

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE

20th JULY, 2010

At a Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 20th July, 2010:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor L.M. Phillips) and Councillors R.M. Biggs, V. Black, T.C.N. Harries, C.M. Hebditch and Trevor Jones (Chairman).

APOLOGY for absence was received from Councillor M.A. Allwood.

4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18th May, 2010, adopted by Council on 25th May, 2010, of the Special Meeting of the Committee held on 23rd June, 2010 and of the Reconvened Special Meeting of the Committee held on 28th June, 2010, copies of which had been provided to all Members of the Committee, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. **MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered the under-mentioned Minutes of the Management Committee held on 13th July, 2010:

Minute 6 – Transfer of the Dorchester Joint Burial Committee Function to the Town Council

Minute 8 – Sponsorship of Hanging Baskets.

It was

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That Minute 6 be approved so far as this Committee is concerned and, in particular, that the proposed modifications to the powers and duties of the Management Committee and the various panels, the proposed modifications to Standing Order 29 and the proposed treatment of the Joint Committee's General and Earmarked Reserves be approved.
- (2) That Minute 8 be referred back for further consideration by the Management Committee against a background of a wider exploration of potential areas for commercial sponsorship of facilities provided by the Council.

6. **DORCHESTER MARKETS JOINT COMMITTEE**

The Committee received the minutes of the Meeting of the Dorchester Markets Joint Committee held on 23rd June, 2010 and considered the specific Recommendation to the constituent authorities set out in Minutes 26 and 27.

The Committee had before it a copy of the report on Future Governance Arrangements which had been considered by the Joint Committee and a copy of the draft Protocol which had been amended following the Meeting of the Joint Committee.

Following discussion it was

RECOMMENDED

That no objection be raised so far as this Council is concerned to the dissolution of the Dorchester Markets Joint Committee and its replacement with an Informal Joint Panel on the basis set out in the report and in the draft Protocol.

7. **PANELS – 2010-11**

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

It was

RECOMMENDED

That the following Members be appointed by this Committee to Panels for the 2010-11 Council Year:

Arts

Councillor C.M. Hebditch

Borough Gardens

Councillor C.M. Hebditch

Community Activities

Councillor S.C. Hosford

Grants

Councillor T. Harries

Property Management and Maintenance

Councillor S.C. Hosford

Recreational Activities

Councillor S.C. Hosford

Resources

Councillors V. Black, T.C.N. Harries and Trevor Jones

Risk Management

Councillors M.A. Allwood and R.M. Biggs

8. **MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

The Committee received and noted the Council's Management Accounts for the period ended 30th June, 2010.

Arising from the consideration of this item it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Property Management and Maintenance Panel be requested to carry out a review of all the Council's buildings in an attempt to identify areas where major work may be required in the future over and above matters identified in the property maintenance schedules to avoid a recurrence of significant unplanned expenditure such as that required to upgrade the fire alarm system in the Municipal Buildings.

9. **S106 AGREEMENT BALANCE**

Further to Minute 3(2) the Committee received and noted the report of the Financial Service Provider confirming that the sum of £56,271 identified on the Balance Sheet had been received by the Council in March 2008 in accordance with the Section 106 Agreement for the development of land adjacent to Maumbury Rings. The use of the money was restricted to the provision or enhancement of public open space or recreational facilities within the town and was being held as match funding against the refurbishment of Maumbury Rings. If the sum was not wholly expended within a period of ten years ending in March, 2018 any unused portion together with accrued interest was required to be returned to the developer.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Financial Service Provider be requested to report to this Committee annually on the balance of this money remaining unspent at the same time as the draft Final Accounts are submitted.

10. **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.

11. **BAD DEBTS**

Further to Minute 62(2)(2009-10) the Committee considered the report of the Financial Service Provider on the circumstances in which a bad debt of £2,511.13 had arisen.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the bad debt identified in the report in the sum of £2,511.13 be written-off.

Chairman