

Dorchester Town Council

Management Committee

12 March 2019

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. Taylor) and Councillors C. Biggs, A. Canning, G. Duke, J. Hewitt, S. Jones (Chairman), A. Lyall, R. Potter, M. Rennie and K. Rice.

In Attendance

Councillors A. Chisholm (for Minute No. 56) and T. Harries

Apologies: Councillor F. Kent-Ledger.

53. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15 January 2019, adopted by Council on 29 January 2019, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

54. **Municipal Buildings - Lift**

Further to Minute No 41/2019 the Committee considered a report by the Deputy Town Clerk updating it on the options available for a long term reliable solution for access to the first floor.

Members wished to pursue the option of replacing the lift and suggested that discussions take place with the Listed Buildings Officer as soon as possible.

During consideration of this matter Members expressed their view that the Council would wish to continue meeting in the Council Chamber in the future.

Resolved

(1) That the option of replacing the existing lift be pursued with a further report on the style and cost of replacement being presented to a future meeting.

(2) That this Committees view that the Council would wish to continue meeting in the Council Chamber in the future be recorded.

55. **Management Arrangements – Outdoor Services**

The Committee considered a report from the Outdoor Services Manager updating it on the work undertaken and the achievements made by the Outdoor Services Team since the last meeting of the Committee. The Outdoor Services Manager responded to Members detailed questions.

Members reported that the railings at Weymouth Avenue were still looking untidy due to the banners hanging from them and requested that the Cricket Club be asked to remove them.

It was noted that Ian Homer had resigned his post from the Borough Gardens and the Committee wished to record their thanks to him for all the work he had undertaken in the Gardens over the past thirty one years.

Resolved

That the Outdoor Services Team update be noted.

56. Thomas Hardy Victorian Fair – Sunday 2 June 2019

Members considered whether to partner with the Dorchester Joint Heritage Committee to support the proposed Thomas Hardy Victorian Fair, which would include the annual Thomas Hardy birthday commemoration.

The Committee also considered correspondence from Heritage Committee Members asking whether the Council would make a financial contribution to the event and whether the event could fall under the Council insurances. It was noted that if the Council agreed to partner with the Heritage Committee then the Council insurances would apply.

The Committee was supportive of the event and requested that early contact be made with local businesses, residents and St Peter's Church.

Resolved

(1) That the Council partner with the Heritage Committee in respect of the proposed Thomas Hardy Victorian Fair.

(2) That a contribution of £750 be made towards the cost of the event.

57. Kingston Maurward College RHS Chelsea

The Committee considered whether to support, by way of sponsorship, Kingston Maurward College, which was preparing a Garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2019.

It was reported that further information was awaited from KMC regarding the detail of the sponsorship request. The Committee felt that this was something that it wished to support and proposed that the matter be delegated to the Deputy Town Clerk for consideration following receipt of the additional requested information.

Resolved

That the level and type of sponsorship provided by the Council to KMC be delegated to the Deputy Town Clerk following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

58. Requests for Financial Assistance

The Committee considered various requests for financial assistance.

Resolved

- (1) That the grant application from the Jurassic Coast Raptors in the sum of £500 be agreed.
- (2) That the grant application from Life Education Wessex be not agreed.
- (3) That the grant application from Activate Performing Arts in the sum of £500 be agreed.
- (4) That the grant application from the Rotary Club of Dorchester (Poundbury) in the sum of £500 be agreed.
- (5) That the grant application from Dorchester Food Bank in the sum of £500 be agreed.

(Councillor J. Hewitt declared a personal interest in respect of Minute No. 58(4) and did not speak or vote on the matter.)

59. **Cemetery Matters**

(a) Exclusive Right of Burial and Interments and Burial of Ashes

The Committee had before it a report with details of the Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial for grave spaces and the number of interments and burials of ashes together with South Chapel usage at Dorchester Cemetery, since the last meeting of the Committee.

Resolved

That the report on the Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial and Interments and Burial of Ashes since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

(b) Headstones and Inscriptions

The Committee received and noted applications for the design of headstones and inscriptions.

Resolved

That the action of the Town Clerk in approving designs numbered 5057 to 5066 be confirmed and the Register of Memorials be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

60. **Buildings Monitoring Reports**

The Committee received the monitoring reports for the Municipal Buildings and Borough Gardens House.

Resolved

That the Buildings Monitoring Reports be noted.

61. **Dorchester Arts**

The Committee noted the minutes of the Dorchester Arts Board meeting held on 11 February 2019.

62. **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

Resolved

That in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matters the public and press representatives be excluded from this meeting during their discussion.

63. **Borough Gardens Kiosk**

The Committee received an oral report from the Deputy Town Clerk on the arrangements and opening of the Borough Gardens kiosk for the forthcoming summer.

Resolved

That the arrangements for the opening of the kiosk for the 2019 summer be supported.

Chairman