

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday 24th September, 2013:

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

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

In attendance:
Inspector S. Marsh of Dorset Police.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors A.J. Canning, M.E. Rennie and D. Taylor.

31. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23rd July 2013 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

32. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor advised councillors of the recent deaths of two former Mayors, Colin Lucas and Di Dowell. The Council stood to remember them.

The Mayor thanked those who had helped raise over £400 for her charity during the Maumbury Rings music event. Particular thanks were reserved for Councillor A.J. Lyall, who led the event on the day.

The Mayor thanked those who had helped during the recent Lübbecke 40th anniversary twinning visit, in particular Councillors S.C. Hosford and V.J. Allan who had acted as hosts for our guests. The Mayor also reported on the successful recent visit to Bayeux with the Twinning Society, and the role of First Deputy Mayor Françoise Zeller, who will retire in 2014, was highlighted.

Finally the Mayor reminded councillors that she was hosting a MacMillan Coffee morning on Friday 27th September, and was also intending to enter a team in this year's Swimarathon event in November.

Cllr T.C.N. Harries advised councillors of his recent attendance at a day to celebrate the work of George Singer, pioneer car and motorbike manufacturer, at Kingston Maurward. He also thanked councillors for their personal donations in sponsorship of the John o' Groats to Lands End bike ride on behalf of the Fortuneswell Cancer Trust.

33. **QUESTIONS**

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

34. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 5th AUGUST 2013**

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

It was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5th August 2013 be adopted.

35. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 2nd SEPTEMBER 2013**

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

It was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2nd September 2013 be adopted.

36. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 10th SEPTEMBER 2013**

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

It was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 10th September 2013 be adopted.

37. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th SEPTEMBER 2013**

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

Councillor Trevor Jones took the opportunity to remind councillors that, with effect from 1st October 2013, the Council would be changing the pay of its staff as part of its commitment to implement pay at or above the Living Wage level.

It was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 17th September 2013 be adopted.

38. **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. He noted that a small increase in crime levels year on year was due to alcohol related crime during the summer, but that this masked a general trend of lower crime activity in shoplifting and assaults. He also noted a reduction in drug related crime due to positive action by the local police team, but confirmed that the team were continuing to focus resources on this area.

The Council rose at 7.25pm.

Mayor

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

At the conclusion of the meeting members of the public asked questions related to the following issues: -

- CCTV in Dorchester
- Crime and Anti-Social behaviour
- The Living Wage