

# **Dorchester Town Council**

## **Meeting of the Dorchester Town Council**

**21 July 2015**

Present: Mayor R. Potter and Councillors B. Armstrong-Marshall, C. Biggs, R. Biggs, A. Canning, A. Chisholm, G. Duke, T. Harries, J. Hewitt, S. Hosford, G. Jones, T. Loakes, A. Lyall, K. Rice, P. Stein and D. Taylor.

Apologies: Councillors S. Jones, T. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger and M. Rennie

### **13. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 18 and 19 May 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

### **14. Communications & Questions**

The Mayor reminded Councillors regarding the events happening over the summer in the Borough Gardens and at Maumbury Rings.

The Town Clerk advised receipt of a communication from a local group in relation to the proposed consultation exercise to be carried out by the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to future health provision. Councillors wished to be kept informed of the consultation process as it develops.

The Mayor identified that no questions had been received in accordance with Standing Order 12(3).

### **15. Planning and Environment Committee – 1 June 2015**

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

A Councillor asked whether it was possible to add information to better identify planning applications in relation to High East/West Street properties. The Chairman advised this may not be possible but would investigate.

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1 June 2015 be adopted.

### **16. Management Committee – 16 June 2015**

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

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 16 June 2015 be adopted.

**17. Policy Committee – 23 June 2015**

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

**Resolved**

- (1) That a review of the Corporate Plan take place with the aim of allocating up to £500,000 to new corporate projects and commencing consideration of Service Growth issues
- (2) That the Policy Committee facilitates a comprehensive view of member governance processes, with any proposals for change to be reported to Council on 29 September 2015
- (3) That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 23 June 2015 be adopted.

**18. Planning and Environment Committee – 29 June 2015**

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

The Chairman provided an update regarding Minute 104, explaining that solar powered lights had now been installed in Woolaston Fields. The Clerk would write to West Dorset District Council raising concerns about the benefit of lighting an unused car park.

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 29 June 2015 be adopted.

**19. Appointments to Outside Bodies**

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk was invited to include a consideration of the length of service in any appointed role as part of the Council's governance review.

**Resolved**

That the representatives are appointed as per the appendix attached to the minutes

## 20. Council Governance Review

Council gave consideration to the planned Governance review. A Councillor emphasised the need for a greater link between the Corporate Plan and committee work. The Town Clerk agreed to work with the Councillor and the Policy Committee Chairman to produce a paper for consideration as part of the review.

There was general support for the proposals to improve the focus of Council meetings.

The Mayor reminded Councillors to complete their questionnaires and play an active role in the review.

The Council rose at 7.30pm.

## Mayor

On the conclusion of the meeting a democratic question time was held, with questions raised regarding the condition of the Walks on the corner of The Grove and Northernhay, and the potential for an improved pedestrian walkway across the railway lines on Weymouth Avenue.

Representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group attended the meeting and provided information on the background of the whole system review of health provision in Dorset. They explained the drivers of the review, the outline vision they had developed, and the criteria against which they possible options for change needed to be judged. They identified that consultation on options would start later this year and in response to a specific question in relation to paediatric services stated that as yet no decisions had been made on the service. They specifically recognised that, due to the needs of the rural community that it served, Dorset County Hospital did not fit into national models for primary care hospitals and would need to continue to provide a wide range of core care services rather than becoming a hospital which specialised in certain health fields. They agreed to attend a future meeting of Council once the consultation process has started.

## Representatives on Outside Bodies

Outside Body	Representative
<b>Internal Roles</b>	
DAPTC Larger Towns Rep	R. Potter
Footpath Liaison Officer	T. Loakes
<b>Charitable Trusteeships</b>	
Ashley Churchill & Thorner Trust	C. Biggs R. Potter
Dorchester Municipal Charities	S. Hosford F. Kent-Ledger (to May 2016) P. Mann (to May 2016) M. Rennie (to May 2016)
<b>Bodies we work with regularly and/or support financially or in kind</b>	
Dorchester Arts	F. Kent-Ledger
Dorchester BID	M. Rennie
Dorset Broadcasting Action Group	D. Taylor
Dorchester Local Area Partnership	D. Taylor
Dorchester Bayeux Society	D. Taylor
Dorchester Lubbecke Society	T. Harries
<b>Other Organisations we work with</b>	
Dorchester & Sherborne CAB	G. Duke
Dorchester Holbaek Society	S. Jones
Dorset Neighbour. Justice	R. Potter
Dorchester Association Local History & Archaeology	B. Armstrong-Marshall
Dorchester Youth & Community Centre	K. Rice
Heart of Wessex Rail Part.	G. Jones
St Osmund's Community Sports Centre	S. Jones
Thomas Hardy Society	A. Chisholm
Transition Town Dorchester	T. Loakes
Volunteer Centre Dorchester	J. Hewitt