

# Dorchester Town Council

## Meeting of the Dorchester Town Council

24 November 2015

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

Apologies: Councillors A. Canning, G. Duke, M. Rennie and P. Stein

### 30. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Meeting of Council held on 29 September 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

With regard to minute 26, new Waste infrastructure, a councillor requested that the Town Clerk circulate to all Members an assessment of the likelihood of new infrastructure being implemented.

### 31. Communications & Questions

The Council considered preliminary information received in regard to Dorset County Council's review of Youth Services, including a proposal to close the Dorchester Youth Centre in Lubbecke Way.

The Council noted that the essential part that the Youth Centre plays in the social life of a significant number of young people in the town and in particular the support it offers to young people who are unlikely to join groups that are operated within a more organised structure.

#### **Resolved**

That the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor and Councillors R. Biggs, S. Jones and M. Rennie, expresses the Town Council's concerns about the impact of closure of the Dorchester Youth Centre and invites Dorset County Council to reconsider their approach to the need to reduce their Young Peoples services budget.

The Council received information from the Town Clerk in relation to the absence of Councillor M. Rennie from all meetings of the Council since 29 June 2015. The Council noted that since August 2015 Councillor Rennie had suffered from a heart condition, which had subsequently led to surgery and a prolonged period of recovery, such that Councillor Rennie was unable to attend meetings until January 2015.

**Resolved**

That the Council approves the reasons for the absence of Councillor Rennie for a period of absence from Council which is greater than six months.

**32. Planning and Environment Committee – 5 October 2015**

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

A Councillor emphasised the need for a discussion with the Highways Team about the future management of Lubbecke Way once it becomes a through route to St Georges Road.

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5 October 2015 be adopted.

**33. Planning and Environment Committee – 2 November 2015**

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

A Councillor advised that a meeting was taking place with Dorchester District Councillors relating to DTEP, and that they would provide feedback on that meeting at the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2 November 2015 be adopted.

**34. Management Committee – 10 November 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 10 November 2015 be adopted.

**35. Policy Committee – 17 November 2015**

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

## **Resolved**

- a) That the draft Treasury Management Strategy be adopted
- b) That with regard to the Council's Risk Register
  - i) the assessed high level strategic and operational risks be approved and that those new risks identified be included within the registers
  - ii) That the strategic, operational and opportunity risk registers as a whole be approved
- c) That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 17 November 2015 be adopted

The Council rose at 7.25pm.

Mayor