

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of **Rye Town Council** to be held on **Monday 11 May 2009** at **The Town Hall, Rye, 6.30pm** when it is proposed to transact the following business:

14 APOLOGIES

To accept any apologies for absence.

15 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.

16 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes for questions from members of the public.

17 RYE HERITAGE CENTRE: PROGRESS REPORT

To receive a brief verbal update from the Manager, Peter Cosstick.

18 COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve and to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on: 18 November 2008 (C7); 24 November 2008 (C8); 16 December 2008 (C9); 26 January 2009 (C10); 26 January 2009 (C11); 9 February 2009 (C12); 3 March 2009 (C13); 16 March 2009 (C14) and 30 March 2009 (C15).

19 COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

(a)	Planning & Townscape	(i)	16 March 2009 (PT22)
		(ii)	30 March 2009 (PT23)
		(iii)	14 April 2009 (PT24)
		(iv)	27 April 2009 (PT25)
(b)	Policy, Resources & GP		19 January 2009 (PR04)
(c)	Leisure & Tourism		9 February 2009 (LT04)
(d)	Public Services		30 March 2009 (PS04)

20 RECORD OF ATTENDANCES

To receive and note the Record of Attendances for 2008-09 (to 27.4.09).

21 MEETINGS START TIME

To review/confirm the usual start time of Council and committee meetings.

22 COMMITTEE FORMATION

To consider and agree the Committee formation for the coming year as follows:

- a) **To confirm or amend the number and title of Committees.**

b) To determine the number and names of Members to each Committee.

Committees currently:

- i) *Policy, Resources & General Purposes (13)*
- ii) *Planning & Townscape (10)*
- iii) *Leisure & Tourism (10) (previously 8)*
- iv) *Public Services (9 + co-opted Members)*

Following the formation of Committees, the Council Meeting will adjourn to permit each Committee in turn to convene and elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The meeting will reconvene.

23 COUNCIL REPRESENTATION TO ORGANISATIONS

To consider and approve the Council's representatives to the following organisations/committees:

Organisation/Committee	Representative
Action in Rural Sussex	(Clerk)
Age Concern	John Izod*
Chamber of Commerce	Ian Potter
Community Centre Association	John Izod*
Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour Forum	Shaun Rogers
<i>Defend Our Coasts</i>	<i>New - RTC rep invited</i>
East Sussex Community Rail Partnership	Granville Bantick
East Sussex CC Liaison Committee (SLR)	Clerk, Granville Bantick, Paul Osborne, Frank Palmer, Sam Souster
Fair Trade Steering Group	Mary Smith
Festival Council	(John Izod)
Marsh Link Action Group	Bernardine Fiddimore
Rother Assoc of Local Councils	Mary Smith, Clerk [sub: Mayor]
Rother DC Liaison Committee	Granville Bantick, Jo Kirkham, Paul Osborne, Frank Palmer, Sam Souster; Clerk
Rural Rother Youth Forum	Bernardine Fiddimore
Rye & District Council for Voluntary Service	(Jo Kirkham, Ian Potter)
<i>Rye Farmers Market</i>	<i>New - RTC rep invited</i>
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Management Committee	Frank Palmer
Rye HotCats	Lorna Hall
Rye in Bloom	Bernardine Fiddimore
Rye Local Action Team	Sonia Holmes
Rye Marketing Group (Partnership)	Lorna Hall, Shaun Rogers
Rye Network	(Jo Kirkham)
Rye Partnership Members' Meetings	John Breeds, <i>vacancy x 2</i>
Safer Rother Partnership (Property Crime Action Group)	Sonia Holmes
Sports Hall Management Committee	Sam Souster

Notes () = appointed independently but Councillor/Clerk has offered to report anything of interest to the Council.

* Non-Councillor appointed by Council

24 FIXED TERM/DETERMINED REPRESENTATION

To note the following fixed term or determined representation:

Organisation/Committee	Representative/s
Cinque Ports Confederation Standing Committee	The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clerk
Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee (HORAC)	Sam Souster (09/2009)
Rye Art Gallery	John Breeds (5/2010)
Rye Grammar School Exhibition Foundation Governors	Jo Kirkham, Frank Palmer and the Mayor

25 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To evaluate the 2009 meeting, consider preparations for 2010, and agree the preferred venue. **Clerk**

26 EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

To consider an offer from Cllr Fiddimore to edit a regular column for the *Rye Observer* which would convey Councillors' activities in a positive way. **Clerk**

27 ACOUSTICS

To note that members of the public have complained of having difficulty hearing the proceedings of meetings held in the Chamber and to authorise the Clerk to seek prices for the provision of a cordless system. **Clerk**

28 GIBBET MARSH BENCHES

To: a) Receive a summary of the outcome of the mini consultation carried out at the Annual Town Meeting;
 b) Note that the Council has received a petition from 68 Rye residents calling on it to pursue the reinstatement of the benches formerly adjacent to the railway gate, overlooking the river –
and to agree a course of action. **Clerk**

29 POWER OF WELL BEING

To consider whether the Council wishes to become eligible to exercise the power of general well being. **Clerk**

30 LEISURE FACILITIES CONSULTATION

To consider whether to appoint a Members (or Members) to draft a response (questionnaire) to the *Hastings & Rother Leisure Facilities Strategy Consultation*. **Clerk**

31 RYE RELIEF IN NEED: ORGANISATIONS

To consider an application from Vitalise for £129.25 towards the services it provides within the Parish of Rye. **Clerk**

32 URGENT ITEMS

To consider questions, if any, of which notice has been given under Standing Order 23.

33 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Items 34, 35 and 36 include material about personal finance or are likely to entail consideration of litigation - 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).

34 RYE RELIEF IN NEED: INDIVIDUALS

To consider an application from Ms H for £500 towards the purchase of a gas cooker, single bed, table and chairs. **Clerk**

35 ALLOTMENTS

a) RDC Proposal

To consider Rother District Council's proposal that it grants Rye Town Council a long lease, at a peppercorn rent, for it to use the land at Love Lane and South Undercliff as statutory allotments – and agree a course of action. **Clerk**

b) Rye Allotments Association

To consider supporting fully the Rye Allotments Association in its actions to return ownership of the allotments to the Parish. **Cllr Smith**

36 RYE TOWN SERVICES

To note that the invoice issued on 11 February 2009 to Rye Town Services for £15,440.47 remains unpaid – and to agree a course of action. **Clerk**

ROBES WILL NOT BE WORN

Supporting/Associated documents distributed previously

18 Council Minutes **19a)(i-iii)** Planning Minutes **19b)** Policy Minutes
19c) L&T Minutes

Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda

19a)(iv) Planning Minutes **19d)** Public Services Minutes
20 Record of Attendances **23** Email from Jill Halliday, 14.4.09 and constitution
25 Letter from Jenny Lee, 22.4.09 **28** Mini consultation summary
29 Summary (SALC) **30** Letter from Tom Pinnington, 23.3.09 and *Draft Summary for Consultation*
31 Letter from Clare Ellisdon, 24.3.09 and application form
31&34 RRIN Finance Update **34** Application form and supporting material
35 Letter from Malcolm Johnston, 12.3.09; Town Clerk Briefing Note

To be tabled

22 Summary of Schedule of Members' Preferences



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