

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

10th MARCH, 2009

At a Meeting of the Management Committee held on 10th March, 2009:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor C.M. Hebditch) and Councillors A.J. Canning (Chairman), A. Harries, L.E. Heath, S.C. Hosford, T. James, A.J. Lyall, P.G. Mann and R.B. Potter.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors C.S. Biggs, E.S. Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger and M.E. Rennie.

52. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13th January, 2009, adopted by Council on 27th January, 2009, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

53. **THE GREAT FIELD**

The Committee had before it the executive summary and conclusions of the Poundbury Phase 3 and 4 Development Flood Risk Assessment which had been prepared by Buro Happold Limited at the request of the Duchy of Cornwall. It was noted that the Environment Agency had seen the report and were satisfied with its conclusions. Members expressed their concerns regarding maintenance of the proposed soakaways, whether the soakaways were of a sufficient size, how much water would sit in the proposed wetland area throughout the year, pollution of the wetland area from road discharge, legal claims against the Council if the soakaways were not sufficient and homes got flooded once the Council had taken responsibility for the land and whether the proposals would help reduce waterlogging of the sports pitches.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the fact that additional soakaway tests would be carried out in the detailed design phase in proposed soakaway locations to confirm infiltration rates.

It was also noted that a water discharge scheme had been prepared in 1987 which proposed to discharge water from the area into the River Frome. Pipework had already been laid in Chestnut Way and Members felt that this option should be explored by the Duchy of Cornwall if it had not been done already.

Members felt that the Council should not take responsibility for the land until the drainage was in place and working and that if possible the agreement with the Duchy of Cornwall should indemnify the Council against any future possible claims with regard to flooding.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted and the principle of a wetland and soakaways to deal with surface water run-off be agreed.
- (2) That the Duchy of Cornwall be asked to provide the Council with information about the additional soakaway tests to be carried out in the detailed design phase.
- (3) That the Duchy of Cornwall be asked to explore the possibility of using the pipework already laid under Chestnut Way as part of the 1987 Poundbury discharge scheme.
- (4) That the Duchy of Cornwall be requested to ask the consultants to consider the concerns expressed by the Committee as set out above and, if possible to arrange for the consultants to attend a future meeting to discuss Members' concerns.
- (5) That the Recreational Activities Panel consider any further detailed information provided in respect of this matter.

54. **MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT PANELS**

(a) **Recreational Activities Panel – 10th February, 2009**

The Committee considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Activities Panel held on 10th February, 2009 (for Minutes see Appendix I).

In respect of the Dorchester Skatepark Members felt that the Skatepark Committee should consider the issue of litter as an ongoing matter. It was also felt that the need for cleaning would be greater at weekends and that it would be useful to have a telephone number placed on the bins stating who to call if they required additional emptying. It was noted that it was presently not proposed to provide recycling facilities at the site.

In regard to allotments Members requested that the Deputy Town Clerk look into the possibility of providing an allotment specifically for those people suffering a mental disability.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Minutes be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.
- (2) That the Deputy Town Clerk write to Committee Members informing them of the

arrangements for the cleaning of the skatepark.

- (3) That West Dorset District Council be requested to consider placing recycling bins in the small car park adjacent to the new Skatepark.
- (4) That the Deputy Town Clerk investigate the possibility of providing an allotment specifically for those people with a mental disability.

(b) Borough Gardens Panel – 24th February, 2009

The Committee considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough Gardens Panel held on 24th February, 2009 (for Minutes see Appendix II) and it was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

(c) Arts Panel – 25th February, 2009

The Committee considered the Minutes of the Arts Panel held on 25th February, 2009 (for Minutes see Appendix III).

In respect of the marketing of events Members felt that it would be useful to have a notice board located at the Trinity Street end of Bowling Alley Walk so that people could see events that were planned for the Gardens. Members also requested that a supply of the proposed marketing leaflets be given to the Town Promotion Sub-Committee for inclusion in any distributions it had planned.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Minutes be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.
- (2) That the possibility of locating a notice board at the Trinity Street end of Bowling Alley Walk be investigated.

