

# **Dorchester Town Council**

## **Management Committee**

**9 May 2023**

**Present:** The Mayor (Councillor J. Hewitt) and Councillors A. Canning, L. Fry, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger (Chairman), R. Major, R. Potter, M. Rennie, , D. Leaper, and A. Lyall.

**In Attendance**

Councillors S. Hosford, R. Biggs and F. Hogwood.

**Apologies:** Councillors R. Ricardo and D. Taylor.

**65. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13 March 2023, adopted by Council on 27 March 2023, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**66. Declaration of Interests**

Minute No. 73(1) - Councillor D. Leaper declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to the grant application from People Need Nature and left the meeting during its consideration.

**67. Borough Gardens House – Carbon Reduction Options**

The Committee considered a report from the Assistant Town Clerk Outdoor Services on options for installation of heating options for Borough Gardens House and the adjacent greenhouses. Members received a presentation from a consultant advising on the options and considered proposals from several suppliers. It was agreed that the gas boiler would be kept as a back-up system. The preferred option was for the installation of photovoltaic panels on the roof of the House along with air source heat pumps and that the cost of this scheme could be accommodated within the council's existing carbon reduction budget and would be subject to the proper procurement processes. Members were concerned about whether the scheme would affect the cost of heating being recharged to the flat tenant by Dorset Council and officers agreed to ensure this was avoided.

**Resolved**

- (1) That the proposed carbon reduction heating scheme for Borough Gardens House and the adjacent greenhouses, comprising photovoltaic panels and air source heat pumps be implemented.
- (2) That Policy Committee be asked to agree to release funding of up to £90,000 from the Climate Emergency Reserve for this project.

**68. Management Arrangements – Outdoor Services**

The Committee considered a report from the Assistant Town Clerk Outdoor Services updating it on the work undertaken and the achievements made by the Outdoor Services Team since the last meeting of the Committee. Members raised concerns about the broken roundabout at Sandringham play area and officers provided reassurance that repairs were planned. With regard to the traffic roundabout near Max Gate, the Outdoor Services Team will implement planting plans.

**Resolved**

That the Outdoor Services Team update be noted.

**69. Lubbecke Twinning Anniversary**

The notes of the meeting of the task and finish group were noted. The programme for the visit would be finalised following a meeting with the Town Council's Lubbecke Society representative and the Mayor elect.

**Resolved:**

That the notes of the Task and Finish Group held on 2 May 2023 were noted.

**70. Possible Twinning Panel**

The report from the Town Clerk on a proposed Twinning / Cultural Activities Panel was discussed and the proposal was, in general supported, although Members considered that the Panel should only meet when needed. It was also considered important that the Council's representatives to the societies attend the Panel meetings. Member nominations to the proposed panel would be sought prior to the next Full Council meeting.

**Resolved:**

That the proposals for a member Twinning / Cultural Activities Panel be agreed and submitted to Full Council for approval.

**71. West Walks**

The Town Clerk provided a report on the proposed works to install a new high voltage electricity cable along West Walks after the summer. The works to be completed with a full-width resurfacing of the Walks.

**Resolved:**

That the proposals for the installation on a new underground high voltage electricity cable along West Walks be agreed.

## 72. **Herringston Road Allotments**

Members discussed a request from the Weldmar Hospice to its staff to be allowed to use the allotments car park on a temporary basis whilst building works were taking place on the hospice site. Concerns were raised about ground conditions in the allotments car park and how any temporary usage would be managed. Members requested that officers discuss the proposal further with the hospice and gain further details.

### **Resolved:**

That officers discuss the requested temporary use of the allotments car park further with the Weldmar Hospice and report back to members.

## 73. **Grant Applications**

### **Resolved:**

- (1) That the grant application from People Need Nature in the sum of £500, be agreed.
- (2) That the application from Dorchester Family Support be awarded a grant of £500.
- (3) That the grant application from the Lubbecke Society in the sum of £250, was not agreed as the proposals did not conform with council policy on twinning arrangements.

## 74. **Cemetery Matters**

### **(a) Exclusive Right of Burial and Interments and Burial of Ashes**

The report which detailed the Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial for grave spaces and the number of interments and burials of ashes, and the use of the South Chapel, at Dorchester Cemetery since the last meeting of the Committee had been circulated with the agenda.

### **Resolved:**

That the report on the Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial and Interments and Burial of Ashes since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

### **(b) Headstones and Inscriptions The Committee received and noted applications for the design of headstones and inscriptions.**

### **Resolved:**

That the action of the Town Clerk in approving designs numbered 5332 to 5342 be confirmed and the Register of Memorials be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

75. **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

**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 matters the public and press representatives be excluded from this meeting during their discussion

76. **Boxing Club at Weymouth Avenue Pavilion**

The Committee considered a report from the Town Clerk.

**Resolved:**

That the proposal for the use of the boxing club area at the Weymouth Avenue Pavilion by Dorset Physical Training CIC be pursued by officers in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Management Committee.

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