

That the minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on 18 June 2007 and 20 August 2007 be accepted.

203/07 **Proposed Farmers Market 2008**

Members were disappointed to learn that there will only be one Farmers Market held in Hythe in 2008 as they felt that they have been well supported for many years. Unfortunately the recent opening of some private markets appears to have hit trade and it was felt that Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays are not good days for encouraging trade for a variety of reasons.

Although it was agreed that it is now probably too late to add to the dates for 2008 unless a Christmas market can be added various options were discussed for future years.

Saturdays were agreed to be the best day to hold the market but ways of encouraging trade into the village such as holding the market in The Marsh or St John's Street Car Park need to be investigated.

RESOLVED

That the Market Town Co-ordinator and Tourism Group be asked to investigate the possibility of holding Farmers Markets in Hythe on a Saturday in future.

204/07 **Update on Public Buildings**

- The Grove
- Clayfields
- Parish Hall
- Workshop
- Pavilion Shore Road

Members noted that the work on the disabled ramp at the Parish Hall had been completed and approved.

205/07 **Community Safety Initiative (CSI) Street Lighting**

Consideration was given to a request from Hampshire County Council for bids for the 2008/2009 street lighting initiative.

Members agreed that the previously unsuccessful bids for Langdown Road and the footpath between South Street and Park Close should be made again although the County Council should be made aware of the possibility of new houses being built along the footpath route.

It was suggested that the footpath which joins the Golden Hind estate to Beaulieu Road would benefit from a light which was previously taken out of commission being reinstated. However, any potential bids should be as a result of consultation between residents, community safety officers and other interested parties.

RESOLVED

1. That bids are put forward for lighting in Langdown Road and the footpath from South Street to Park Close.
2. That consultation be held to determine whether there is a need for more lighting between the Golden Hind estate and Beaulieu Road.
3. That all members be contacted for suggestions for areas which may be included in future bids.

206/07 **Community Safety Service Update**

Consideration was given to the Community Safety Service Update.

RESOLVED

That the Community Safety Service Update be noted.

207/07 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Consideration was given to a request from New Forest District Council for comments on the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

Members have received many complaints from those in the Hythe West 2 ward that the Waterside School is not a convenient or logical place for them to vote. Many feel that the Community Centre would be more suitable. It was suggested that the Horrill Centre may be more appropriate when it is built.

Other suggestions were made for The Grove to be used as a Polling Station or for technology to be utilised to allow voters to choose the Polling Station most convenient to them.

It was pointed out that the entrance to the Fountain Court Hotel involved using a steep set of steps which were challenging for the less mobile and although there is a disabled ramp it is situated on the other side of the building.

RESOLVED

That the District Council be advised that this Council feels that the Waterside School is unsuitable for many voters in the Hythe West 2 ward and that there are problems with access to the Fountain Court Hotel.

(Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting. Mr Parkes declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during consideration thereof)

208/07 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

209/07 The Grove**(a) Waterside CAB – Office Rent**

Consideration was given to a request for financial assistance for the coming year from Waterside CAB.

RESOLVED

That an additional grant of £4000 be made to Waterside CAB for this financial year with a further £4000 being made in the next financial year, if necessary, providing it has been demonstrated that efforts have been made to secure funding from other Local Councils.

(Mr Vickers declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

(b) New Forest District Council – Proposed changes to reception area

Consideration was given to changes to the Information Offices in The Grove which have been proposed by New Forest District Council to ensure the safety of staff.

It was RECOMMENDED

That changes be made to the Information Offices at The Grove with particular attention being paid to security and lighting issues.

(Mr A Wade and Mr Parkes declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairman

Date

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