(d) Community Activities Panel – 5th March, 2009

The Committee considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Activities Panel held on 5th March, 2009 (for Minutes see Appendix IV) and it was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

55. **MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee received the schedule of work for the Outdoor Services Team. Members expressed their thanks to the Outdoor Services Team for the display of spring flowers that had recently flowered along South Walks, for the repair work that had been undertaken to the boardwalk at the Riverside Reserve and for promptly dealing with a tree issue at Weatherbury Way.

Members were reminded that the management of the Highway Tree Partnership was to be returned to Dorset County Council from 1st April, 2009. The Committee wished to record its thanks to Mr. David Pain, the Council's tree consultant for all his hard work in looking after Dorchester's trees over the last ten years.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the schedule of work for the Outdoor Services Team be noted.
- (2) That the Committee record its thanks to Mr. David Pain for all his hard work in looking after highway trees in Dorchester.

56. **TEXTILE BANK – SANDRINGHAM SPORTS CENTRE CAR PARK**

The Committee considered a proposal to place a yellow textile recycling bank in the car park at Sandringham Sports Centre to help raise funds for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and it was

RESOLVED

That the proposal to place a yellow textile recycling bank at Sandringham Sports Centre car park be agreed.

57. **FORDINGTON GREEN**

The Committee was reminded that the Council had recently installed kerbing on the old Post Office side of Fordington Green to prevent people from parking and ruining the grass. This had been successful but people had now started parking on the other side of the Green.

Members were informed that Councillor E.S. Jones wished the Committee to be informed that since a number of local residents had been recording details of vehicles that had been parking on the Green the problem seemed to have been resolved and she proposed that no action be taken at present but that the situation be monitored until the next meeting of the Committee.

It was

RESOLVED

That no action be taken at present but the situation be monitored and considered again at the next meeting of the Committee.

58. **MONITORING REPORTS**

The Committee received the monitoring reports for the Weymouth Avenue Pavilion, Borough Gardens Community Room and the Municipal Buildings which included additional detail regarding forthcoming projects, scheduled maintenance and urgent repairs and it was

RESOLVED

That the Weymouth Avenue Pavilion, Borough Gardens Community Room and Municipal Buildings Monitoring Reports be received.

59. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

The Committee considered the various reports which had been submitted for information. In regard to the Council's internet usage statistics Members agreed that they should receive only the first page of information in the future.

It was

RESOLVED

That the various information reports be noted.

60. **PAID INVOICES**

The Committee inspected the cheque list and supporting vouchers in respect of payments made between 1st January, 2009 and 28th February, 2009 totalling £278,313.85 (net) together with direct debits for the same period totalling £63,163.31 (net).

It was

RESOLVED

That the cheque transactions and direct debit payments lists be approved and signed accordingly.

Chairman

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES PANEL

10th FEBRUARY, 2009

At a Meeting of the Recreational Activities Panel held on 10th February, 2009:

PRESENT Councillors A.J. Canning (Chairman), S.C. Hosford, T. James and R.B. Potter.

In attendance:

Councillor D.J. Barrett.

Messrs. A. Foot and P. Tucker, Dorchester Cricket Club.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor C.M. Hebditch) and Councillor L.M. Phillips.

7. **CRICKET MATTERS**

The Panel welcomed representatives of Dorchester Cricket Club to the meeting and the following matters were discussed:

(a) **Cricket Score Box**

It was reported that it was hoped to start work on the new cricket score box at the beginning of March, 2009. The score box had been designed to match the existing pavilion with the same style of roof, shutters, anti-graffiti panels etc., all of which had meant that the cost had increased to approximately £23,000 resulting in a potential £8,000 shortfall in grant funding. The club were advised to make an application to West Dorset District Council's Leisure Development Fund and requested that the Deputy Town Clerk investigate with the Council's Financial Services Provider and Auditor whether it was possible for the Council to reclaim the VAT on any part of the project.

It was

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the progress on the building of the new score box be welcomed.
- (2) That the Deputy Town Clerk investigate with the Council's Financial Services Provider and Auditor whether it is possible for the Council to reclaim the VAT on any part of the project.

(b) **Cricket Week**

The Panel was informed that the annual cricket week was to be held in the third week of August 2009. Members agreed that the Cricket Club could erect marquees as it had done in previous years.

