

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting held in the Civic Offices, Elstree Way Borehamwood on Wednesday 7th September 2011 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr C Kelly (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr C Butchins, Cllr E Butler, Cllr R Butler, Cllr S Dobin,
Cllr G Franklin, Cllr Ms S Maughan, Cllr Mrs A Mitchell,
Cllr Ms K Prince, Cllr S Rubner, Cllr Mrs P Strack and Cllr
Mrs F Turner

In Attendance: H Jones – Town Clerk

Also Present: 3 Members of the Public

Cllr C Kelly in the Chair (Deputy Mayor)

26. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Mayor) (Abroad).

27. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none

28. MINUTES OF COUNCIL HELD ON 15TH JUNE 2011

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th June 2011 be signed by the Deputy Mayor as a true record and adopted by the Council.

29. GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was **RESOLVED** that:

the following grants for 2011/12 be approved:

- (i) Elstree and Borehamwood History Society (£10,000); and**
- (ii) Community Action Hertsmere (£10,000).**

30. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr E Butler - Brookside Boys Club – It was reported that the Club had not met often during the Summer Holiday period. Nevertheless, one project underway was involvement in a motorcycle track for young people (located in Radlett). Further information on this project would be reported to the next meeting of Council once more details were available. Members once again acknowledged the worthwhile activities of the Club and were encouraged to pay a visit, if available, to see the range of activities being undertaken.

Cllr C Butchins - Aldenham Country Park Advisory Committee – It was noted that whilst this representative body had not been re-appointed in May 2011, with the permission of the Deputy Mayor (chairing the meeting) and the agreement of Members, a report was provided in view of the recent activities being undertaken. A copy of the Friends of Aldenham Park Newsletter (August 2011) was tabled to inform Members of recent activities; including the management of the park, the objects of the Friends body and future projects. It was noted that the management of the reservoir remained the responsibility of Hertfordshire County Council.

Cllr Mrs F Turner – Borehamwood History Society (Museum) – It was reported that the Annual General Meeting had taken place on 5 September 2011. It was noted that visitor numbers had increased and a calendar was being produced for 2012. Some concerns were expressed about the financial situation of the body. The Museum's display mounted at the closure of the Village Hall was extended for an extra day by popular demand and brought many more visitors to the Museum's premises. The outreach project had proved to be very popular with 800 local schoolchildren being involved in presentations and talks organised by Museum volunteers around Armistice Day. Some concern was expressed about the uncertainty of the Village Hall completion date. It was intended that the newly appointed Museums' Officer at Hertfordshire County Council be asked to advise on this topic. It was fully acknowledged by Town Council Members that the volunteers continued to work selflessly to make the Museum a worthwhile part of the Town.

Cllr C Butchins – CAH – A brief report was provided noting a recent educational event on grant funding opportunities.

Cllr Ms S Maughan – EB MENCAP – It was reported that having attended a recent meeting, the body was seeking to increase both funding and its profile in the local area.

Cllr S Rubner – Community Safety Partnership - It was reported that two notable bodies were worthy of comment to Members:

- The Box Cleve initiative was coordinated by Herts Fire service. Sessions were held twice weekly at The Hertswood Leisure Centre, Potters lane, Borehamwood since February 2011 and consisted of non contact boxing related training (involving disciplined training exercises, drills and techniques with the exception of actual sparring). The equipment (Bags, gloves, skip ropes, mats), and venue was funded by The Vibe (a youth charity that ran in conjunction with CAH), as well as money from Tesco's, CSP, JAG and locality budgets. The trainers acted not only as coaches, but mentors and acted as 'positive male role models' to many children attending who did not have a father figure at home and also very little discipline, 54% of children currently attending Box Cleve were from single parent families, with no prominent male role model. Advice on diet was also provided. Members agreed that this organisation should be advised of the Town Council's grant application procedure. In addition consideration should be given to a Town Crier article and the possibility of a presentation to Members at a future meeting; and

- West Herts Against Crime was a body that vetted local tradesmen carrying out such services as basic DIY and gardening in order to protect the public (especially vulnerable groups) and to provide peace of mind when employing the services of such tradesmen. The group was in need of increased membership, funding and publicity and it was also agreed that this organisation should be advised of the Town Council's grant application procedure. In addition consideration should be given to a Town Crier article and the possibility of a presentation to Members at a future meeting.

