

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 23rd November, 2010:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor L.M. Phillips) in the Chair.

Councillors M.A. Allwood, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, V. Black, A.J. Canning, A. Harries, T.C.N. Harries, L.E. Heath, C.M. Hebditch, S. Hosford, T. James, E.S. Jones, Trevor Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger, A.J. Lyall, P.G. Mann, R.B. Potter and M.E. Rennie.

In attendance:
Inspector L. Fry, Dorset Police

APOLOGY for absence was received from Councillor D.J. Barrett.

40. **PRAYERS**

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain the Mayor opened the Meeting with a short prayer.

41. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28th September, 2010, 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.

42. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor reported that, on behalf of the Council and the people of the town, he congratulated Prince William of Wales and Miss Kate Middleton on their engagement.

The Mayor also welcomed children from Dorchester Middle School who had attended the Council's first Democracy Day in October. He thanked them for their participation and informed them that the Council had agreed to pursue their proposal for an outside trampoline in one of the Council's play areas.

Members were informed that Christmas Cracker night would be on Wednesday 1st December, 2010 starting at 5.00pm, that Candlelit Carol Singing in the Borough Gardens would take place at 6.30pm on Thursday, 16th December, 2010 and that the Durnovaria Silver Band would be playing carols in South Street on Saturday mornings 11th and 18th December, 2010.

Members expressed their congratulations to Carrie Horlock, the Council's Clerk/Typist, who had recently given birth to a baby boy called Oliver.

43. **QUESTIONS**

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

44. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 4th OCTOBER, 2010**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 4th October, 2010 be adopted.

45. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 1st NOVEMBER, 2010**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st November, 2010 be adopted.

Minute 38 – River Frome Rehabilitation Plan – Draft Report – Members noted that a representative from the Environment Agency could not attend the next meeting of the Committee but requested that they be invited to attend a future meeting.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st November, 2010 be adopted.

46. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 9th NOVEMBER, 2010**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 9th November, 2010 be adopted.

Minute 30 – Dorchester Town Council Democracy Day 2010 – Members thanked those children who had attended the Democracy Day and were pleased to report that the initiative would continue next year. In particular attention was drawn to the decision to proceed with the installation of an outdoor trampoline at King's Road Playing Field which was a direct result of the Democracy Day.

Minute 38(1) – Internet Facilities – In response to a question the Chairman of the Committee confirmed that the installation of internet facilities in the Municipal Buildings would be undertaken as economically as possible.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 9th November, 2010 be adopted.

47. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 16th NOVEMBER, 2010**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 16th November, 2010 be adopted.

Minute 20(2) – Minutes of Management Committee – The Town Clerk confirmed that the proposed drinking fountain in the Borough Gardens or some other ready access to fresh water would be installed by Spring, 2011.

Minute 22(3) – Possible Economies (Dorchester Highway Tree Partnership) – In response to some concerns the Chairman of the Committee confirmed that there was no intention whatsoever to place the treescape of Dorchester in peril. No decision had been made to withdraw funding from the Partnership which, in any event, was not responsible for trees not on the highway. Members agreed that the wording on the fourth and fifth lines of the Resolution should be amended to read ‘...about the Council’s desire to explore withdrawing its funding...’.

Minute 22 (5) – Possible Economies (CCTV) – The Chairman informed Council that the whole idea of opening up discussions was to explore the effectiveness of the CCTV system in combating and preventing crime. The outcome of the discussion would be reported back to the Council through the normal process. Members requested that the statistics circulated at the Policy Committee regarding the number of incidents in which the CCTV system had been involved be circulated to all Members.

Minute 24 – Heart Town Project – The Town Clerk reminded Members that representatives of the British Heart Foundation had attended Policy Committee in September and had explained the project in full. The concern expressed at the last Policy Committee was that the draft agreement considered at this Minute did not contain sufficient detail for the Council to confirm its support for the initiative.

It was

RESOLVED

That, subject to the amendment to Minute 22(3) as set out above, the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 16th November, 2010 be adopted.

48. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Fry updated Members on crime statistics for Dorchester for the period 18th September to 15th November, 2010 and responded to Members’ various questions on them. He also updated Members on various policing initiatives and current concerns.

Inspector Fry agreed to investigate whether it would be possible to separate out statistics about incidents of domestic violence in future reports. He also requested anyone receiving a suspect charity collection bag to inform the Police to enable investigations to take place.

The Council rose at 7.40pm.

Mayor