(c) Trophy Cabinet

Members agreed to give future consideration to the Cricket Club having a trophy cabinet at Weymouth Avenue Pavilion. It was noted that the pavilion was a multi-use facility and this needed to be taken into account during those considerations.

(d) Wicket

The representatives from the Cricket Club expressed some concern regarding the condition of the cricket wicket towards the end of the 2008 season and offered to obtain a report from the cricket pitch advisor which would highlight any additional maintenance work that could be undertaken to maintain the wicket. It was also felt that it would be useful for representatives of the Cricket Club to have regular informal meetings with the Groundsman and Compliance Manager throughout the season so as to address any issues as they became apparent.

It was

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the Cricket Club's offer to obtain a report from the cricket pitch advisor so as to identify any additional work that maybe undertaken to the cricket wicket be accepted with thanks.
- (2) That the Groundsman and Compliance Manager be requested to have regular informal meetings with Cricket Club representatives throughout the season to address any issues as they become apparent.

(e) The Great Field

Representatives of the Cricket Club informed the Panel that the Club did have a third team made up of young people playing at Charlton Down and would ideally wish to see this team playing in Dorchester at the Great Field when that facility became available. It was noted that dedicated changing facilities were not to be provided although a joint facility with the proposed new school was possible in the future.

(f) 2008 Season

The Panel congratulated the Cricket Club on a very successful 2008 season during which the various club teams had won all of their respective leagues.

(Councillor D.J. Barrett declared a personal interest in respect of the above matters as he was a Vice-President of the Club.)

8. **PLAY BUILDER FUNDING**

The Panel was informed that Dorset had not been successful in securing Play Pathfinder funding but that it was still able to bid for funds under the Play Builder programme. Applications were initially being considered by West Dorset District

Council. Members agreed that the project to provide a significant play structure at King's Road Playing Fields should be resubmitted for consideration under the programme and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the project to provide a significant play structure at King's Road Playing Fields be resubmitted for consideration under the Play Builder programme.

9. **FUNDING FOR RECREATION IN DORCHESTER**

Members had before them correspondence from West Dorset District Council which set out the resources available for public open space/recreation projects in Dorchester. The Panel felt that funding should be requested for those projects previously identified by the Panel; new swings at Woodlands Crescent and replacement multi play structures at Castle Park. It was also felt that a contribution towards the arts space at the new skatepark could be sought and that the Cricket Club could apply if it could not secure the remaining funds for the score box from elsewhere.

It was

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That funding for new and replacement play equipment at Woodlands Crescent and Castle Park be sought from the section 106 monies held by West Dorset District Council.
- (2) That West Dorset District Council be informed that the Dorchester Cricket Club and the Skatepark Committee have projects for consideration.

10. **PLAYDAY 2009**

Members were informed that Play England had announced that the theme for the 2009 Playday campaign was 'Make time!'. Playday was a celebration of children's right to play and was scheduled to take place on 5th August, 2009. The theme – Make time! was about asking everyone to make time for play from parents, to people who worked with children, policy makers, planners, teachers – it was for everyone to take responsibility to make time to see how they could promote children's play.

The Panel felt that the Council should participate in this initiative and requested the Deputy Town Clerk to investigate the possibility of creating some form of 'play trail' to highlight the Council's play areas and facilities which could be used by children and parents on the official Playday.

It was

RECOMMENDED

That the Deputy Town Clerk be requested to investigate the possibility of creating some form of 'play trail' to highlight the Council's play areas and facilities which could be used by children and parents on the official Playday.

11. **SANDRINGHAM SPORTS CENTRE**

The Panel was informed that the new inclusive play equipment had now been installed at Sandringham Sports Centre Play Area and that following two successful grant applications new outside gym equipment had been ordered to replace the existing worn out fitness trail. Members felt that once this equipment had been installed there should be an open day to showcase both the outside gym and the new inclusive play equipment. Prince of Wales First School, Age Concern, Dorchester Strollers should be amongst those invited to take part in such an event.

Members also considered a request from a member of public that the play area be fenced. It was noted that there was no legal requirement to fence the area and it was felt that doing so would spoil the open aspect of the site.

