

HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday, 19 February 2009, at the Arncliffe Centre, the following members were

**PRESENT
COUNCILLORS
H Birch (Chairman)**

Mrs. D Birch	Mrs. S Moretta
T Fearn	Mrs. S J Smithson
Ms. C Harris	D Smithson
N Hogg	

Also in attendance:

J Green, Town Manager
L Joyner, Senior Administrator
Members of the Public – 2

APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr. Mrs. S Powell, Cllr. T Powell, Cllr. Mrs. S Smith and Cllr. R. Swann.

172. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The following declarations of interest were received:-

Cllr. Mrs. D Birch	Agenda item 10 – Halewood Community News
	Agenda items 13a & 13b - Planning Applications/Decisions
Cllr. H Birch	Agenda items 13a & 13b – Planning Applications/Decisions
Cllr. S Moretta	Agenda item 10 – Halewood Community News
Cllr. N Hogg	Agenda items 13a & 13b - Planning Applications/Decisions
Cllr. D Smithson	Agenda items 13a & 13b - Planning Applications/Decisions

173. PUBLIC FORUM

No items received.

174. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th December 2008, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

175. ITEMS REFERRED BY COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Policy & Finance Committee – 29th January 2009

Revised Estimates 2008-2009, and budget 2009-2010 (Minute Ref: 158(ii))

RESOLVED: (i) that the revised estimates for 2008-2009 and estimated Town Fund balances at 31.03.09., as approved by the Policy and Finance Committee, be ratified.

(ii) that the base estimates for 2009-2010 and further expenditure options, be agreed and a precept of £316, 905 representing a standstill precept, (with additional news reserves of £6,160) with the additional £422 being included in the general reserve making £50,422, as approved

by the Policy and Finance Committee, be ratified.

176. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:- that the reports of the Committees of the Council, held on the dates indicated, be approved.

- a) General Purposes & Environmental Committee – 6th January 2009
- b) Policy & Finance Committee – 29th January 2009

177. TOWN MANAGER'S INFORMATION UPDATE

The Town Manager reported on the following items:-

- 1. Myerscough College – Apprentice Work Experience. (Awaiting reply)
- 2. Halewood Town Council Website – W3C Compliant Kite Mark
- 3. Torrington Playground Working Group
- 4. Twinning Committee – Proposed meeting.
- 5. Floral Displays
- 6. 'Deed of Surrender' – Old Raven Court Lease
- 7. 'Guidance of the Power of Well-Being' document

RESOLVED:- that the report be noted.

178. REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONARY, FREE USE, OR GRANTS

(a) Halewood Community Festival

A list of sponsorship opportunities for this year's event, as received from the Borough Council, was considered.

(b) Merseyside Police – Speed Detection Device

Correspondence from Merseyside Police was received, requesting that the Town Council consider funding a speed detection device for sole use within Halewood. The total cost of the device, included delivery, is £2115. Details of S.I.D.'s (Speed Indicator Devices) were also circulated, as requested by Cllr. Hogg.

Cllr. D Smithson reported that the Borough Council are currently trialling a Speed Indicator Device in Gerrards Lane, Halewood.

(c) Extended Schools Co-ordinator – Concessionary Hire of Arncliffe

A request for concessionary use of the Arncliffe Centre for a project involving Primary School children from Halewood, was considered.

RESOLVED: (i) that the Town Manager's report be noted. (A copy of the report is filed with the minutes).

(ii) that the Council sponsor the 'Halewood by the Sea' children's activity at a cost of £500, from the 2009/10 Special Projects budget.

(iii) that the Town Council agree to the purchase of a UNIPAR SL700 Speed Detection Device subject to a Service Level Agreement being signed by the Borough Commander with assurances that the equipment will be used solely in Halewood.

(iv) that regular feedback reports and details of the use of the Speed Detection Device be requested as part of the proposed Service Level Agreement.

(v) that the Town Manager draw up a draft Service Level Agreement for consideration

by the Leaders of both political groups.

(vi) that a representative from the Highways Department, Knowsley Borough Council, be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss their plans for Speed Indicator Devices throughout the Borough.

(vii) that concessionary hire of the Arncliffe Centre be agreed for the Extended Schools Project.

179. HOLLIES ROAD, SHARED ENTRANCE TO GP/PHARMACY AND HOLLIES HALL

The report of the Town Manager was considered. It was noted that a response was still being awaited from Mr. Hassan regarding a possible contribution towards the project.

RESOLVED: (i) that the Town Manager's report be noted. (A copy of the report is filed with the minutes).

(ii) that the work undertaken to provide a stronger surface to the shared entrance, at a cost of £2979.20 plus VAT, be approved and jointly funded from specific reserves and the repairs budget in the revenue account.

(iii) that the Town Manager's action in seeking a 50% contribution from the GP/Pharmacy, be noted.

180. HALEWOOD COMMUNITY CHEST FUND APPLICATIONS – FEBRUARY 2009

Application No. 2008-9/8 for Halewood Community News

An application was received from the Halewood Community News. A grant of £370 to set up a new website was requested following the decision by the Knowsley Volunteer Bureau to no-longer run a community website, of which the Halewood Community News was a part.

Cllr. D Smithson asked the Town Manager if this could be included on the Town Council website and the Town Manager indicated that a page could be made available to Halewood Community News with the facility to upload a copy of the news.

Cllr. Ms. Harris reported that she had been informed that KCVS were hoping to start a website up again.

RESOLVED:- that this application be deferred until further information is available from KCVS, and discussions have been held regarding the possibility of including the Halewood News, on the Town Council website.

181. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED:- that the schedule of payments, amounting to £9098.15 be approved for payment.

182. REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES/REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee

Cllr. D Smithson gave a verbal report on a recent meeting of the LJLA Consultative Committee. At which a report was given by the Police Inspector about the positive effects of the new police operation, dedicated solely to the Airport. It was also reported that the new car park was now open and the new hotel would be opening in the summer. Regrettably Ryanair had announced a reduction in flights, due to the current economic climate, which will result in a loss of 50 jobs at the airport.

183. CORRESPONDENCE

Note: Cllr. H Birch, Cllr. Mrs. D Birch, Cllr. T Fearn, Cllr. N Hogg and Cllr. D Smithson having declared an interest, left the meeting during the discussion of the following items 13(a) Planning Decisions and 13(b) Planning Applications.

(a) KMBC -Planning Decisions

RESOLVED:- that the planning decisions for the period up to week ending 13th February 2009, be noted.

(b) KMBC – Planning Applications

RESOLVED:- that the planning applications for the period up to week ending 9th February 2009, be noted.

Meeting closed at 7.56 p.m.

Signed

Date