

# Dorchester Town Council

## Meeting of the Dorchester Town Council

26 March 2019

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

Apologies: Councillors C. Biggs, A. Lyall and M. Rennie.

### 46. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 29 January 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

### 47. Communications & Questions

A Member reported back on the meeting of the Youth Council, who had particularly supported the Thomas Hardy Victorian Fair initiative.

The Mayor offered his appreciation for the support he had received from the Council during his year of office to date. A Member recognised the town's response to the recent shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand, including the Mayor's attendance at Friday Prayers at the Islamic Centre and the All Faith Service at St Peter's Church.

Councillor Duke explained his interest in matters related to the historic background to the Dorchester Market and presented the Town Council with a framed copy and translation of the Royal Inquisition into the town's incomes conducted during the reign of Edward III.

The Town Clerk mentioned that he had sent a letter of thanks, plus a small donation, to the Dorset History Centre, following a very successful evening visit to view the town's historic documents.

### 48. Updates from Partner Authorities

Both Councillors A. Canning of Dorset County Council and S. Hosford of West Dorset District Council reported that strategic work at upper tier level had now ceased, with all attention focusing on the new Dorset Council.

Councillor Canning explained that this was impacting on the introduction of new traffic regulations at Lubbecke Way and Victoria Road. On a positive note, junction and signal improvements at Maumbury Rings, the next phase of works under the DTEP programme, were now scheduled to take place in September.

Councillor Potter identified the outcome of a recent meeting of the District Council Planning Committee regarding the approval, without an affordable element, of the McCarthy and Stone scheme in London Road. He agreed to raise concerns regarding

a poorly drafted Article 4 Directive, covering front wall boundaries in Conservation Areas of the town, with the District Council.

A Member asked for clarification regarding the leadership model to be adopted by the new Dorset Council.

49. **Planning and Environment Committee – 4 February 2019**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be adopted.

A Member reiterated the Committee's thanks at Minute 67 to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of West Dorset's Planning Committee for their efforts to secure a continued role for Town and Parish Councils in the planning process to be adopted by the new Dorset Council.

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 4 February 2019 be adopted.

50. **Planning and Environment Committee – 4 March 2019**

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

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 4 March 2019 be adopted.

51. **Management Committee – 12 March 2019**

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 12 March 2019 be adopted.

52. **Policy Committee – 19 March 2019**

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

A Member invited the Council to consider how it responded to the minute of the Dorchester Markets Informal Joint Panel that an Action Plan be drawn up to introduce improvements to the Fairfield site during 2019.

**Resolved**

- a) That, in order to safeguard the future management of the Markets Panel, the Council supports the recommendation of the Dorchester Markets Informal Joint Panel to transfer the following management functions to Dorchester Town Council
  - Governance Administration

- Financial Administration
  - Car Boot Fund Administration
  - Liaison with Market Operators
- b) That the new Corporate Plan include a watching brief in respect of the Market operation, and in particular to the Action Plan for improvements to the Fairfield site.
- c) That the report of the Task and Finish Group is noted and that, where change is proposed, the Town Clerk develops ideas that can be considered for implementation by the new Council when it is elected in May 2019.
- d) That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 19 March 2019 be adopted.

53. **Mayoral Selection Committee – 19 March 2019**

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

**Resolved**

- a) That the Members named at the Committee meeting be invited to prepare to fill the offices of Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor of Dorchester during the 2019-20 Council Year.
- b) That the minutes of the meeting of the Mayoral Selection Committee held on 19 March 2019 be adopted

The Council rose at 7.34pm

Mayor

On conclusion of the meeting Councillor Harries invited Members to note that this would be the final Council meeting to be attended by Councillor Trevor Jones, who had served as a Town Councillor continuously since 1976. Members of Council offered their warmest appreciation.

The Annual Town Meeting took place after the meeting of Council