

Minutes of a meeting of **TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 8 pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillors: Mr J Page (**Mayor**)  
Mr R Maskell (**Deputy Mayor**)  
Mr T Armour, Mr T Banning  
Mr J Harris, Mr P Howson  
Mr J Livings, Ms L Hallett  
Mr B Page, Mrs B Sawyers

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors: Mr D Neighbour

**DISTRIBUTION OF MAYOR'S CHARITY FUNDS**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Cllr James Page issued cheques from his Mayoral Charity account to four representatives from local voluntary organisations. The Mayor outlined the value of the organisations to the local community. The organisations receiving donations were:-

Meridian Athletic Football Club  
Refuge Information Support and Education (RISE)  
Care for Carers  
The Breast Cancer Support Group

Representatives expressed their thanks for the donation and expressed their organisation's commitment to continuing to support the local community.

392. **TO ELECT THE TOWN MAYOR FOR 2009-2010 AND TO RECEIVE HIS/HER DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr R Maskell was nominated as Mayor and there being no other nominations, was elected unanimously. Cllr Maskell signed his declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr Maskell thanked the outgoing Mayor and fellow Councillors for their support.

393. **TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2009-2010**

Cllr P Howson was nominated as Deputy Mayor and there being no other nominations, was elected unanimously. Cllr Howson thanked Councillors for their support and signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

The meeting was adjourned to take questions from members of the public.

*The Council's previous Town Clerk expressed concerns about comments made in the presentation to the Annual Town Meeting in respect of the cancellation of an event at the Telscombe Village Club. The chairman of the Village Club Committee undertook to investigate the issue at the next meeting of the Village Club.*

**Contd. Public Question Time**

*The Town Clerk was thanked for contacting the County Council in respect of a query raised at the Annual Town Meeting in respect of the bunding removal and the new National Park status for the Tye.*

*In response to a query in respect of the forthcoming County Elections, it was confirmed that no business of the Town Council would be mentioned at the County Council or on the County Council web site.*

394. **TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTEREST**

None.

395. **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES**

The following membership of Committees was unanimously **resolved:-**

(a) **AMENITIES AND CIVIC CENTRE** - Cllrs Armour, Banning, Hallett, Harris, Howson, Maskell, B Page, J Page, Pepper and Sawyers

(b) **PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS** - Cllrs Armour, Banning, Hallett, Harris, Howson Livings, Maskell, J Page and Sawyers

(c) **POLICY AND RESOURCES** - Cllrs Armour, Banning, Hallett, Harris, Howson Livings, Maskell, Neighbour, B Page, J Page and Sawyers

(d) **TYE COMMONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (not a formal Council Committee)**  
Cllrs Armour, Maskell and J Page

(e) **TELSCOMBE VILLAGE CLUB (Sub committee of Policy and Resources)** -  
Cllrs Armour, Howson, Livings, Maskell, J Page and Sawyers

(f) **GRANTS (Sub Committee of Policy and Resources)** Cllrs Banning, Howson, Maskell and J Page.

(g) **TYE (Sub Committee of Policy and Resources)** Cllrs Howson, Livings, Maskell and J Page.

396. **TO FORM AN AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE OF POLICY AND RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COUNCIL'S INTERNAL AUDIT**

The meeting unanimously resolved the formation of an Audit Sub Committee and Cllrs Banning, Howson, Maskell and J Page were appointed to the sub Committee.

397. **TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

The following Councillor representatives on outside bodies were unanimously **resolved**:-

- (a) **AGE CONCERN** - Cllrs Livings and Neighbour
- (b) **BRITISH LEGION** - Cllr Hallett
- (c) **CRIME PREVENTION PANEL** - Cllr Harris
- (d) **EAST SUSSEX ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND** - Cllr Banning
- (e) **EAST SALTDEAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** – no longer operational
- (f) **EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM** - Cllrs Armour and Howson
- (g) **LEWES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** - Cllrs Maskell and Neighbour
- (i) **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** - Cllr Harris
- (j) **PEACEHAVEN AND TELSCOMBE ACCESS GROUP** - Cllr Banning
- (k) **PEACEHAVEN AND TELSCOMBE REGENERATION FORUM** - Cllrs Neighbour and Pepper
- (l) **PEACEHAVEN AND TELSCOMBE TOWNS FORUM** - Cllr Livings
- (m) **SALTDEAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** - Cllr B Page
- (n) **SUSSEX ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** - Cllrs Maskell and J Page
- (o) **TELSCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** - Cllr Sawyers

Cllr Howson emphasised the need for local residents to be involved in the emergency planning team, particularly in respect of opening and manning emergency facilities. The possibility of establishing a register of local 4x4 vehicle owners willing to help in an emergency was also raised and it was agreed that this could be looked at a future liaison meeting involving neighbouring Town Councils and principal authorities.

398. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed by the Mayor.

399. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

400. **TO RECEIVE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES**

(a) **AMENITIES AND CIVIC CENTRE – WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009**

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Howson and it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

(b) **PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS – WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009**

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Sawyers and it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

(c) **TELSCOMBE VILLAGE CLUB – WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009**

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Armour and it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

(d) **PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS – WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009**

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Sawyers and it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

(e) **PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS – WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009**

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Livings and it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

(f) **POLICY AND RESOURCES – WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009**

The Chairman requested that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. Seconded by Cllr J Page and it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

401. **NOTIFICATION OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS 1<sup>st</sup> TO 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH AND 1<sup>st</sup> TO 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009**

**RESOLVED** that payments of £32,853.31 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March be approved and receipts of £12,659.20 for the same period be noted, and that payments of £19,734.06 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April be approved and receipts of £132,619.37 for the same period be noted.

402. **TO NOTE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2009**

**RESOLVED** the income and expenditure accounts for the Council to 31st March 2009 be noted.

403. **CHAIRMAN TO SIGN COUNCIL'S BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2009**

Cllr Howson proposed that the Council's balance sheet for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 be signed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr B Page and the Chairman signed the Balance sheet.

404. **TO NOTE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR THE COUNCIL AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2009**

**RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation for the Council at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 be noted.

405. **CHAIRMAN TO SIGN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2009**

Cllr J Page proposed that the signature of the return be delayed to establish the correct mechanism for valuation of the Council's fixed assets. It was considered that asset valuations should be considered by the Audit Sub Committee prior to agreement by Council. It was proposed and unanimously

**RESOLVED** that the external Auditors be approached for an extension of time for the completion of the Annual Return.

406. **REPORTS FROM**

(a) **THE MAYOR** - The Mayor thanked Councillors for their support and paid tribute to Cllr J Page for his hard work as Mayor over the previous two years.

(b) **THE DEPUTY MAYOR** - The Deputy Mayor advised he had nothing to report.

(c) **COUNTY COUNCILLORS** - County Councillors advised they would not be reporting due to the pending local elections.

(d) **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** - The meeting was advised that the District Council Devolution Committee was examining the possibility of devolving the Fairlight Avenue car park to the Town Council. The meeting was advised that there was possible potential to operate a park and ride scheme from the car park. The closed toilet block also had redevelopment potential to benefit residents and visitors.

Changes to the District Council were also reported with the new Chairman being Cllr David Gray and the Vice Chair Cllr Patricia Bennett.

**406. Contd. Reports From**

**Contd. (d) District Councillors**

The meeting was advised of the District Councils housing target that required 4,400 new homes by 2026. The District Council had set up a Committee to identify development sites across the District with potential for five units or over.

(e) **REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** - Cllr Livings reported on the outcome of the High Court hearing in respect of the appeal against the proposed new wastewater treatment works at Peacehaven. Peacehaven Residents Against Urban Development (PROUD) had supported the case. Cllr Livings reported that the judge had not granted leave for a further appeal and that effectively the appeal against the planning decision could not go further. Cllr Livings emphasised that the development would bring approximately £1.25 million into the area for leisure development.

Cllr Harris reported that as Chairman of neighbourhood watch that the organisation was being promoted locally with a new sign. Cllr Harris advised the organisation would be manning a stand with publicity leaflets at the forthcoming car boot sale on the Dell.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Residents Association was growing and new members were continuing to be sought. The Chairman emphasised that the association was a valuable forum for local residents to promote their views.

**407. CORRESPONDENCE**

The meeting noted the following items of correspondence: -

- (a) Friends of E Sussex Hospices invite to Mayor for 18<sup>th</sup> July
- (b) ESCC – public rights of way network survey
- (d) Lewes District Council – weekly planning list and results
- (e) Lewes District Council – Register of Electors updates
- (f) ESCC – school travel plan information
- (g) ESCC – playground inspection reports
- (h) Care for the Carers – general information

Signed .....  
Mayor, Cllr R Maskell

NB The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009** commencing at **7.30 pm.**