It was

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That following the installation of the outside gym an open day be arranged to showcase both the outside gym and the new inclusive play equipment.
- (2) That fencing be not erected around the play area.

12. **THE GREAT FIELD**

The Panel was informed of the work that had been undertaken to improve the playing surface of the pitches that had been created at the Great Field which had included the removal of many large rocks and stones, treatment to the grass which had boosted top growth and root penetration and the pitches had been verti-drained and top dressed with sand so as to allow air into the top surface to aid drainage. The Compliance Manager had inspected the pitches which were now in a much better condition with much-improved drainage than had been the case previously. It was noted that a herringbone drainage system had not been installed and that the Duchy of Cornwall felt that if the pitches were to be delivered to formal sports pitch standards this could impact on the contributions payable under the agreed Section 106 agreement.

Members felt that the pitches were to an acceptable standard at present but that they should continue to be monitored and that the outcome of the hydrologist's report into possible flooding should be considered prior to a final decision being made.

A Member reported that some vandalism to the trees had occurred and that money was still available from Phase I of the development for play equipment.

It was

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the work undertaken by the Duchy of Cornwall to improve the quality of the pitches be welcomed.
- (2) That a final decision on whether to accept the pitches be made following further monitoring and consideration of the hydrologist's report commissioned by the Duchy of Cornwall.

13. **CHASEBOROUGH SQUARE FOUNTAIN**

The Panel was reminded that Members had requested that discussions take place with the Duchy of Cornwall or the Developer with regard to the Council possibly withdrawing from its ongoing maintenance responsibilities of the water feature in Chaseborough Square. It was reported that the Duchy of Cornwall had expressed a strong preference for the Council to continue its ongoing maintenance and that the Developer had put the feature back into good working order following it being struck by a vehicle.

A Member informed that Panel that he had undertaken a survey of residents in the area who were broadly in favour of retaining the feature.

Members agreed that the Duchy of Cornwall and the Developer should be encouraged to consider better ways of protecting the feature, such as extending the kerb around it or bollards and to investigate whether the water could be recycled in order to prevent the feature from drying out and having to be topped up on a regular basis.

It was

RECOMMENDED

That the Duchy of Cornwall and the Developer be encouraged to consider better ways of protecting the fountain, such as extending the kerb around it or bollards, and to investigate whether the water could be recycled in order to prevent the feature from drying out and having to be topped up on a regular basis and that further consideration be given to the Council's willingness to continue to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the feature in the light of the outcome of those discussions.

14. **DORCHESTER SKATEPARK**

The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Panel on progress with the new permanent skatepark being built at Little Fairfield which was due to be completed by the end of February, weather permitting.

Members also considered correspondence from 'Dorchester Stop the Drop' which was a group of local residents concerned about the increasing presence of litter and graffiti throughout the town. The group felt that the Skatepark Committee should be responsible for the cleanliness and running of the site and that if the area was not kept clean and tidy the skatepark should be closed until such time as it was. It was noted that the group were under the impression that the cleaning of the skatepark would be contracted to West Dorset District Council which was not going to be the case. The skatepark would have the bins emptied and be litter picked and inspected daily Monday to Friday which was a requirement of the Council's insurances.

The Panel agreed that the Skatepark Committee should take some responsibility for the cleanliness of the park and agreed that the Skatepark Committee should be requested to consider the issue at its next meeting.

It was

RECOMMENDED

That the Council be responsible for the cleanliness of the skatepark but that the Skatepark Committee also be asked to take some responsibility for keeping the area clean and tidy.

15. **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.

16. **ALLOTMENTS**

The Panel considered a request from a person on the Council's allotment waiting list to have his position within the list elevated and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the request be refused with regret.

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

BOROUGH GARDENS PANEL

24th FEBRUARY, 2009

At a Meeting of the Borough Gardens Panel held on 24th February, 2009:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor C.M. Hebditch) and Councillors A. Harries, S.C. Hosford and E.S. Jones (Chairman).

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

6. **EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Panel considered the suggestion that the Council should organise an Easter Egg Hunt in the Borough Gardens over the Easter period.

Following discussion it was

RECOMMENDED

That this suggestion be not pursued in view of the number of other similar events taking place in the area.

