



# DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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**Dennis Holmes, Town Clerk**

2nd May, 2012

Dear Sir or Madam,

**A MEETING of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, DORCHESTER on TUESDAY, 8th MAY, 2012 commencing at 7.00pm.**

I hope that it will be convenient for you to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk

## **Public Rights to Speak**

If any member of the public wishes to speak at this meeting they may be allowed to do so at the discretion of the Chair. It would be helpful if anyone who wishes to address the Committee made their desire known to the Chair before the meeting starts: anyone allowed to speak will be expected to confine their comments to the matter in hand and to be as brief as is reasonably possible.

## **Declaration of Interests**

Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct requires Members to declare any interest which they have in any matter under discussion. If the interest is regarded as a Personal Interest the Member may remain and take part in the consideration of the item but if the interest is a Prejudicial Interest the Member must withdraw from the Chamber during the consideration of it.

## **AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MINUTES**

To read, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 10th January, 2012 (adopted by Council on 24th January, 2012).

3. **MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT PANELS**

(a) **Grants Panel**

To receive and consider the Minutes of the Grants Panel held on 24th April, 2012 (copy enclosed).

(b) **Arts Panel**

To receive and consider the Minutes of the Arts Panel held on 2nd May, 2012 (copy to be circulated).

4. **MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

To receive the updated works programme for parks, gardens and open spaces (copy enclosed).

5. **BOROUGH GARDENS - SIGNAGE**

Members will be aware that when the Borough Gardens were refurbished it was agreed that the original signage be replaced with new signs that were more welcoming rather than signs that gave a list of those things that were not allowed in the Gardens if causing a nuisance or danger to other users.

The Borough Gardens staff have experienced problems recently with people skateboarding, cycling, playing football etc and when they are asked to stop the first response is that there are no signs saying that these activities are not allowed. The Police have indicated that young people are more likely not to do something if they are aware from the outset that they should not be doing it and felt that the existing signage could be clearer in this respect.

Members will be asked to give consideration as to whether or not to change the existing Borough Gardens signage (a photograph of the old and existing signs is enclosed) bearing in mind that certain activities are only not allowed if those activities are causing a nuisance or danger to other users.

6. **HEART TOWN**

Members will be aware that the Council signed up to be a 'Heart Town' in February, 2011 for a period of five years (with a yearly review). The idea behind signing up was to partner the British Heart Foundation (BHF) to achieve shared goals which would enhance the Heart Town and stimulate wider community engagement in the fight against heart disease – a copy of the Dorchester Heart Town Community Pledge is enclosed.

The then Mayor (Leslie Phillips) and Anita Harries were the town representatives who worked with the BHF to implement the pledge. Neither of these representatives remains on the Council.

Following a meeting with the BHF it has been initially suggested that a Steering Group be established which would include a local BHF volunteer, representatives from Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester BID etc plus a Member(s) from the Council. The Steering Group would be tasked with stimulating the pledge and creating further interest in Dorchester.

The Committee will be asked whether it supports this proposal as a way forward.

7. **RIVER FROME REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 1 – GREY’S BRIDGE TO MILLSTREAM CONFLUENCE**

At the last meeting of the Dorchester Heritage Joint Committee Members received a presentation from the Environment Agency regarding a proposal to restore and enhance the stretch of the River Frome between Grey’s Bridge and the Millstream confluence.

As well as undertaking in-river enhancements the Environment Agency proposed to site two dog bins at either end of the permissive pathway. The representative asked the Committee whether it would support this proposal and whether it would take responsibility for emptying the bins. The Heritage Committee felt that dog bins would be a benefit and agreed to pass the request for emptying them to the Town Council for consideration.

A plan showing the location of the proposed dog bins is attached. It should be noted that the bin at Grey’s Bridge is outside the Town’s boundary.

8. **SANDRINGHAM SPORTS CENTRE - KICKWALL**

To consider a report by the Deputy Town Clerk (copy enclosed).

9. **ANNUAL REPORT**

To consider the enclosed draft Annual Report for 2011-12 which is required to be published by 30th June, 2012.

10. **THOMAS HARDY CONFERENCE AND FESTIVAL 2012**

To consider a request for sponsorship towards the 20th Thomas Hardy Conference and Festival (correspondence enclosed).

11. **CEMETERY MATTERS**

(a) **Exclusive Right of Burial**

To note the grants of Exclusive Rights of Burial issued since the last meeting of the Committee (copy enclosed).

(b) **Interments and Burial of Ashes**

To receive a report (copy enclosed) listing the dates and times of interments, burials of ashes and uses of the South Chapel at Dorchester Cemetery since the last meeting of the Committee.

(c) **Headstones and Inscriptions**

To confirm the action taken by the Town Clerk in approving applications for the design of headstones and inscriptions received since the last meeting of the Committee. The Register of Memorials will be available to view at the meeting.

12. **MONITORING REPORT**

To consider the Municipal Buildings, Weymouth Avenue Pavilion and Borough Gardens House monitoring report (enclosed).

13. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

To deal with any questions arising from the Information Reports (copies enclosed).

14. **PAID INVOICES**

To inspect the cheque list and supporting vouchers in respect of payments made since the last meeting of the Committee (direct debit and copy expenditure transactions lists enclosed).

15. **URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any other items that the Chairman or Town Clerk decides are urgent.