

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

8th JULY, 2008

At a Meeting of the Management Committee held on 8th July, 2008:

PRESENT Councillors A.J. Canning (Chairman), A. Harries, S.C. Hosford, T. James, E.S. Jones, A.J. Lyall, P.G. Mann, R.B. Potter and M.E. Rennie.

In attendance:
Councillor L.M. Phillips.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor C.M. Hebditch) and Councillors C.S. Biggs, L.E. Heath and F.E. Kent-Ledger.

1. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6th May, 2008, adopted by Council on 20th May, 2008, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2. **MINUTES OF GRANTS PANEL – 17th JUNE, 2008**

The Committee considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Grants Panel held on 17th June, 2008 (for Minutes see Appendix I).

It was

RESOLVED

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

3. **PANELS – 2008/09**

(a) **Membership of Panels – 2008/09**

The Committee considered the allocation of Members to Panels following the receipt of Councillors' individual preferences.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the following Members be appointed by this Committee to Panels for the 2008/09 Council Year:-

Arts

Councillors T. James, E.S. Jones, A.J. Lyall and P.G. Mann.

Borough Gardens

Councillors A.J. Canning, A. Harries, S.C. Hosford and E.S. Jones.

Community Activities

Councillors A. Harries, F.E. Kent-Ledger, P.G. Mann and M.E. Rennie.

Grants

Councillors C.S. Biggs, F.E. Kent-Ledger, P.G. Mann and M.E. Rennie.

Property Management and Maintenance

Councillors C.S. Biggs, L.E. Heath, A.J. Lyall and R.B. Potter.

Recreational Activities

Councillors A.J. Canning, S.C. Hosford, T. James and R.B. Potter.

Resources

Councillors L.E. Heath and T. James.

- (2) That a nomination to the Risk Management Panel be sought at the next Council meeting.

(b) Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen

Members considered the appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to those Panels that were responsible to the Management Committee.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Panels stated be elected for the 2008/09 Council year:

Arts

Chairman – Councillor A.J. Lyall
Vice-Chairman – Councillor P.G. Mann

Borough Gardens

Chairman – Councillor E.S. Jones

Community Activities

Chairman – Councillor M.E. Rennie
Vice-Chairman – Councillor P.G. Mann

Grants

Chairman – Councillor C.S. Biggs

Property Management & Maintenance
Chairman – Councillor A.J. Lyall

Recreational Activities
Chairman – Councillor A.J. Canning

4. **MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee received the schedule of work for the Outdoor Services Team. Members expressed their gratitude for the good work recently undertaken at Sawmills Lane to smarten up the area. The Committee was pleased to note that the epicormic growth on the trees was being pruned. Members reported that the roundabout at Salisbury Field play area appeared to be running slowly and the Syward Close play area gate was not closing itself. It was also reported that the Highways Agency had recently cut the bypass banks whilst the wild flowers were still in flower and that the grass on the corner of Acland Road and South Walks Road was in desperate need of cutting.

It was

RESOLVED

That the schedule of work for the Outdoor Services Team be noted.

5. **THE STANLEY MANSBRIDGE PERPETUAL TROPHY**

The Committee considered correspondence from the Town Crier of Dorchester who was hosting the Stanley Mansbridge Perpetual Trophy competition having won it last year. The Dorchester Agricultural Society had sponsored the event by providing free entry to the County Show and allowing the second round cry to be performed in the Countryside Arena during the afternoon. The first round 'home' cry was to take place at the Town Pump. The Town Crier was seeking a contribution towards providing a lunch for the entrants at the County Show.

It was

RESOLVED

That a contribution of £200 be made towards providing a lunch for the Town Criers Stanley Mansbridge Perpetual Trophy competition.

(Councillor L.S. Phillips declared a personal interest because he was a member of the Dorchester Agricultural Society.)

6. **DORCHESTER TOWN FC UNDER-18 TEAM**

Members considered correspondence from the Team Manager of Dorchester Town FC Under-18 Team inviting the Council to enter a patron's draw with the winning organisation having its name advertised on the team's home shirt. The Committee felt that it was not appropriate to enter into such a draw but felt that the team could seek a grant from the Council through the normal processes should it require funding for particular items of equipment, new projects etc.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Council not enter into Dorchester Town FC Under-18 Team's patron's draw.

7. **LAND AT COLLITON STREET ON THE CORNER WITH GLYDE PATH ROAD**

The Committee was informed that this small area of land was owned and maintained by West Dorset District Council and was not generally open to the public. A Member of the Committee had been approached by a local resident who had volunteered to look after the land and who wished to place a bench in it for use by the public if the District Council would allow this to happen. Members felt that this would be a good thing particularly as the area appeared not be well maintained at present.

RESOLVED

That the approach to West Dorset District Council from the member of the public be supported.

