

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD ON
MONDAY, 18 JULY 2011**

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor of Hertford
Councillor Mrs S Newton

The Deputy Mayor
Councillor R Radford

Councillors

P Boyle, Miss C Geall, Mrs B Haddock, Mrs B Mansfield, P Moore
M McCormick, D Poole, Dr L E Radford, P Ruffles, Miss J Sartin,
A Stevenson, R Willis and N Wilson

Officers

Civic Administration Manager – Ms T Carpenter

In attendance

4 Members of the public

Prayers – The Rev'd Gerry Booker (Mayor's Chaplain) led the Council in the opening prayers.

PRESENTATION:

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Mrs B Haddock presented cheques totalling £7459.26 to representatives of Herts Young Carers and MacMillan Cancer Support, being the proceeds from the Mayor of Hertford's Appeal Fund 2010/11

127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Miss J Sartin Cllr R Radford Cllr P Ruffles	Personal	Agenda Item 8 – Council Aims and Objectives	Trustees of Museum
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128. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised the Council that she had attended many interesting engagements over the last couple of months, including good school speech days, a military Tattoo and Charity fund raising events and meetings with local people, all of which had been extremely rewarding.

The Mayor wished to pass on her thanks to the staff for their support and help since she had taken office.

A meeting with Parish Council Chairman had proved extremely successful, with a good turnout and expressions of appreciation from all who attended.

Cllr Ruffles thanked the Mayor for her initiative which was an important step for the Council. The invitation had been County wide and had put the County Town of Hertford on the map as a borough of historical significance.

129. THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 11 April 2011, the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2011 and the Special Town Council meeting held on 27 June 2011 be approved as a correct record and the Mayor be authorised to sign the same.

130. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

131. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillor M McCormick moved the report of the Community Services Committee meeting held on held on 13 June 2011 (including the relevant report of the Youth Town Council meeting of 17 March 2011)

Min 50 Bee Keeping at Hertingfordbury Allotments

It was confirmed that arrangements for bee keeping at the Hertingfordbury Allotments were progressing.

Min 49 Mudlarks Community Garden Project

Mudlarks was congratulated regarding the recognition it had received from both the Chelsea Flower Show and Hampton Court Flower Show and the Council noted that the project had integrated well at the Cromwell Road Allotments and was proving an asset to the Community.

Youth Town Council

The contribution of the Youth Town Council over the past 20 years was noted with appreciation.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The report of the Community Services Committee held on 13 June 2011 be received.

132. DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Councillor Miss J Sartin moved the report of the Development and Leisure Committee meeting held on 20 June 2011 (including the relevant reports of the Planning Sub-Committee meetings of 14th February, 28th February, 14 March, 21st March (reconvened from 14 March) 4 April, 11 April, 26th April and 24th May 2011).

Min 81 Hertford in Bloom

To note that judging for Hertford in Bloom had taken place and the presentations would be made at the Hatfield House Country Show in August.

Min 82 – Town Centre Update

The Chairman confirmed that she had written to Cllr Malcolm Alexander, Portfolio holder at East Herts Council regarding the decision not to be supportive of East Herts Town Councils having the power to remove fly posters. A reply had been received indicating that the matter would be reviewed by the Executive in August.

Planning

It was noted with disappointment that the temporary cessation of building work at the Sainsbury's store had resulted in far reaching consequences including the delaying of positive highways work to the area.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The report of the Development and Leisure Committee meeting held on 20 June (including the relevant reports of the Planning Sub-Committee meetings of 14th February, 28th February, 14 March, 21st March (reconvened from 14 March) 4 April, 11 April, 26th April and 24th May 2011) be received

133. FINANCE, POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Miss C Geall moved the report of the meeting of Finance, Policy and Administration Committee held on 27th June 2011.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) The report of the Finance Policy and Administration Committee held on 27th June 2011 be received.
- (ii) The revised Constitution be adopted.

134. COUNCIL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES 2011 - 2015

Cllr Dr L Radford introduced the proposed Council priorities for the forthcoming term of office, which had been drafted following discussions with the Chairs of the Committees. The priorities were all considered to be achievable and included significant support to the Town Centre.

A discussion took place regarding the proliferation of A boards within the Town and individual Councillors were advised to inform Hertfordshire Highways of any A boards they consider to be inappropriately sited.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Council Aims and Objectives for 2011 – 2015 be adopted. (To be reviewed annually)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.