

**MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL**

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**104/08 Present:** Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton  
Cllr. A. Hoskyns  
**In attendance:** Ms. F. Leate (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)  
Mrs. R. Day  
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

**105/08 Apologies for absence** Cllr. M. Dew, Cllr. V. Bettle, Cllr. R. Streames, Cllr. E. Edwards, District Cllr. C. Guglielmi.

**106/08 Minutes of the previous meetings** The minutes of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> January were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton.

**107/08 Declaration of interests** Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said she on the area board of InTend.

**108/08 Matters arising from the minutes**

**82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay** Cllr. Dew said at InTend that he is trying to arrange a meeting of all interested parties.

**118/07 Foundry court Day Centre** There is now a lunch club in operation which appears to be successful and well-established.

**Item discharged**

**20/08 Public lighting** It was decided that a Windsor light should be ordered for the junction of South St and Brook St, to replace the existing plain pole, with the intention of its being installed once the evenings are lighter.

**Action: Clerk**

**66/08 Access Survey** the dropped kerbs at the bottom of Colchester Road have been improved.

**81/08a) Addition of a name to the war memorial** The Clerk said she had heard from Mr. Hay that it appears that his uncle had been in the US Merchant Navy at the time of his death. The letter will be circulated for Councillors to comment.

**81/08d) Overcrowded bus** New double-decker promised.

**Item discharged**

**90/08 Issues with the Fiveways car park** The clerk said she had chased up the confusing sign on the recycling bins (which said they were due to be removed) with TDC. She confirmed that this an old sign which does not apply to this site, and that the site is safe as it is one of the most heavily used in the district.

**101/08 Regeneration of market area** The Mayor said she has written to nine different organisations and has already been promised some funding. She is also in discussion with TDC.

**109/08 Open session** The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

a) Mrs. Day explained that she has two main problems: firstly the light which shines along the path by the doctors' surgery also shines into the back of her flat, and secondly the local youths who gather in the trolley shelter at the southern end of the Co-op car park and make a great deal of noise into the night (as well as leaving litter and vandalising the plants). The Mayor said she would call on Mrs. Day to see the light and perhaps hear the youths for herself, and the Clerk said she would contact the co-op again about the light (which is currently switched off), and would also ask if they could fill the trolley shelter with trolleys which had been chained in place

each evening, so that the youths could no longer shelter there.

**Action: Mayor, Clerk**

**110/08 Reports from Representatives on Committees**

a) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie reported from the police committee. She said that a meeting is being planned between the Co-op, the police and the Council to discuss youth problems in the car park. It is now possible to confiscate a car if it is being used in an ‘anti-social’ way. The police now have a ‘headcam’ and although the speed guns have been taken out of service as being unreliable, they have a laser gun instead. Should the drop-in centre get planning permission, the police would hope to put in an appearance each time it’s open.

b) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton reported from SVMTP that there had been a presentation from the Built Environment Team of ECC.

c) There had also been one planning application, for the drop-in centre (**09/00036/FUL**); although the Council broadly supports youth provision, there were concerns about the location.

**111/08 To consider a grant to Community First Responders** Cllr. Hoskyns proposed £200; seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie. To be paid in March.

**Action: Clerk**

**112/08 To adopt the revised Publication Scheme** The Clerk explained that this is necessary under the Freedom of Information Act. Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie.

**113/08 To approve payment of the following cheques**

Audit Commission	£327.75
BT (final bill for phone)	£106.09

The Clerk explained that the bill for audit had been higher than expected as the Council’s expenditure had increased and thus was now in a higher charging band. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie.

**114/08 Correspondence**

**For reply and attention a)** The Clerk said that a number of grant requests had been received, and flagged up a number of items for the attention of the Councillors.

b) The following post had been added to the wallet since the agenda was written: TDC: forward plan and planning minutes; The Playing Field; ECC: road closure; EERA: training services; RCCE; Tendring Play Partnership.

**Signed..... Dated.....**

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### CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009

#### Report prepared 12<sup>th</sup> February

**39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street** nothing further to report.

**103/05a) Conservation Area** Nothing further to report.

**126/05 Guide book** A meeting has just been held; by mid-March a draft guidebook should be available.

**82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay** Nothing further to report.

**119/06 Proposed Tesco Store** The plan is now rumoured to be going before TDC in March.

**83/07 Width restriction** Highways are investigating the possibility of altering the warning signs seen by drivers entering the town to make them clearer. See correspondence in wallet.

**100/07a) Riverside Lease** I have emailed Lawford PC and they are due to discuss the matter..

**118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre** Councillors to report.

**20/08 Assorted highways and lighting issues** Councillors need to consider when we should order the new light for Brook Street.

**55/08 Youth Drop-in Centre** To be covered under 'Reports from Representatives on Committees'.

**66/08 Access Survey** Nothing further to report.

**81/08a) Addition of a name to the war memorial** Nothing further to report.

**81/08d) Overcrowded bus** First Bus has replied to say that the Harwich depot is expecting some additional double-deckers shortly which should help matters.

**89/08 Council's budget for 2009/10** This has been publicised **Item for discharge**

**90/08 Issues with the Fiveways car park** I have had a reply from the Co-op – for circulation.

**100/08 Questions for 'Mayors and Chairs' meeting with TDC** Councillors to report.

**101/08 Regeneration of market area** Councillors to offer feedback and ideas.