Clr Mrs A Mitchell – BETTA – It was reported that BETTA's activities had been relatively quiet over the Summer. The Big Bastille Ball on 13th July 2011 to raise funds for Club Escargot and to forge further links with the Twin Towns had been extremely successful.

Clr C Kelly (Deputy Mayor) thanked all the representatives on Outside Bodies for their helpful and informative reports. He too reported that he had attended meetings over the Summer with both the Scouts Club and the British Legion. Both of these organisations were acknowledged as doing good work in the Community and it was suggested that the need for more Scout Leaders could be highlighted in the Town Crier publication.

31. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** that

- (i) **the signed Minutes of the following Committee meetings be received together with any recommendations not previously adopted:**

General Management Committee	25th May 2011
Entertainments Committee	12th April 2011
Entertainments Committee	14th June 2011
Environment and Planning Committee	24th May 2011
Environment and Planning Committee	21st June 2011
Youth Council	8th June 2011

- (ii) **after a full and wide ranging debate with the intention of improving the Town Council's Youth Council, it was recommended that the following matters be referred to that body for further consideration:**

- **increase representation from local Schools (especially by way of School Council representatives) and to include schools more fully in decision making and participation (with possible links to curriculum Citizenship Courses);**
- **School workshops and/or presentations to assemblies in partnership with Head Teachers;**
- **more flexible and innovative arrangements of Youth Council meetings to encourage full participation (times, locations and topics of meetings to be investigated);**
- **the involvement of other Youth Councils in the area, or more widely, to exchange good practice and ideas;**

- **more involvement of the Youth Council in the Town Crier publication with the possibility of a regular Youth Council page and the possibility of a Youth Council poster to encourage involvement; and**
- **the formation of a small sub-group (to include Cllr R Butler and Cllr S Dobin) to consider the above items to feed into any future Youth Council discussion.**

32. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) **the transfer of sufficient funds from General Reserve/mower replacement fund to purchase a New mower for use on all Council sites (Rover 560 Pro Cut – £700 - £850) and Contractor clearance and new marking of specified allotment plots at Allum Lane site (less any monies received by way of grant funding) be approved; and**
- (ii) **a transfer of £400 from General Reserve to supplement the £100 vote for Hospitality (1426/104) to fund the 25 Year Fairway Hall Event be approved.**

33. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was RESOLVED that the payment of accounts be confirmed as follows:

Date	Voucher No	Total payment
21/06/2011	69-93	£32,540.73
06/07/2011	94-109	£4,845.80
06/07/2011	110	Not attached: Approved Confidential Payment
12/07/2011	111-131	£21,835.47
26/07/2011	132-146	£17,888.77
11/07/2011	147-160	£19,828.65

34. FUTURE OF LIBRARY SERVICE IN HERTFORDSHIRE

It was noted that Cllr Mrs P Strack had discussed informally with the Leader of the Borough Council and Officers the possibility of a joint working arrangement to increase library opening hours in Borehamwood. It was noted that any discussion had been of a purely exploratory nature without any commitment at this stage.

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) **together with Hertsmere Borough Council and with the input of local schools and the Youth Council, options for part funding additional library services in Borehamwood be investigated for further consideration by the Council;**
- (ii) **Cllr Mrs P Strack be tasked with liaising with relevant Officers in order to fully inform any decision making at (i) above; and**

(iii) a Library Services Officer be asked to make a presentation to the Council (or relevant Committee of the Council) outlining any proposals and/or to provide background details and the evidence to demonstrate the need for increased hours.

35. CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Date:.....

MAYOR.....