

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10 March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Sportsman Meeting Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield.

PRESENT: Councillor C. Juggins – Town Mayor  
Councillor L. Clark – Deputy Town Mayor  
Councillor M. Alder Councillor H. Morgan  
Councillor S. Atkinson Councillor R. Wheeler  
Councillor D. Berry Councillor M. White  
Councillor M. Clark Councillor G. Wiltshire  
Councillor D. Kay

OFFICERS: C. A. Lloyd (Town Clerk)

55. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H. Berry, Councillor K. Langley, Councillor R. Smith and Councillor S. Laver-Walton

56. COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor advised that Teri Floyd, de Havilland Housing Partnership Community Co-ordinator would now make her presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14 April 2010.

57. TOWN CENTRE PLANNING APPLICATION - PRESENTATION

Chris Conway Director (Strategy and Development) at Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council presented the application to Members and answered questions.

Chris Conway Director (Strategy and Development) left the meeting.

58. TOWN CENTRE PLANNING APPLICATION

Members considered the application and RESOLVED that the Council welcomes the application and wishes to make the following comments;

- (i) Block "D" – the toilets should be located on the ground floor for ease of access by people with disabilities, pushchairs or young children. Better provision could be made by a standalone public toilet. Has the applicant considered the self-cleaning type of public toilet?
- (ii) Buses – Members consider it very important that the "High Street" element can be incorporated in the scheme and good transport links between the Galleria, Town Centre and station be established for buses, bikes, scooters etc.
- (iii) Members would wish to see increased community use introduced into the Town Centre in the future when viable. The loss of the Bill Salmon Centre needs to be addressed somewhere within the redevelopment of the Town Centre.

- (iv) Members would like to be included in the consultation on matters referring to the public realm. An increased civic pride and presence is considered essential.
- (v) We would be in favour of more traditional materials to be used wherever and the steel fence on building A should be replaced with something more traditional. The Council would like to be included as much as possible in the choice of materials.
- (vi) The Council would like to be kept informed of the “green” initiatives being used as the development progresses and any changes which have to be made to the proposals made thus far.
- (vii) Generally we would like to be kept up to date with any planning developments including reserved matters.

As Hatfield does not have a Chamber of Commerce the Clerk was requested to write to Primark and Matalan emphasising the benefits of opening a store in Hatfield. Members further requested that the Clerk look into encouraging a Chamber of Commerce for the Town.

59. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

60. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and 27 January 2010 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

62. QUESTIONS

There were no questions pursuant to Standing Order No. 24.

63. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**a) Planning Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

The Minutes of the above Committee were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be received and any recommendations therein be approved.

**b) Leisure Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

The Minutes of the above Committee were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be received and any recommendations therein be approved.

**c) Resources and Policy Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

The Minutes of the above Committee were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be received and any recommendations therein be approved.

**d) Planning Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010**

The Minutes of the above Committee were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 be received and any recommendations therein be approved.

**e) Planning Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010**

The Minutes of the above Committee were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 be received and any recommendations therein be approved.

**64. TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR AND INTERNAL CONTROL**

Members considered the report of officers and RESOLVED that the effectiveness of the internal auditor and internal control be confirmed.

**65. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2010/11**

Members noted the schedule of work from Auditing Solutions and RESOLVED that Auditing Solutions be appointed the Council's Internal Auditors for 2010/11.

**66. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted that the date of the Council meeting would be 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Closure: 20:55

Mayor