

**ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING 17 December 2009**

Meeting held on **Thursday 17 December 2009** at Hertsmere Borough Council Civic Offices, Borehamwood, starting at 19:30 hours.

PRESENT: Councillors: P Strack, Mayor (Chairman), A Mitchell, Deputy Mayor
K Bright, E Butler, R Butler, H David, G Franklin, S Parnell,
P Swallow, F Turner

in attendance: Joel Charin, Town Clerk
Katja Ting, Finance Officer
Ash Tadjrishi, Events Co-ordinator

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE & SUBSTITUTIONS**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr.s P Hedges, J Heywood and C Kelly.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 FIRST IMPRESSIONS PROJECT**
Hilary Shade, Hertsmere Borough Council, gave a presentation on this project.
- 4 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES**
Cllr. P Strack was appointed to Aldenham Country Park.
- 5 APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON STANDING COMMITTEES**
Members were appointed to committees as follows:

COMMITTEE	COUNCILLORS ELECTED
ENTERTAINMENTS (6 Members)	Chair: Cllr. S. Parnell Vice Chair: Cllr F. Turner Cllr R. Butler, Cllr G. Franklin Town Mayor: Cllr. P. Strack Deputy Mayor: Cllr. A. Mitchell
ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING (5 Members)	Chair: Cllr H. David Vice Chair: Cllr F. Turner Cllr G. Franklin, Cllr P. Hedges & Cllr C. Kelly
GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (5 Members)	Chair: Cllr H. David Vice Chair: Cllr C. Kelly Cllr E. Butler, Cllr G. Franklin & Cllr A. Mitchell
TRANSPORT & ROAD SAFETY FORUM (5 Members)	Chair: Cllr K. Bright Vice Chair: Cllr P. Strack Cllr E. Butler, Cllr R. Butler & Cllr C. Kelly
YOUTH COUNCIL 2 Members and Substitute Member to represent the Council	Cllr R. Butler Cllr P. Swallow Substitute Member: Cllr H. David

- 6 ADOPTION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES**
The terms of reference for the following committees were adopted:
 - i. Entertainments Committee
 - ii. Environment and Planning Committee
 - iii. General Management Committee.

7 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 JULY 2009

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd July 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.

8 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2009

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th October 2009 were approved and signed as a true record, though it is to be recorded that Cllr. P Swallow was also present at this meeting.

9i ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed Ash Tadjrishi as the newly appointed Events Co-ordinator. Cllr. Hannah David has been appointed as Leader of the Conservatives on the Town Council.

9ii REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Brookside Boys' Club - Cllr. E Butler reported that the Club was going from strength to strength.

Museum - Cllr. F Turner reported good visitor numbers; also, the Museum has contributed to a display celebrating the 125th anniversary of St Nicholas Church.

Twin Towns Association - Cllr. A Mitchell stated that trips to both Fontenay and Offenburg are being planned and will be available to anyone in Borehamwood and Elstree.

Three Ways Community Centre - Cllr. P Strack reported that the Charity Commission is showing interest in the community centre and that a new committee is to be formed shortly, with membership open to anyone within the community.

10 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Minutes of the following meetings were received and any recommendations within the Minutes not previously agreed were approved:

Entertainments Committee	2 June 2009
General Management Committee	22 September 2009
Environment and Planning Committee	16 July 2009
Environment and Planning Committee	14 October 2009
Environment and Planning Committee	9 November 2009

11 LEASING OF LAND AT STAPLETON ROAD

Cllr. G. Franklin questioned whether the Council should subsidise a business and supported using the land as a nature reserve. The Council should manage the land but had not spent any money on the land for 15 to 20 years. Cllr. H David said the land was not being used. No decision was made on leasing the land; it was agreed to look further into its potential as a nature reserve.

12 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of the following meetings were received and noted:

Entertainments Committee draft	26 November 2009
General Management Committee draft	19 November 2009
Youth Council	7 October 2009
Youth Council draft	2 December 2009

Cllr. P Swallow explained that minutes for the Youth Council on 4 November 2009 have been delayed due to bereavement and asked for Youth Council members to be notified of meetings of outside bodies.

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CLOSURE

The meeting closed early at 20:20 hours due to heavy snow.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....

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