7. **LOVE PARKS WEEK – 25th JULY – 2nd AUGUST, 2009**

The Panel considered a draft programme of events proposed for Love Parks Week which would be held from 25th July to 2nd August.

Musical events had been arranged on both days of both weekends during the Week and arrangements were in hand for a Treasure Hunt on Saturday, 25th July, a sports taster event on Monday, 27th July and a range of events organised by Dorset Wildlife Trust on Wednesday, 29th July. Preliminary discussions were in hand for a number of other events including a Punch and Judy Show on Tuesday, 28th July and a youth music event on the evening of Friday, 31st July as well as a number of other less-formal activities.

It was

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the draft programme of activities as now submitted be enthusiastically supported.
- (2) That the officers be authorised to finalise arrangements for the Punch and Judy Show at a cost of £150.

- (3) That the officers be requested to attempt to arrange a traditional crafts/countryside activities day on Thursday, 30th July.

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

ARTS PANEL

25th FEBRUARY, 2009

At a Meeting of the Arts Panel held on 25th February, 2009:

PRESENT Councillors V. Black, T. James, E.S. Jones, A.J. Lyall (Chairman) and P.G. Mann.

APOLOGY for absence was received from The Mayor (Councillor C.M. Hebditch).

7. **MAUMBURY RINGS YOUTH ACTIVITIES DAY**

The Panel was informed that Dorchester Youth Extra (DYE) had agreed to partner the Council in organising a youth activities day to be held at Maumbury Rings on Sunday, 30th August, 2009. DYE had already held an initial all-day planning meeting where ideas for the day had been discussed. The Chairman of the Panel and the Deputy Town Clerk had attended the planning meeting in the afternoon to respond to questions and discuss DYE's initial ideas and proposals.

The event was to be called 'ANONYMOUS 09 – Dorchester's Youth Festival' and aimed to highlight local talent and link up with as many community organisations as possible to showcase the wide range of activities available for Dorchester's young people. Members were reminded that the Council had earmarked £1,000 for the event and DYE were in the process of applying for additional grant monies from the Youth Opportunity Fund and elsewhere.

Members were circulated with a draft press release about the event and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the progress made in organising the youth activities day be noted.

8. **MARKETING OF EVENTS**

Members were reminded that the Council had allocated £1,000 so as to enable additional marketing of the Council's 2009 summer events programme. The Panel felt that it was important to complement the existing marketing with an additional leaflet which set out the whole of the summer programme. It was felt that this leaflet should be professionally produced and distributed both within Dorchester and the wider area. It was also felt that the next event should be advertised during events being held and that the Borough Gardens kiosk could be used as an additional location to advertise the summer programme.

It was

RECOMMENDED

That a draft A4 leaflet folded into thirds advertising the whole of the summer programme be produced and costs obtained for its distribution.

9. **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.

10. **DORCHESTER ARTS REVIEW**

The Panel considered a draft joint response by the Town Council, Dorset County Council, West Dorset District Council and Arts Council England to the recommendations contained within the Dorchester Arts Review which had been previously circulated.

Members supported the joint response subject but expressed reservations about the capacity of the Dorchester Arts Forum, in its present form, to deliver the outcomes required of it. The Panel felt that it would be beneficial to invite representatives of the Dorchester Arts Forum to a future meeting so as to learn more about the workings of the Forum.

It was noted that there would be further joint meetings of funders to secure refreshed service level agreements.

The Panel also felt that it would be beneficial for the Arts Centre to make use of the Improvement and Development Agency's new Culture and Sport Improvement Toolkit which offered a new approach to self assessment and improvement planning.

It was

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the joint response as circulated be agreed subject to it referring to the Council's strong reservations regarding the capacity of the Dorchester Arts Forum, in its present form, to deliver the outcomes required of it.
- (2) That representatives of the Dorchester Arts Forum be invited to attend a future meeting of the Panel.
- (2) That the Dorchester Arts Centre be urged to make use of the Improvement and Development Agency's Culture and Sport Improvement Toolkit.

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PANEL

5th MARCH, 2009

At a Meeting of the Community Activities Panel held on 5th March, 2009:

PRESENT Councillors A. Harries, Trevor Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger, P.G. Mann and M.E. Rennie (Chairman).

