

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND ON
MONDAY 30TH MARCH 2009 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: N. Harvey (Chairman)
D. Anderson J. Anderson R. Bishop D. Blackwell B. Dixie
P. Greig J. Liddiard (Vice –Chairman) N. Pontius

Also present: Borough Councillors L. Barratt, P. May, J. Payne and N Watson
Two members of the public

Mrs J. Abel – Town Clerk

155. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. Davies who had a work commitment and Cllr. N. Pontius who was unwell.

156. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

157. PUBLIC FORUM

Borough Cllr. Watson spoke strongly about the need for the Council to continue the organization of the Armed Forces Day through a working group.

158. ARMED FORCES DAY

i) To receive a report from the Working Group

A member of the working group made a verbal report of the progress made with the event's organization.

RESOLVED that the Council:

- Contacts CPBC to request that the Paddocks bar is open for the event;
- Contacts Essex Police/CPBC to organize a road closure from Furtherwick Park School to the Paddocks;
- Meets the cost of the Paddocks room hire for the day of £330.23
- Writes to Sainsbury's and Morrisons to request that they contribute some biscuits for use at the event.

ii) To agree a budget for the organization of the event

Councillors noted that Bob Spinks MP had been successful in applying to the Ministry of Defence for part-funding for the event. A letter confirming that a contribution of £2,050.00 was provided by Cllr. Blackwell. The Clerk queried whether the grant was payable to the Town Council or the MP and which aspects of the event the application would fund.

RESOLVED that the Council agrees a budget of £5,000 for the organization of the event.

iii) To consider the process by which the Council should progress organization of the event

The Council noted a report circulated by the Clerk recommending the formalisation of the working group meetings to ensure that decisions and expenditure related to the event met with legislation. The Clerk advised that working groups have no power to agree expenditure. Councillors were advised that an alternative procedure was to form a temporary committee with powers of expenditure and decision making delegated to it by the Council. The Council did not favour forming a temporary committee with delegated powers and a delegated budget. The Clerk advised that the Council would need to give consideration to its powers of expenditure for aspects of the event.

RESOLVED that the Council progresses the organization of the Armed Forces Day through an informal working group and that it reverts to the Council for resolutions on actions and expenditure against the agreed budget.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE