

At the **ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 22nd May, 2012:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor A.J. Canning) in the Chair.

Councillors K.E. Armitage, R.M. Biggs, T.C.N. Harries, S.C. Hosford, T. James E.S. Jones, Trevor Jones, T.F. Loakes, A.J. Lyall, P.G. Mann, R.B. Potter, M.E. Rennie, D.S. Roberts and D. Taylor.

In attendance:
Inspector L. Fry, Dorset Police

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors V.J. Allan, D.J. Barrett, C.S. Biggs and F.E. Kent-Ledger.

5. **WELCOME**

The Mayor thanked Members for attending the Mayor Making Service held on the 21st May, 2012. He said that he was greatly honoured to be the Mayor and hoped that the Council would continue to work hard for the residents of the town and to be responsive to what residents had to say.

6. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th March, 2012, copies of which had been circulated to all Members of the Council, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

7. **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received in accordance with Standing Order 12(3).

8. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 2nd APRIL, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2nd April, 2012 be adopted.

Minute 74 – Lornton Walk Access – In response to a question from a Member the Town Clerk confirmed that a response had been received from Dorset County Council which would be reported to the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

Minute 76(a) – Street Naming – In response to a question from a Member the Town Clerk stated that as far as he was aware West Dorset District Council did not report back to the Council in respect of this Council's suggestions in respect of new street names.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2nd April, 2012 be adopted.

10. **SELECTION COMMITTEE – 3rd APRIL, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Selection Committee held on 3rd April, 2012 be adopted.

Minute 3 – Representation on Outside Bodies – Councillor T.C.N. Harries volunteered to fill the vacancy on Age UK Dorchester and Councillor R.B. Potter volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillor T.C.N. Harries be appointed to represent the Council on Age UK Dorchester for the 2012-13 Council Year.
- (2) That Councillor R.B. Potter be appointed to represent the Council on the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils for the 2012-13 Council Year.

It was also

RESOLVED

- (3) That the Minutes of the Selection Committee held on 3rd April, 2012 be adopted.

11. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 30th APRIL, 2012**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 30th April, 2012 be adopted.

12. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 8th MAY, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 8th May, 2012 be adopted.

Minute 73 – Borough Gardens Signs – The Chairman of the Borough Gardens Panel reported that the Panel had met in pursuance of this Minute and had agreed that some additional byelaws signs should be installed on the cycle racks to be provided at the Albert Road and Cornwall Road entrances to the Gardens and that additional signs directing visitors to the main entrance of the Borough Gardens House would also be provided.

Minute 74 – Heart Town – Councillor K.E. Armitage volunteered to attend meetings of the proposed Heart Town Steering Group along with Councillor R.B. Potter who had volunteered and been appointed at the Management Committee.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillor K.E. Armitage be appointed to represent the Council at meetings of the Heart Town Steering Group in addition to Councillor R.B. Potter,.
- (2) That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 8th May, 2012 be adopted.

13. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 15th MAY, 2012**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 15th May, 2012 be adopted.

14. **CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**

It was

RESOLVED

That the Mayor (Councillor A.J. Canning) and Councillors R.M. Biggs, T.C.N. Harries, E.S. Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger, R.B. Potter and M.E. Rennie be authorised to sign cheques issued on behalf of the Council during the period ending with the Annual Council Meeting in 2013.

15. **CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES – 2012-13**

In accordance with Standing Order 39 it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillor R.B. Potter be appointed Chairman and Councillor K.E. Armitage be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee.
- (2) That Councillor F.E. Kent-Ledger be appointed Chairman and Councillor S.C. Hosford be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee.

- (3) That Councillor Trevor Jones be appointed Chairman and Councillor R.M. Biggs be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Policy Committee.

16. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Fry reported on the crime statistics for Dorchester and updated Members on current police issues and initiatives.

Inspector Fry also informed the Council that he would be leaving his post in Dorchester later in the year and introduced his replacement, Inspector S. Marsh, who said that he was looking forward to working in the town and meeting Members in due course.

The Council thanked Inspector Fry for all his hard work during his time in Dorchester.

17. **CELEBRATORY EVENTS**

The Chairman of the Community Activities Panel reminded Members of two forthcoming celebratory events and hoped that as many Members as possible would attend. The events were as follows:

- The Queen's Diamond Jubilee - which would involve a free music performance in the Borough Gardens on the evening of Monday, 4th June, 2012 followed by a procession to Salisbury Field where the lighting of a beacon would take place. On Tuesday, 5th June, 2012 there was a free entry music day in the Borough Gardens with professional musicians playing iconic music from the six decades of the Queen's reign, interspersed with still and moving images of key international, national and local events that have taken place during that time.
- The Olympic Torch Relay - which would pass through the town at lunchtime on Thursday, 12th July, 2012; exact details of the event were not yet known.

The Council rose at 7.18pm.

Mayor