

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 25th September, 2012:

PRESENT The Deputy Mayor (Councillor T. James) in the Chair.

Councillors V.J. Allan, K.E. Armitage, R.M. Biggs, T.C.N. Harries, S.C. Hosford, E.S. Jones, G.M. Jones, Trevor Jones, P.G. Mann and R.B. Potter.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor A.J. Canning) and Councillors D.J. Barrett, C.S. Biggs, F.E. Kent-Ledger, A.J. Lyall, M.E. Rennie, D.S. Roberts and D. Taylor.

28. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24th July, 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.

29. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Town Clerk reported that youth footballers from Lübbecke would be visiting the town on the weekend of 12-15th October, 2012 and would be staying at Weymouth Avenue Pavilion. He asked Members to note the visit in their diaries and for volunteers to help with the arrangements over the weekend.

A Member reported that the Joseph Weld fete held the previous weekend had raised approximately £36,000 for the hospice.

30. **QUESTIONS**

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

31. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 6th AUGUST, 2012**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 6th August, 2012 be adopted.

32. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 3rd SEPTEMBER, 2012**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 3rd September, 2012 be adopted.

33. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 11th SEPTEMBER, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 11th September, 2012, be adopted.

Minute 16 – Management Arrangements – Arising from the consideration of this Minute it was reported that there had still been no action from either the Environment Agency or Dorset County Council in respect of the flooding that occurred in the town over the summer and following on from the consultation meeting about it held in August. It was agreed that a letter should be sent requesting information about the action proposed to prevent a repeat of the flooding, particularly in the Mill Street area.

Minute 19 – Football Bookings 2012-13 – The Chairman of the Management Committee confirmed that the Outdoor Activities Panel would be considering the need for additional facilities for football training at its next meeting.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Environment Agency and Dorset County Council be requested to inform the Council of the action proposed to be taken to prevent a repeat of the flooding in the town and the timescale for its implementation.
- (2) That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 11th September, 2012 be adopted.

34. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 18th SEPTEMBER, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 18th September, 2012 be adopted.

Minute 20 – National Cycling Network – Members wished to discuss this matter and it was agreed that this discussion should take place after the period for public questions as it was likely that the matter would need to be considered with press and public excluded from the meeting.

It was

RESOLVED

That, with the exception of Minute 20, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 18th September, 2012 be adopted.

35. **FINAL ACCOUNTS 2011-12**

Members had before them an unqualified Annual Return for the Council which had been published in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.

The Council also received the Issues Arising Report produced by the external auditor in the light on an assurance received from the internal auditor that he was satisfied that all the issues raised in it either had been, or were being, addressed.

It was

RESOLVED

That the audited Annual Return for the Town Council for 2011-12 be noted.

36. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

It was

RESOLVED

That the Meeting stand adjourned to enable the period for public questions to be held.

37. **RECONVENING OF THE MEETING**

Following the period for public questions the Council reconvened.

38. **PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

It was

RESOLVED

That, in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matter, the public and representatives of the press be excluded from this Meeting during its discussion.

37. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 18th SEPTEMBER, 2012 – MINUTE 20 – NATIONAL CYCLING NETWORK**

The Chairman of the Policy Committee informed Members of the reasoning behind the Policy Committee superseding the decisions at Minute 24(b) of the Planning and Environment Committee and Minute 17 of the Management Committee in respect of the proposed designation of Bowling Alley Walk and South Walks as part of the National Cycling Network through the town.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That Minute 20 of the Policy Committee held on 18th September, 2012 be adopted

The Council rose at 7.26pm.

Mayor