

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 27th November, 2012:

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

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

In attendance:  
Inspector S. Marsh, Dorset Police.

**APOLOGY** for absence was received from Councillor F.E. Kent-Ledger.

38. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25th September, 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.

39. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor reported correspondence received in respect of the cancellation of this years Judge's Service. Members agreed that the letter should be considered at the next meeting of the Mayoral Selection Committee to be held in January 2013.

The Mayor presented a plaque to Inspector Les Fry as a tribute to all the hard work undertaken by him during his time as Dorchester Police Commander from 2003 to 2012. In accepting the plaque Inspector Fry thanked Members for their help and support and said that he had very much enjoyed working in Dorchester.

40. **QUESTIONS**

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

41. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 1st OCTOBER, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st October, 2012 be adopted.

Minute 28 – School Places in Dorchester – Members were informed that the decision regarding the proposed new Damers First School was now unlikely to be taken before Easter, 2013. Members felt that the situation regarding pupil numbers and accommodation at the school was unacceptable and hoped that the County Council would make a decision on this matter as soon as possible.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st October, 2012 be adopted.

(Councillor D.J. Barrett declared an interest as his grandson attended Damers First School.)

42. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 5th NOVEMBER, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5th November, 2012, be adopted.

Minute 38 – Minutes – In response to a question the Town Clerk confirmed that a representative from Dorset County Council would attend the January, 2013 meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee to discuss traffic issues. With regard to parking in Queen's Avenue it was noted that Dorset County Council had no funds available in the current financial year to introduce any parking restrictions but it would be considered against other priorities in 2013-14.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5th November, 2012 be adopted.

43. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 13th NOVEMBER, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 13th November, 2012, be adopted.

Minute 31 – Draft Corporate Plan 2012-13 – Members felt that the 'Dorchester Markets' section of the Plan should be amended to include reference to the Minutes of the Informal Joint Markets Panel being presented to the Council's Management Committee on a timely basis.

It was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Draft Corporate Plan 2012-13 be amended to include reference to the Minutes of the Informal Joint Markets Panel being presented to the Council's Management Committee on a timely basis.
- (2) That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 13th November, 2012 be adopted.

44. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 20th NOVEMBER, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 20th November, 2012 be adopted.

Minute 27 – Draft Corporate Plan 2012-13 – In response to a question the Town Clerk reported that he anticipated a report on the various matters connected with the application of the living wage to be presented to the annual meeting of the Resources Panel to be held in January or February 2013.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 20th November, 2012 be adopted.

45. **POLICE MATTERS**

Members welcomed Inspector Marsh who had recently taken over from Inspector Fry as the Dorchester Police Commander. Inspector Marsh then reported on the crime statistics for Dorchester and updated Members on current police issues and initiatives.

The Council rose at 7.26pm.

Mayor