



DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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Dennis Holmes, Town Clerk

16th January, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

A MEETING of the **POLICY COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, DORCHESTER** on **TUESDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 2013** 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 20th November, 2012 (adopted by Council on 27th November, 2012).

3. **MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

To consider the under-mentioned Minutes of the Management Committee (copies enclosed):

Minute 51 – Estimates 2013-2014
Minute 65 – Maintenance of the Cemeteries

4. **INTERNAL AUDIT**

To consider the most recent report of the Council's Internal Auditor (copy enclosed).

5. **MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

To consider the enclosed copy Management Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 2012.

6. **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

To consider the enclosed copy of a draft updated Medium Term Financial Strategy.

7. **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SURVEILLANCE**

Further to Minute 7 to consider the level of budget provision to be made in respect of the Council's support of the Dorchester CCTV system in the light of the enclosed copy letter dated 7th January, 2013 from the Community Protection Manager to Weymouth & Portland Borough Council.

8. **GENERAL FUND BALANCE – 2013-14**

To consider the enclosed report of the Financial Service Provider on an appropriate minimum level of General Balance for 2013-14.

9. **DRAFT BUDGET AND ESTIMATES – 2013-14**

(a) To consider the draft Estimates for the Policy Committee for 2013-14 (copy enclosed).

(b) To consider the draft Estimates for the Management and Planning and Environment Committees for 2013-14 (copies enclosed).

(c) To consider the Budget for 2013-14 and to recommend a precept to the Council. (A summary of the principal issues affecting the Budget is enclosed.)

10. **FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDER**

To note that West Dorset District Council have given notice to terminate their provision of financial services and to receive the report of the Town Clerk on progress towards their replacement.

11. **PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF DAMERS SCHOOL**

To note that Dorset County Council has arranged a Stakeholder Group to consider the proposed replacement of Damers School which will meet at 10am on Friday, 1st February, 2013 and to consider the appointment of two representatives of the Council to attend (Councillors Barrett, Hosford and Potter have all expressed interest in representing the Council at the Group).

12. **WAR MEMORIAL**

(a) George Quinton

To note that arrangements are being made for the addition of the name of George Quinton to the war memorial. George was the son of Mr. H. and Mrs. E. Quinton of 42 Tilley's Buildings, Dorchester and died on 17th September, 1917; he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

(b) Charles William Cutt

A request has been received for the name of Charles William Cutt to also be added to the war memorial. Charles was related to the Parsons family of Dorchester but was born in Upwey and, so far as is known, never himself lived in Dorchester: he is not commemorated in either Upwey or Broadway. However, non-residence was not a bar at the time that the war memorial was erected, and a number of names on it commemorate servicemen who never lived here, including that of Captain O'Sullivan who is the only recipient of the Victoria Cross listed. Captain O'Sullivan's mother happened to be living in Dorchester at the time that names were canvassed, although she seems to have moved around the country a lot and just happened to be here when the list of names was being assembled. It is, perhaps, surprising that the collation of the list of names was as haphazard as appears to have been the case, but the country would have been in considerable turmoil in the early 1920s.

The Committee's instructions on the response to this request are invited.

13. **URGENT ITEMS**

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