In attendance:

Councillor V. Black

Mrs. P. Loudon and Mr. B. Bates – Dorchester-Bayeux Society

Mr J.H. Antell, Mrs R. Ward and Mr J. Linden – Dorchester-Lübbecke Society

Mr. D.G. Maggs and Mr. J. Jerrard – Dorchester- Holbæk Society

APOLOGY for absence was received from The Mayor (Councillor C.M. Hebditch).

1. **DORCHESTER-BAYEUX SOCIETY**

The Chairman of the Dorchester-Bayeux Society informed the Panel that the Society had enjoyed many successful activities since the last meeting and was looking forward to the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

2. **DORCHESTER-LÜBBECKE SOCIETY**

The Chairman of the Dorchester-Lübbecke Society informed the Panel that the Society had also enjoyed many successful activities since the last meeting and had managed through hard work to increase its membership.

The main objective of the Society was to encourage more youth participation with Lübbecke and it had recently given Dorchester Town Youth Football Club a cheque to assist with their visit to Lübbecke for the youth football tournament. The Society was also sponsoring a prize at Thomas Hardye School for the best student studying German and had persuaded Dorchester Youth Club to make a video about Dorchester for the youth of Lübbecke.

He also informed that Panel that the United Church would be visiting Lübbecke in October and it was hoped that a music group from Thomas Hardye School would accompany the party. The Vice-Chairman of the Panel confirmed that there was money still available from the Blackler family for young people to visit the three twin towns.

The Vice-Chairman informed the Panel that the Town Council and Dorchester Youth Extra were holding an event in August in Maumbury Rings and he hoped that this event would in future encourage young people from our twin towns to attend.

The Panel congratulated the Dorchester-Lübbecke Society for all its hard work in encouraging young people to participate in twinning.

3. **DORCHESTER-HOLBÆK SOCIETY**

The Chairman of the Dorchester-Holbæk Society informed the Panel that exchange visits took place in 2008 and that the visitors from Dorchester had seen many of the changes and developments in Holbæk.

Having won the quiz in 2007 the Society had hosted the Dorset Twinning Association quiz evening which was attended by over 70 people.

The Chairman confirmed that there had also been many successful Society events.

4. **FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF TWINNING WITH BAYEUX**

The Clerk informed that Panel that she was in receipt of a letter from Bayeux which indicated that the Mayor of Bayeux had issued an invitation to the Mayor of Dorchester to visit Bayeux on dates that differed from the dates of the proposed visit by the Dorchester-Bayeux Society.

It was

RECOMMENDED

That discussions take place when the Mayor of Bayeux is in Dorchester to ascertain the correct dates when a civic party would visit Bayeux.

The Clerk read the programme to the Panel and during its discussion the Chairman of the Dorchester-Bayeux Society indicated that the Society guests from Bayeux wished to be included in the civic programme. The Chairman of the Panel suggested that the Dorchester-Bayeux Society must provide a bus and driver if they wished to accompany the civic party. During consideration of the programme the secretary to the Society informed the Panel about the exhibition which would be held at Dorchester Library.

The Panel considered what gift should be given to the Mayor of Bayeux to celebrate the Anniversary. The Town Clerk explained that the suggested gift of a Lutyens seat was typically British and could be suitably inscribed.

Following discussion it was

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the Chairman of the Dorchester-Bayeux Society hold discussions with her Committee to ascertain whether they would be willing to pay for a bus and driver to accompany the civic party on 18th April.
- (2) That the programme be approved Panel.
- (3) That the purchase of the Lutyens seat be agreed.

5. **YOUTH EXCHANGE**

Mr. J. Jerrard informed the Panel that the money held in this account had been given to the three societies for distribution by them to youth organisations visiting the twin towns.

6. **THE RIFLES REGIMENT**

The Panel noted that the Rifles Regiment had had to decline the Council's offer of a reception on Armed Forces Day, 27th June, 2009 to mark the return of the soldiers who had recently returned from operations. Unfortunately this date coincided with other major events taking place that day.

It was

RECOMMENDED

That further consideration be given to the hosting of an event when 2 Rifles return from Afghanistan at the end of 2009.