

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday 23rd July, 2013:

**PRESENT** The Mayor (Councillor E.S. Jones) in the Chair.

Councillors V.J. Allan, K.E. Armitage, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, A.J. Canning, T.C.N. Harries, S.C. Hosford, T. James, Trevor Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger, A.J. Lyall, P.G. Mann, R.B. Potter, M.E. Rennie and D.S. Roberts.

In attendance:

Miss N. Glendening, Deputy Member of Youth Parliament (Dorset)

Inspector S. Marsh of Dorset Police

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors D.J. Barrett, G.M. Jones, and D. Taylor.

22. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013, of the adjourned Annual Meeting of Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013, and of the Special Meeting of Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013, copies of which had been circulated to all Members of the Council, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

23. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their support at recent civic events, in particular the Home-Start West Dorset quiz night, and highlighted the reception for the Dorchester Youth Theatre on the conclusion of this evening's Council meeting.

The Town Clerk invited Council to record its congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their son by way of letter, which was approved.

24. **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received in accordance with Standing Order 12(3).

25. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

It was clarified that minute 4, which identified a meeting to be arranged regarding road safety in the vicinity of Dorchester Middle and Thomas Hardy schools was to be co-ordinated by Dorset County Council.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 be adopted.

26. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

Some progress was noted with regard to minute 9, Maiden Castle House access protection markings, but that active enforcement would continue.

In relation to minute 11 it was noted that Dorchester Area Partnership was considering opportunities to improve safe travel to schools in Dorchester.

In response to a question the Chairman of the Traffic Panel identified that a meeting of the Panel would be called as soon as possible.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 be adopted.

27. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

It was noted that a site visit had taken place with PC Sean Cannon of Dorset Police regarding safety improvements that could be made at the Borough Gardens, and that a meeting of the Borough Gardens Panel would take place on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013. In response to a question Inspector Steve Marsh confirmed that mobile CCTV and the Police dog handling service would be made available if required.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 be adopted.

28. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

Miss N. Glendening addressed Council regarding minute 3, the setting up of the Dorchester Town Youth Council. She explained her experience as a youth advisor to Sherborne Town Council and as a member of the Dorset Youth Council.

In response to questions Miss Glendening discussed the processes that she and other advisors had adopted to collect the views of young people on decisions to be made by the Town Council, and advised regarding some of the issues that this Council would need to consider when seeking to engage young people, particularly around protocols and

language. She also recognised the difficulty of succession planning as young people move out of the area when leaving school.

She identified a Skatepark project as an example of the positive influence that young people had achieved in regard to services provided in Sherborne.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 be adopted.

29. **INTERVIEW PANEL – 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013**

With the agreement of the Mayor the Council was circulated with minutes of the Interview Panel held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2013. Members considered the minutes and it was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Interview Panel held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 be adopted.

30. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Marsh reported on the crime statistics for Dorchester for the period since the last Council meeting, and updated Members on current police issues and initiatives.

The Council rose at 7.40pm.

Mayor