

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 19th December 2009**

84/09 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. A. Hoskyns Cllr. M. Dew
Cllr. R. Streames Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton

In attendance: Mrs. R. Day (to end 89/09) Mrs. Wendy St. James – New Clerk
PCSO D. Cuthbert (to 88/09) District Cllr. C. Guglielmi
Ms. C. Tilley (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)
Ms. R. Kenneison - Clerk

85/9 Apologies for absence Cllr. Bettle; Cllrs. Hoskyns and Hughes-Stanton gave late apologies for last month.

86/09 Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting of 19th November were approved, after correcting the alteration to 74/09: ‘Leader’; should be ‘chairman’ of TDC. In addition, Cllr. Hoskyns had been absent but Cllr. Edwards had been present.

87/09 Declaration of interests Cllr. Dew said that he was now a governor of the Mistley Norman Primary School and a trustee of the North Tendring Christian Youthwork Trust.

88/09 Matters arising from the minutes

55/08 Youth drop-in Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said new volunteers were being trained so that the drop-in could run on Friday nights; Cllr. Dew submitted a written report to be added to the wallet and said that up to 30 youths attended on a Thursday night.

101/08 Regeneration of market area The Mayor said that she had two benches and a waste bin ready to be installed.

69/09 New Clerk A new clerk, Mrs. Wendy St. James, has been appointed,

71/09c) Land off Malthouse Road The Councillors agreed that since the land was unregistered, the Council would take responsibility and apply to prune the trees behind 15, Erskine Road. **Action: Clerk**

77/09 Co-op car park Cllr Dew had raised the issue that the dropped kerb at the Co-op is not wide enough for vehicles exiting; this issue has been raised with the Co-op

89/09 Open session The PCSO said there had been five crimes in the month, similar to last year. He said two of these had been ‘nuisance youth’ incidents linked to Hub, but in his view these would have happened anyway and that in general the Hub was working well. The youths in the Co-op car park had been less troublesome; 15 banning letters had been issued to them. The CCTV camera has cleared the marketplace. He then left. Mrs. Day said that in her view the lights at the Co-op were still on for too long, and the Mayor said she would help to carry out a week’s survey; Mrs. Day added that the unnecessary light on Station Road had not yet been removed. Mrs. Day said she would be willing to volunteer at the Hub. **Action Mayor, Clerk**

Cllr. Guglielmi said that it was hoped that TDC council tax wouldn’t rise next year, even though the council had voted £850,000 for Dovercourt Leisure Centre; central government subsidy could be cut by as much as 25% in 2011/12. He added that the

CAMP and the supplementary planning document for Mistley waterfront were due out for consultation on 11th January. The Considerate Parking Initiative has been successfully tried in Brightlingsea. Cllr. Hoskyns proposed that Ian Taylor of TDC should come and discuss it with the Council, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie. **Action: Cllr. Guglielmi**
He added that the dispersal order is due to be renewed. Mrs. Day left.

90/09 Reports from Representatives on Committees a) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said a licensing application for Café Rio had been submitted; no objections. She added that the Business Chambers' 'Manningtree Money' had been a huge success.
b) Cllr. Dew added a press release from TDC to the mail; he said that TDC scored well in an inspection by the Audit Commission, to make it the highest-scoring local authority in Essex and one of the top 25 in the country. The INTend board has been reappointed.
c) He also reported that the Foundry Court Transformation Group had been wound up. The lunch club is now being run by Colne Housing; ECC and Colne Housing had agreed to appoint a co-ordinator for the front half of the building, as the current manager has been doing two jobs. This will affect the Council's lease, but it's not yet clear how.

91/09 To approve the Town council's budget and precept request for 2010-11. The precept has been set at £14,915, an increase of 2.75% (following no increase last year). Proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Edwards. **Action: Clerk**

92/09 To set meeting dates for 2010 It was agreed to continue to meet on the third Thursday of every month except August. **Action: Clerk**

93/09 To discuss the adoption of the red telephone kiosk This was speedily agreed, although it would incur maintenance costs. Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded, Cllr. Lay-Flurrie. Clerk to contact TDC. **Action: Clerk**

94/09 To consider highways issues: a) **speeding on Colchester Road** Cllr. Dew proposed asking highways for a site visit to discuss ways of reducing traffic speeds past Foundry Court, and for the police to carry out several speed checks over the next few months. Cllr. Streames suggested that the council ask for a flashing speed warning sign.
b) **Parking on the corner of York St and Oxford Road** The clerk said she had looked at this after receiving an email from a resident and agreed with his assessment that yellow lines would be needed to stop inconsiderate drivers blocking the corner with parked cars. It was agreed to include a visit to this location in the site visit. **Action: Clerk**

95/09 To discuss a project to improve the High Street The Clerk said that she spoken to TDC, who had suggested a site visit. January 8th was agreed **Action Clerk**

96/09 To approve payment of the following cheques

Status Office Services	£9.08
Lawford PC (Handyman)	£1144.19
Clerk's salary and expenses	£745.88

Also paid during the month: Wood for Stone £21.00 for VAT omitted from payment in error; Accent Marketing £70.00 per minute 56/09 and British Legion £35.00 per budget. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie.

97/09 Correspondence

For reply and attention a) The clerk is to contact ECC regarding the incorrect wording of the covering letter for the yellow lines application for Brook Street. **Action: Clerk**

At the close of the meeting, Cllr. Dew, with the support of all the Councillors, offered their grateful thanks to the Clerk for her hard work over the preceding seven years.

Signed.....Dated.....