



# MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting  
held in the Community Room on  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at 7.35 p.m.**

This meeting was convened 5 minutes later than planned due to the Planning Committee business exceeding its schedule.

**21/15 Present:** Cllr. M. Morsley (Mayor) Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie (Deputy Mayor)  
Cllr. J. Charlesworth Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton  
**In attendance:** Ms. R. Creed (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)  
District Cllr. A. Coley Mrs. W. Saint-James (Clerk)

## **22/15 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Guglielmi.

## **23/15 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, having been circulated previously, were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded by Cllr. Lay-Flurrie and signed by the Mayor.

## **24/15 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **25/15 Open Session**

There were no members of the public present.

## **26/15 Reports from the District and County Councils**

Cllr. Guglielmi's District Council report included items on the Full Council's AGM and the new Cabinet which was announced a week later; a recent Crimewatch Roadshow live broadcast from Clacton regarding a campaign to remove knives off the streets of the county; and the Clacton Airshow. A copy of the report was included in the correspondence wallet.

Cllr. Guglielmi's report from the County Council was not available in time for the meeting and would be circulated separately.

## **27/15 Matters arising from the minutes**

**48/14 To request the North Essex Parking Partnership to extend the double yellow lines in the High Street from The Crown Hotel to the Manningtree War Memorial** The Mayor offered to add his personal weight to solving the problem of inconsiderate parking and the need for the white lines to be re-marked. This was agreed unanimously. The clerk was asked to enquire if the Considerate Parking Initiative was still active and, if so, if this area could be monitored. **Action: Mayor/Clerk**

**69/14 The Council's website** The clerk summarised the latest report which was included in the correspondence wallet.

**128/14 To discuss and consider solutions to the problem of deteriorating footpaths in Manningtree** Cllr. Guglielmi's correspondence with ECC Highways was included in the correspondence wallet.

**140/14 To consider concerns raised by District Cllr. Patten regarding the quality of Abellio Greater Anglia's rail service and strategic issues about the impact Manningtree Station is having on the local area.** Cllr. Guglielmi has circulated the relevant reports.

**174/14 (a)(iii) Report on Recycling** Jonathan Hamlet's report is in the correspondence wallet.

### **05/15 Election of Officers**

**Item Discharged**

**b). Item (k) Representative to the 3 Parishes PCSO Committee**

**Item Discharged**

**c). Item (m) Salt Monitor:** Cllr. Lay-Flurrie reported that Mr. Double has agreed to be our Salt Monitor.

**Item Discharged**

**13/15 to approve the Town Council's accounts for 2014/15**

**Item Discharged**

**16/15 To agree the co-option of two councillors**

**Item Discharged**

**18/15 to consider participating in the Marine Conservation Society Beach Clean-up** Cllrs.

Lay-Flurrie and Hughes-Stanton will liaise on this project. **Action: Cllrs. Lay-Flurrie/Hughes-Stanton**

**20/15 Correspondence (a)(i). Email from Lawford Parish Council regarding a social media course**

**Item Discharged**

### **28/15 Report from the Planning Committee**

As everyone present had attended the Planning Committee meeting held prior to this one Cllr. Morsley's report was taken as read. Please see the Planning Committee Meeting minutes for full details.

### **29/15 Reports from Representatives on other committees**

a). Cllr. Hughes-Stanton attended the Local Community Resilience Workshop at Weeley and said we have to update our Emergency Plan when all the councillors' details are up to date. TDC want all the Parish Plans to go on a central hub so that, in the event of an emergency, they have them all to hand.

### **30/15 Election of Officers**

It was agreed unanimously that the outstanding vacancies should go on the next agenda. **Item Discharged**

### **31/15 To consider an S137 grant in the sum of £70 for the Rotary Club's Young Musician of the Year Competition in accordance with the budget.**

This was agreed unanimously in the sum of £70, proposed by Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded by Cllr. Hughes-Stanton and payable at this meeting. **Action: Clerk**

### **32/15 To consider requesting ECC Highways to widen the pavements along 'The Gut' in the High Street (and thus narrow the road) in the interests of pedestrian and road user safety.**

Cllr. Lay-Flurrie explained that 'The Gut' is the narrow part of the High Street that runs parallel to The Lane. Traffic approaching the crossroads at Market Cross is supposed to give way to oncoming vehicles but that is not always the case. She felt that the solution was to make the road narrower (just wide enough for a bus to negotiate) which would create space to widen the footpaths on both sides. This would serve interests of both road and pedestrian safety. It was proposed by Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded by Cllr.

Charlesworth and agreed unanimously that this proposal be submitted to the Local Highway Panel, via County Cllr. Guglielmi, for consideration. **Action: Clerk**

### **33/15 To consider installing a new bench in Manningtree in remembrance of a local resident's late husband**

Since issuing the agenda it had transpired that the resident was already considering two options for the siting of the memorial bench and therefore the councillors decided not to pursue this matter.

**Item Discharged**

### **34/15 To approve the following for payment:**

Mr. D. Hitchcock (Handyman's wages for April to June, 2015)	:	£265.70
Mrs. W. Saint-James (clerk's salary and expenses for April to June 2015)	:	£1,632.65
A.R. Fabb Bros. Limited (bar for mayoral regalia)	:	£40.80
Dr. B. Saint-James (quarterly website maintenance)	:	£91.25
Mrs. K. Sheffield (plants for Floral Manningtree)	:	£48.90

Plus a standing order payment to Colne Housing for £200 for Community Room hire and additional payments of £66.40 to HMRC (D. Hitchcock's income tax); £70 to the Rotary Club of Manningtree Stour Valley (see item 31/15 above) and £66.00 for membership of the RCCE. Proposed by Cllr. Lay-Flurrie and seconded by Cllr. Charlesworth.

### **35/15 Correspondence**

a). The following matters were brought to the Councillors' attention:-

- i). Email regarding the bus route through Manningtree. The councillors would consider this matter and decide whether to put it on the agenda.
- ii). Email regarding Planning training at Weeley. This would be considered by the councillors.
- iii). Email regarding councillor training at Lawford. It was agreed that this course would be offered to the two new co-opted members.

b). Some mail had been received post-agenda and included in the correspondence wallet:- Ship2Shore magazine; website statistics; Cllr. Guglielmi's report from the District Council.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Signed.....

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