

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL
Unapproved
Minutes of the Town Assembly held in The Community Room
on Thursday 21st May 2009.

Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Mayor
 Cllr. M. Dew Deputy Mayor
 Cllr. V. Bettle
 Cllr. E. Edwards
 Cllr. A. Hoskyns
 Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton
 Cllr. R. Streames

In attendance: District Cllr. C. Guglielmi
 Ms. R. Kenneison - Clerk

1. Introduction and Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence.

None had been received.

3. Minutes of the previous Town Assembly held 17th April 2008 to be approved and signed.

The minutes were unanimously approved, proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Edwards.

4. Report from the District Council.

Cllr. Dew reported that TDC is now under Conservative control, with support from community Representatives. The new cabinet is led by Cllr. Neil Stock. He is no longer in the Cabinet, and our other local district councillor, Carlo Guglielmi, is now portfolio holder for community, Partnerships and Renewal. He said that he hoped the new projects in the pipeline would continue, such as various INTend projects and the upgrade of Careline, for example. He added that TDC had increased its share of Council Tax by 4%, to £149.88 for a Band D house. He said that he and Carlo Guglielmi had continued to support local parish councils and residents; he had himself helped residents with parking issues, planning, housing, recycling and so on. Despite the changes at TDC, he still represented it on the Manningtree Sports Centre JCC, the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Countryside Project and the Board of Colchester Institute.

Cllr. Guglielmi added efforts are still being made to resolve the problems at the Mistley Quay.

5. Police Report

The clerk read out a report from the local police; it was mostly concerned with the month's crime statistics, which were down on the same period in the previous year. This report also stated that the police are working with other agencies to try and reduce the problems caused by youths in

the town centre in the evenings, and urged people to contact the police to report any problems they had so that they could be addressed.

6. Mayor's Report

Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said it had been a busy year. The new Guide was about to be circulated to all households. She said the Council had succeeded in persuading Barclays Bank to improve the building at the rear of its premises, and that a streetlight at the junction of Brook Street and South street was about to be replaced; we should shortly see yellow lines near the junction of Railway Street to improve safety there. On the other hand, efforts to site a tree on the High Street had been abandoned after advice from a tree specialist. Attempts to find a site for a youth shelter had not been successful, though new seats are being planned for the market area: it is hoped to regenerate that entire area with new plantings and street furniture. The Council continued to support Mistley PC in trying to get the fence at Mistley Quay removed. She added that the Tesco plans were still going through the system; the Conservation Area Management Plan was underway and the improvements to the Co-op had been welcome. An additional name was likely to be added to the war memorial. The Stour Valley Market Towns Partnership had been reformed. She thanked the Clerk and her fellow councillors for their help and support.

7. Questions from the Public.

There were no questions.

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