of this.

57/06 Running of Community Room Cllr. Dew reported that he has a number of tenants in place for the Community Room and has agreed a very favourable rate with Colne Housing. Also, all furniture in the room previously owned by the SVMTP would pass to the TC, and there might also be some one-off funding from the final accounts of the SVMTP. Essentially, the room should break even. Cllr. Dew proposed that the TC accept the lease; Cllr. Edwards seconded this and it was passed unanimously. Clerk to write to Colne Housing to confirm.

Action: Clerk

66/06e) Future of Railex site Cllr. Lay-Flurrie raised this with Bernard Jenkin MP when he had a recent surgery in Manningtree; he has written to Terry Leahy of Tesco to enquire.

80/06 Meeting dates

Item discharged

81/06 Location of waste bins Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that the bin near the bus shelter needs to be next to the bench. TDC's contractor to be contacted. **Action: Clerk**

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay It was agreed to write to the HSE observing that SSC had made recommendations to improve public safety at the Quay, enquiring if the HSE agreed with these, and if not, what would it suggest instead and requesting that Trent Wharfage be asked to improve safety accordingly, with at minimum the ladder and lifebelt being re-instated. **Action: Clerk**

90/06 To approve the budget for 2007-08 It was agreed to keep the budget the same as last year at £13760. Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Dew.

91/06 To approve payment of the following cheques Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£30.00
Status Office Services	£32.58
SLCC subscription	£65.00
Bruce Landscapes (grass cutting)	£229.13
Clerk's salary and expenses	£670.15

92/06 Correspondence

- a)** Information regarding conservation funding had been received from Suffolk Coasts and Heaths. It was agreed to pass this to Mistley PC. **Action: Clerk**
- b)** The EALC is running a course on parish planning. It was agreed to reserve two places on the May 2007 course for those who might join the town Plan committee.

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 14th December 2006**

Report prepared 8th December

- 39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street** Nothing further to report.
- 21/05d) Bench from near Skinners' Arms** 15th December has been suggested.
- 101/05 Possible site for youth shelter** Nothing further to report.
- 103/05a) Conservation Area** Nothing further to report.
- 117/05b) Highways matters** Nothing further to report.
- 126/05 Welcome card and guide book** Nothing further to report. I have been in contact again.
- 10/06a) Quotes for lighting maintenance** Nothing further to report.
- 24/06 Replacement street light** Just Lamps still pursuing light; they did, however, come out at very short notice to repair a light on York Street.
- 56/06c) Environment Agency works** Nothing further to report.
- 57/06 Running of Community Room** I have spoken to our insurers and the Community Room would add less than £10p.a. to our insurance bill.
- 66/06e) Future of Railex** Site No response as yet from Bernard Jenkin.
- 66/06f) New market sign** New sign still awaited.
- 67/06a) Suggestion to have time-limited yellow lines near the top of South Street** I have written again to all the residents to let them know that no yellow lines will be put down in the suggested location, and to tell them that I will be in contact with ECC about the camber and other matters they raised.
- 67/06b) Parking on Quay Street** Still no response.
- 78/06 Town Plan meeting** I shall very shortly contact interested parties and arrange another date.
- 80/06 Meeting dates** To be agreed at budget meeting. **Item for discharge**
- 81/06 Location of waste bins** Councillors to report.
- 82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay** I contacted the Thames Barge Sailing Trust, who have now written to TDC to request that public mooring rights be retained; they are also passing the word around to other barge owners and are willing to write to Trent Wharfage. SSC has passed me copies of its correspondence with the HSE.