8. **SAWMILLS LANE**

The Committee was asked to consider granting Wayleaves at Weymouth Avenue Recreation Ground so as to enable street lighting columns to be erected. Members had been circulated with plans showing the proposed locations of the columns.

Members noted that work had commenced in Sawmills Lane but the company responsible had not reinstated the land to anywhere near a satisfactory standard.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the necessary Wayleaves required to enable street lighting columns to be erected at Weymouth Avenue Recreation Ground be granted.
- (2) That the company responsible for erecting the street lighting columns be requested to reinstate the land where work has already been carried out to a satisfactory state as a matter of urgency.

9. **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. The Chairman of the Arts Panel informed the Committee that the new Corn Exchange lighting desk was not being used by hirers and proposed that it be returned to the company from which it was purchased.

It was reported that the Dorset Registration Service rated the Municipal Buildings as one of the most well organised venues for weddings in the area.

In considering the Municipal Buildings monitoring report the Committee gave consideration to removing the Millennium Exhibition Panels from the Magistrates Room and the Foyer now that the Dorchester Tapestry had been erected. Members felt that this matter should be referred for consideration to the Property Management and Maintenance Panel in due course.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Weymouth Avenue Pavilion, Borough Gardens Community Room and Municipal Buildings Monitoring Reports be received.
- (2) That the new lighting desk be returned to the company from which it was purchased.
- (3) That the issue of removing the Millennium Exhibition Panels from the Foyer and Magistrates Room be considered by the Property Management and Maintenance Panel.

10. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

The Committee considered the various reports which had been submitted for information together with the latest website statistics and information regarding Love Parks Week which was circulated at the meeting.

Members noted the crime statistics which were included within the Minutes of the Dorchester and District Crime Prevention Panel. Members noted that questions could be asked of Inspector Fry regarding this type of issue at Council meetings.

In respect of the Arts Centre Board Meeting Minutes it was reported that the Arts Review had now been commenced. It was also noted that Review meetings were taking place at the Arts Centre.

The Committee wished to congratulate all those involved with Love Parks Week which had been a great success. Members wished to see the event become an annual one and for the Nature Trail to be brought to the attention of schools.

In respect of the Borough Gardens it was reported that the Round Table had not collected in the Borough Gardens during Party in the Park which was a fundraising opportunity lost. Members also requested that West Dorset District Council be asked to weed and repair the fence surrounding the land around the new tennis courts on the corner of Bowling Alley Walk and West Walks and undertake the agreed improvements as a matter of urgency.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the various information reports be noted.
- (2) That the Head Gardener and all those involved with Love Parks Week be thanked for their work and congratulated on its success.
- (3) That West Dorset District Council be asked to weed and repair the fence surrounding the land by the new tennis courts on the corner of Bowling Alley Walk and West Walks and to undertake the agreed improvements as a matter of urgency.

11. **PAID INVOICES**

The Committee inspected the cheque list and supporting vouchers in respect of payments made between 1st May, 2008 and 30th June, 2008 totalling £192,912.86 (net) together with direct debits for the same period totalling £64,335.08 (net).

It was

RESOLVED

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

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

13. **PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT**

The Committee considered a report by the Compliance Manager on the proposed replacement of the Jacobsen Tri King Triple Mower and it was

RESOLVED

That the Jacobsen Tri King Triple Mower be replaced as proposed in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.5 of the report.

14. **BOROUGH GARDENS**

The Committee was updated regarding the Council's application for Green Flag status for the Borough Gardens and it was

RESOLVED

That the matter be considered further by the
Borough Gardens Panel.

Chairman

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

GRANTS PANEL

17th JUNE, 2008

At a Meeting of the Grants Panel held on Tuesday, 17th June, 2008:

PRESENT Councillors C.S. Biggs (Chairman), F.E Kent-Ledger, P.G. Mann and M.E. Rennie.

APOLOGY for absence was received from Councillor T.C.N. Harries.

1. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The Panel considered applications for financial assistance received since the last meeting of the Panel and it was

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the application from the Dorchester Trust for Counselling and Psychotherapy not be approved.
- (2) That the application from the Dorchester Strollers be approved in the sum of £75.
- (3) That the application from the Friends of the Riverside Reserve be approved in the sum of £300.
- (4) That the application from the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism not be approved.
- (5) That the application from Mrs D Tilsley, Wimborne Orienteers be approved in the sum of £100.
- (6) That the application from the Durnovaria Silver Band be approved in the sum of £250.
- (7) That the application from St Peter's Society of Change Ringers be approved in the sum of £150.
- (8) That the application from Dorchester Opportunity Group be approved in the sum of £250.

- (9) That the application from Dorchester LETSystem be approved in the sum of £217.

(Councillor P.G. Mann declared a personal interest in the application received from the Dorchester Opportunity Group because he was a member of its Advisory Board.)