

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Sportsman Meeting Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield.

PRESENT: Councillor Howard Morgan – Town Mayor  
Councillor Caron Juggins – Deputy Town Mayor  
Councillor Mike Alder Councillor Kim Langley  
Councillor Dean Archer Councillor Stan Laver-Walton  
Councillor Linda Clark Councillor Linda Mendez  
Councillor Mick Clark Councillor Ron Wheeler  
Councillor Peter Heyman Councillor Margaret White  
Councillor Sheila Jones

OFFICERS: Carrie Lloyd (Town Clerk)  
Paul Widdicombe (Deputy Town Clerk)

40. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Colin Croft and Councillor Geoff Wiltshire

41. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

42. MINUTES

It was noted that Councillor Kim Langley had raised concerns that if sufficient houses were not built in Hatfield then income from the Community Infrastructure Levy and New Homes Bonus would not be sufficient for local Councils to improve the area and services for residents.

Subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Councillors Howard Morgan, Caron Juggins, Colin Croft, Kim Langley and Linda Mendez declared an interest as members of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.

44. QUESTIONS

There were no questions pursuant to Standing order No. 9a.

45. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**a) Planning Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

The Minutes of the above Committee were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011 be received and any recommendations therein be approved.

**b) Resources and Policy Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

The Minutes of the above Committee were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011 be received and any recommendations therein be approved.

**c) Planning Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

The Minutes of the above Committee were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 be received and any recommendations therein be approved.

**d) Leisure Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

The Minutes of the above Committee were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011 be received and any recommendations therein be approved.

46. STANDING ORDERS

Members considered the revised Standing Orders. The Clerk was requested to ascertain the substitute Members for each Committee from the Group Leaders.

RESOLVED that the revised Standing Orders be approved.

47. LOCALISING SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL TAX

Members considered the request from the National Association of Local Councils that the Council considers which groups (apart from pensioners) should be protected from the intended welfare reforms being introduced.

RESOLVED that;

- i) Severely mentally disabled people, teenage parents, single parents with children under 7 and carers of people with disabilities should be protected against the intended reforms.
- ii) Landlords of student accommodation should pay Council Tax.

48. HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION SPD

Members considered the draft Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD.

RESOLVED that the Borough Planning Department be advised that the draft SPD is welcomed.

49. OLYMPIC LEGACY

Members considered the report of officers which advised of a suggestion by the Borough Council that an Olympic legacy be created in Hatfield by June 2012. The Borough Council had requested that the Town Council consider match funding their own budget to enable a significant project to be delivered.

It was suggested that the Council's contribution should be pro-rata to the Borough Council's contribution. Some Members felt that the full amount should be offered so that the scheme was not jeopardised.

RESOLVED that £19,500 match funding be offered to the Borough Council for an Olympic Legacy Project.

Closure: 20.25

Mayor