

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 26th March, 2013:

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

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

In attendance:
Inspector S. Marsh, Dorset Police.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors V.J. Allan, D.J. Barrett, T. Loakes and D. Taylor.

55. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 29th January, 2013 and of the Special Meeting of Council held on 14th February, 2013, 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.

Minute 50 – Planning and Environment Committee – 7th January, 2013 – Minute 55 Monmouth Road - Members agreed that the Minute should be extended to add ‘...and in respect of High West Street and High East Street in order to reduce deaths and serious injuries, improve traffic flow, reduce air pollution and enhance the environment for pedestrians, tourists and other visitors to the town.’

Minute 53 – Policy Committee – 22nd January, 2013 – It was noted that it was not just one Member who had expressed concern that there was no evidence regarding the effectiveness of CCTV or its outcomes. It was also noted that the Police had expressed similar concerns.

56. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Council was informed that Mr. Dennis Maggs had died on Monday, 25th March and that his funeral was to be held at St George’s Church, Fordington at 12.30pm on Monday, 8th April, 2013. Mr Maggs had been a Town Councillor from 1980 to 1999 and had been Mayor in 1989-90.

Members stood in silent tribute to Mr. Maggs.

57. **QUESTIONS**

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

58. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 4th FEBRUARY, 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 4th February, 2013 be adopted.

Minute 60 – Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan – In response to a question from a Member the Town Clerk confirmed that a response to the Council's representations had been received from Dorset County Council and would be considered at the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 4th February, 2013 be adopted.

59. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 4th MARCH, 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 4th March, 2013, be adopted.

Minute 69 – West Dorset District Council – New Local Plan for West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland – New Housing and Employment Site at Dorchester and Proposed Changes to Previously Suggested Sites at Sherborne, Beaminster and Crossways – The Council's representative on the Thomas Hardy Society informed Members of the serious implications for Thomas Hardy and William Barnes scholars and others who visited Came Down from all over the world to walk Thomas Hardy countryside. He also reported on the expanding world interest in both Thomas Hardy and William Barnes and all of the new initiatives that were being undertaken in respect of Came Down and the surrounding area as an important cultural and tourist asset. He felt that it was unbelievable that serious consideration should be given to developing this potential world heritage site and he urged the Council to take every possible action so as to ensure that this area was protected for future generations. Concerns were also expressed regarding the effect on Dorchester's infrastructure should this land be developed.

Minute 70 – Dorset County Council – It was reported that Dorset County Council had agreed to paint 'No Cycling' on the pavement at Druids Walk with the aim of encouraging cyclists to use the cycle lane and not the footpath. It was also reported that Dorset County Council's Civil Enforcement Officers could now be contacted out of hours by telephoning the County Council's out of hours Highways Engineer.

Minute 73(a) – PA 1/D/12/1581 – 4 Whitfield Road – Variation of Condition 1 of PP 1/D/11/2064 to allow rear conservatory to unit 4A Whitfield Road – It was noted that there was still confusion by the Planning Authority about the terms being used regarding 'flat' or 'conservatory'.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 4th March, 2013 be adopted subject to the substitution of Councillor Roberts name for Councillor Taylor's in the list of those present at the Meeting.

60. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 12th MARCH, 2013**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 12th March, 2013 be adopted.

61. **MAYORAL SELECTION COMMITTEE – 19th MARCH, 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Mayoral Selection Committee held on 19th March, 2013 be adopted.

Minute 12 – Selection of Town Mayor – 2013-14 – Councillor T. James reported that the Member named at this Minute was Councillor E.S. Jones and it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillor E.S. Jones be invited to fill the Office of Town Mayor of Dorchester for the 2013-14 Council year.

It was also

RESOLVED

- (2) That the Minutes of the Mayoral Selection Committee held on 19th March, 2013 be adopted.

62. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 19th MARCH, 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 19th March, 2013 be adopted.

Minute 46 – Management Accounts – The Chairman of the Management Committee referred Members to Minute 73 of the Management Committee which indicated that the Committee was already investigating methods by which the income derived from room hire might be increased.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 19th March, 2013 be adopted.

63. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Marsh reported on the crime statistics for the Dorchester area and updated Members on current police issues and initiatives. Inspector Marsh confirmed that for future meetings he would provide figures which related just to Dorchester.

The Council rose at 7.23pm.

Mayor