



COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a Meeting of the Newhaven Town Council
held in Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven,
on **Tuesday 20th July 2010 at 7.52pm**

PRESENT: Councillors Graham Amy (Town Mayor)
Judith Ost (Leader of the Council)
Julie Carr (Lead Member for Partnership)
Ann Giles (Lead Member for Children & Young People)
Steve Saunders (Lead Member for Planning)
Carla Butler
Diana Conyers
Darren Grover
Maurice Langham
Roderick Main
Pat Ost
Robert Robertson

ALSO ATTENDING: Ian Everest, Town Clerk
Jacky Cole, Minute Secretary
PC Matt Holt
Samantha Clark, Sussex Express
Paul Rideout, East Sussex County Council
Mick Hawksworth
2 members of the public

C483/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Adams, Emma Clothier, Cynthia Kennedy and Angela Simmons. Councillor David Rogers had sent apologies that he expected to arrive late (in the event he did not manage to arrive before the end of the meeting).

C484/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

C485/10 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none. Councillor Carla Butler arrived during this item.

C486/10 **MINUTES**

The Council considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 8th June 2010.

RESOLVED:

That these Minutes be signed by the Mayor as a true record of the proceedings.

C487/10 **PC MATT HOLT**

PC Holt reported that there had been very little trouble in Newhaven's pubs and clubs during the World Cup and that the nights when England played had been policed with good humour. Councillor Julie Carr arrived at this point in the meeting.

The street drinkers have moved from Denton Island back into the town centre and Police will be focusing on this again. PCs Holt and Barkaway will be visiting Brighton to find out how they deal with similar problems there.

There has been a recent surge in vehicle crime involving Ford Fiestas and the police have CCTV footage of one being broken into on Denton Island.

Following the recent One Street a Month initiative at Gibbon Road and Hanson Road a follow up survey has been carried out to find out how residents now feel about the police. The results were mixed – some residents felt the Police were doing a good job, and others didn't. Those who felt the Police were doing a poor job will be revisited to find out why.

The Police have been attending local events such as the RNLI Fete, the South Heighton Fete and the Brownie and Guide Fete. They are focusing on meeting the local community and talking about what they are doing. It has also been an opportunity to promote anti-terrorist measures.

PC Holt will attend the Newhaven Youth Forum to set up a Youth Panel to find out what young people want from the Police.

PC Holt was asked about a number of recent incidents at the Avis Parade shops where damage has been done to shop fronts and whether he thought there could be a racial motive to these. PC Holt said he would look into this.

PC Holt was asked what might be done to reassure more elderly residents in the Valley Road area who are concerned about young people using the Parkour area late at night and causing a noise nuisance. He responded that it had already been decided to hold a street surgery in the area on Wednesday 28th July to which some of the youths using the area late at night will be invited as well as more elderly residents to try and get a dialogue going between the two sides.

A request was passed on from the Newhaven Day Club that PC Holt attend to talk about security measures such as door chains and it was agreed that PC Holt would attend on Friday 30th July at 11am.

C488/10 **EAST SUSSEX COMPACT**

Mr Paul Rideout of the East Sussex Compact Steering Group spoke about the Compact, which is an agreement between the public sector and the voluntary and community sector. The East Sussex Compact is recognised as one of the top 15 in the country and all tiers of local government above town and parish councils are already signed up to it. Newhaven Town Council already complies with many of the guidelines.

C488/10 **EAST SUSSEX COMPACT** Continued ...

There is no cost to signing up and no extra work – it is just a set of guidelines to help organisations work together. At present there are no town or parish councils signed up in the whole country, so if Newhaven Town Council signed up they would be the very first. If the Town Council was signed up the Compact organisations could help the Council to engage with the community, for example in public consultations.

Mr Rideout was asked whether he thought the Compact Steering Group could be a casualty of the current severe cut backs in local government spending but he responded that it seemed to be a field that the new Government were keen to support.

RESOLVED:

To become a signatory to the East Sussex Compact.

C489/10 **ENGLISHMEN IN DIEPPE**

Mr Mick Hawksworth spoke about previous projects which he and his partner Paul Myles had brought to fruition, mostly in Lewes, involving artists and the local community. He explained that they had a track record of getting things done and obtaining funding and that they thought their idea was achievable and that they would hope to leave a lasting legacy in the town.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- To pay £1,500 to Mr Paul Myles and Mr Mick Hawksworth to research the basic storylines, contact potential partners, identify a venue and produce a project budget plan that will include funding routes for this project. This funding is to be taken from the Tourism and Promotion Budget.
- That Councillors Carla Butler and Steve Saunders will form the steering group for this project.

Authority to Spend:

The Local Government Act 1972, section 144, gives the Town Council the power to spend money on encouraging tourism.

C490/10 **SHAKESPEARE HALL**

The Council considered the report of the Assistant Town Clerk.

After a full discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- That the Town Council agrees to pay for the costs of the building audit and feasibility study to be carried out by Wave Leisure;
- That the Town Council agrees to pay for the running costs of Shakespeare Hall from 1st September until 31st December 2010 up to a limit of £3,000.
- That the Town Clerk is authorised to deal with the administration of the hall from 1st September until 31st December 2010, or until Wave Leisure are able to take it over, whichever is earlier;
- That the Clerk is authorised to provide a written guarantee of the above points to the Trustees of Shakespeare Hall and also written instructions to Wave Leisure to carry out the building audit and feasibility study;
- That Peter Crowley, the Managing Director of Wave Leisure, is invited to present a report to Council when the building audit and feasibility study has been carried out – if possible to the meeting of the Council to be held on 28th September 2010.

C490/10 SHAKESPEARE HALL Continued ...

Authority to Spend:

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 19, gives the Town Council the power to equip community buildings used for athletic, social or recreational objectives.

C491/10 BBP VISIONING DOCUMENT

The Leader of the Council reported that she and the Mayor had started to go through this document but that more time was needed. The deadline for comments from the Town Council is the end of August. She hoped they would have finished going through the document by the end of July. The document will go out for public consultation in the autumn and it was felt that the Town Council should get involved with this to make sure that local opinion was fully heard.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

That the Leader of the Council and the Mayor should continue going through the document and making comments on behalf of the Town Council and that when this is finished the document should be available in the Town Council offices for other councillors to also comment on if they wish.

C492/10 AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Council received and noted the minutes of the Audit Committee.

C493/10 LISTS OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING MAY AND JUNE 2010

RESOLVED:

That the Lists of Payments amounting to £378,749.16 and £42,655.83 respectively be approved.

C494/10 PROGRESS ON PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The Council noted the report of the Assistant Town Clerk.

Arising from Item 4, the Council recorded their thanks to the Assistant Town Clerk for her hard work gathering evidence to support the Town Council's case and for giving evidence on behalf of the Town Council; and to the ten local residents who also gave evidence to the Inspector in person.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Date:
Town Mayor