

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 24th July, 2012:

**PRESENT** The Mayor (Councillor A.J. Canning) in the Chair.

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

In attendance:  
Inspector L. Fry, Dorset Police

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors D.J. Barrett, S.C. Hosford, E.S. Jones and F.E. Kent-Ledger.

18. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 21st May, 2012, of the Adjourned Annual Meeting held on 22nd May, 2012, of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 26th June, 2012 and of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 11th July, 2012, 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.

Special Council Meeting – 26th June, 2012 – Minute 19 – Municipal Buildings External Repairs – Application for Loan Sanction In response to a question from a Member the Town Clerk confirmed that loan sanction had been received today.

19. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor reported that the Borough Gardens had again been awarded the Green Flag Award which recognised the best parks and green spaces in the country and also the Green Heritage Award which was given in recognition of achieving the required standard in the management and interpretation of a site with local or national importance. He informed Members that he would be hoisting the Green Flag tomorrow as part of the annual Love Parks Week celebration.

20. **QUESTIONS**

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

21. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 28th MAY, 2012**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 28th May, 2012 be adopted.

22. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 19th JUNE, 2012**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 19th June, 2012 be adopted.

23. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 2nd JULY, 2012**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2nd July, 2012 be adopted.

24. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 10th JULY, 2012**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 10th July, 2012 be adopted.

25. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th JULY, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 17th July, 2012 be adopted.

Minute 6(a) – Membership of Panels 2012-13 The Town Clerk reported that the reference to the Risk Management Panel in the Minute should be deleted as it appeared in error; in accordance with Policy Minute 60 (2011-12) the membership of that Panel was the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Management, Planning and Environment and Policy Committees plus the Mayor ex-officio.

Minute 7 – Closed Circuit Television Surveillance A Member expressed his concern regarding the value for money represented by the Dorchester CCTV Scheme and that there appeared to be no evidence available to objectively assess the effectiveness of it.

Minute 9 – Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan – Stakeholder Group Members noted the vacancy on the DTEP Stakeholder Group and agreed that the Chairman for the time being of the Traffic Panel should be the Council's representative on it.

Minute 12 – Councillor F.E. Kent-Ledger The Mayor agreed to write to Councillor Kent-Ledger wishing her a speedy recovery on behalf of all Members and staff.

It was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Chairman for the time being of the Traffic Panel be appointed to represent the Council on the Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan Stakeholder Group.
- (2) That, subject to the reference to the Risk Management Panel in Minute 6(a) being deleted, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 17th July, 2012 be adopted.

26. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Fry reported on the crime statistics for Dorchester which were all reducing and updated Members on current police issues. He also expressed his view that CCTV was a good tool for the police but shared some Members concerns regarding the lack of data to assess its effectiveness.

27. **OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY**

The Chairman of the Community Activities Panel thanked everyone who had helped when the Olympic Torch Relay passed through Dorchester on Thursday, 12th July, 2012.

The Council rose at 7.24pm.

Mayor