

**To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of **Rye Town Council** to be held on **Monday 26 October 2009 at 6.30pm at The Town Hall, Rye**, when it is proposed to transact the following business:

**72 PRAYERS**

To be given by the Mayor's Chaplain, Captain Paul Tyler.

**73 APOLOGIES**

To accept any apologies for absence.

**74 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

To receive any disclosures of interest by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct.

**75 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The meeting to adjourn for up to 30 minutes for:

- (a) Public Question Time
- (b) The Report of the County Councillor for Rye
- (c) The Reports of the Rye Rother District Councillors

**76 COUNCIL MINUTES**

To approve and to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 17 August 2009 (C4) and 7 September 2009 (C5).

**77 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To receive the Minutes of the Council's committees and consider for adoption any *Recommendations*:

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| (a) Planning & Townscape   | (i) 17 August 2009 (PT07)      |
|                            | (ii) 1 September 2009 (PT08)   |
|                            | (iii) 14 September 2009 (PT09) |
|                            | (iv) 28 September 2009 (PT10)  |
|                            | (v) 12 October 2009 (PT11)     |
| (b) Policy, Resources & GP | 12 October 2009 (PR03)         |
| (c) Leisure & Tourism      | 28 September 2009 (LT02)       |

**78 RYE EMERGENCY PLAN**

To consider a request from the Rye Emergency Action Team (REACT) for the Council to endorse Part 1 of the proposed Rye Emergency Plan. **Clerk**  
*Note With the Council's permission, REACT's Chairman, Col Anthony Kimber will speak to this item.*

**79 ALLOTMENTS**

To: (i) consider Rother District Council's response to the Council's suggestion of mediation/arbitration  
(ii) consider the advice of the Council's solicitor  
(iii) agree a course of action **Clerk**

**80 RYE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION**

To consider an application for grant funding of £5,000 to enable the Association to instruct an architect to prepare detailed drawings and specifications, prior to inviting tenders to carry out urgent repairs to the Women's Tower.  
*Note The balance of the 2009-10 Unallocated Grants Fund is nil. Thus far this year the Council has used £3,500 of its reserves for unbudgeted grant funding.*

- 81 REPRODUCTION PERMISSION**  
To consider an application from Robert Chantler to photograph the gibbet cage and pillory and to reproduce the (credited) images within a new local history publication.
- 82 RAIL UTILISATION STRATEGY**  
To consider whether to appoint a representative to attend an ESCC conference on the Rail Utilisation Strategies at the Hardwick Suite, International Lawn Tennis Association, Eastbourne, on 27 November 2009, 9.30am-1pm. **Clerk**
- 83 URGENT ITEMS**  
To consider questions, if any, of which notice has been given under SO 23.
- 84 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**  
Items 85 & 86 include material which is commercially sensitive and it is therefore recommended that the public and press be excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)(2).
- 85 CHAMBER TABLES**  
To consider the refurbishment estimates received and to agree a course of action.
- 86 CHAMBER ACOUSTICS**  
To note that:
- (a) members of the public have complained for some time that it is difficult to hear debate within the Chamber;
  - (b) the factors contributing to this situation include: the vinyl flooring, single glazed windows, absence of curtains/drapes, absence of wallpaper, 'creaky' leather chairs, (up to) 3 Members having their backs to the Gallery;
  - (c) a 'hard wired' audio system is likely to be unsightly and would entail an installation cost –
- and to consider agreeing:
- (d) that the Chamber would benefit from the introduction of a cable-less (digital) audio system;
  - (e) how the system would be funded
  - (f) a budget (informed by quotes received from one prospective supplier) [*brochures will be available at the meeting*] **Clerk**

**ROBES WILL BE WORN**

**Supporting/Associated documents distributed previously**

76 Council Minutes 77a(i-iv) Planning Minutes 77c) L&T Minutes

**Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda**

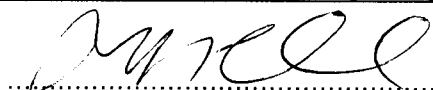
77a(v) Planning Minutes 77b) Policy Minutes 78 Draft Rye Emergency Plan, Part I 79(i) Letter from the Clerk to Malcolm Johnston, 23.9.09; letter from Malcolm Johnston, 1.10.09 80 Application form, Annual Accounts and Supporting Information 81 Email from Robert Chantler, 13.10,09 82 Email from Cllr Matthew Lock, 6.10.09

**Confidential items**

85 Estimates 86 Quotations (2)

**To follow**

79(ii) Email from Roger Taylor



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