

Dorchester Town Council

Management Committee

9 March 2020

Present: The Mayor (Councillor R. Biggs) and Councillors S. Biles, A. Canning, L. Fry, J. Hewitt, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger (Chairman), D. Leaper, A. Lyall, R. Potter, M. Rennie and R. Ricardo.

Apologies: Councillors R. Potter and D. Taylor.

50. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13 January 2020, adopted by Council on 27 January 2020, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

51. Maumbury Rings Music Day Task and Finish Group – 23 January 2020

Members had before them the notes of the meeting of the Maumbury Rings Music Day Task and Finish Group (as set out in Appendix 1 to these Minutes). It was noted that Dorset Council had just published guidance for events held on its land in regard to minimising the effect of them on the climate.

Resolved

That the notes of the Maumbury Rings Music Day Task and Finish Group, including the recommendations, be agreed.

52. 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. The Committee agreed that the Gardens were excellent and that those elderly residents that lived nearby took a great interest in watching the new planting and ongoing maintenance which helped create a sense of wellbeing. The Outdoor Services Manager Confirmed that the new gate into the Gardens should now be open whenever the Gardens were open.

It was noted that there had been some anti-social behaviour in the parkour area at Sandringham and that the equipment would be removed as soon as was practicable.

Resolved

That the Outdoor Services Team update be noted.

53. **Draft Borough Gardens Management Plan 2020 - 2030**

The Committee considered a draft Borough Gardens Management Plan 2020-2030. The Plan set out a vision for the effective management and conservation of the Gardens to provide an attractive and enjoyable area of green open space and historic features of interest that contributed to the recreational, leisure, educational and cultural needs of Dorchester's residents and visitors. The Plan was also a working document for Council staff.

The Committee congratulated the Outdoor Services Manager for producing such an excellent plan.

Resolved

That the draft Borough Gardens Management Plan 2020 – 2030 be adopted.

54. **Borough Gardens Memorial Trees**

Members considered a report by the Deputy Town Clerk on the options available for memorial trees in the Borough Gardens.

Resolved

That, with the exception of memorial trees in respect of past Honorary Citizens, memorial trees be not agreed in the Borough Gardens but that alternative locations on Council owned land already identified for tree planting in the town be offered.

55. **Salisbury Fields**

Further to Minute No. 42 Members considered a further report by the Deputy Town Clerk on the proposed location and soil erosion options available for the new adventure / play trail at Salisbury Fields.

Resolved

That the adventure / play trail be located as set out in the report and that brown bonded mulch be used to prevent soil erosion, the cost of which was £1,953.

56. **Municipal Buildings Defibrillator**

The Committee was informed that the four year agreement with South Western Ambulance Service for the provision of a defibrillator, which included maintenance and annual training, would end in October 2020. Members were asked if they wished to renew the agreement for a further four years at a cost of £1,800.

Resolved

That the agreement with South Western Ambulance Service for the provision and maintenance of a defibrillator in the Municipal Buildings be renewed for a further four years at a cost of £1,800.

57. Allotment Request

The Committee considered a request from a non DT1 resident for an allotment plot, preferably at St George's Road allotment site. Members noted that the present policy of only allowing Dorchester residents an allotment plot came into being when demand for plots was far higher than the plots available which had resulted in a very long waiting list. Members felt that this request was exceptional and that on this occasion a plot should be offered and that double fees should apply.

Resolved

That the request for an allotment plot be agreed, double fees to apply.

58. Provision of a Bench – Glyde Path Road

The Committee had before it a report by the Town Clerk on a request from residents of Homechester House for the provision of a new bench in High West Street.

It was reported that the Holbaek bench at Short Walk and the 'Stella' bench at Bridport Road were in need of maintenance.

Resolved

That the Council installs and adopts, for maintenance, a bench at the junction of Glyde Path Road and High West Street.

59. Dorset Council Consultation on a Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order

The Committee was informed that Dorset Council was running a Dorset wide public consultation on the Dog Related Public Spaces Order. Members were encouraged to take part in the consultation.

Resolved

That the Dorset Council consultation on a Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order be noted.

60. Requests for Financial Assistance

The Committee considered a requests for financial assistance from Plastic Free Dorchester. Members wished to provide a grant to cover the £300 cost of PA.

Resolved

That the grant application from Plastic Free Dorchester be agreed in the sum of £300.

61. Cemetery Matters

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

The report which detailed 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 had been placed on the Council's internet.

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 5110 to 5119 be confirmed and the Register of Memorials be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

62. 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.

63. Meeting Dates

Members considered dates for the next Site Visit and Management Committee meetings.

Resolved

(i) That the next Site Visit meeting be held on Tuesday 21 April 2020, commencing at 4.00pm.

(ii) That the next Management Committee meeting date be changed to Monday 4 May 2020, commencing at 7.00pm.

64. **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.

65. **Sandringham Lease**

The Committee considered a report by the Town Clerk on the lease arrangements for the changing rooms at Sandringham Sports Centre.

Resolved

That the current sub-underlease is surrendered in exchange for a new lease to a nominated partner with the Council having the right to take this back should the nominated partner walk away.

Chairman

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MAUMBURY RINGS MUSIC DAY TASK AND FINISH GROUP

23 JANUARY 2020

Present: Councillors J. Hewitt, F. Kent-Ledger, T. Lyall, M. Rennie and R. Ricardo.

Officers: S. Newman, Deputy Town Clerk.

Background

The Group had been tasked to review the future format of the August Bank Holiday Monday Maumbury Rings Music Day. Background documents setting out the costs involved in running the Music Day in 2019 compared to 2014 had been circulated. The documents also set out how the Anonymous festival was funded.

The Group also had before it correspondence from Councillor A. Canning about how the Council could make events more environmentally friendly.

Recommendations

1. That the Music Day continue at Maumbury Rings for 2020 but that the location be reviewed again for 2021.
2. That the event be held on **Sunday** 30 August 2020.
3. That the start and end time be changed to 12 noon to 8.00pm.
4. That the event be music based but that the style of music be a variety and family friendly.
5. That quotes be obtained in regards to the provision of PA and staging.
6. That due to the earlier finishing time, the stage lighting be no longer used.
7. That Dorchester Arts be asked if they would continue to select musical acts following suggestions for those acts to the Deputy Town Clerk.
8. That Dorchester Arts be asked to continue managing the event on the day and that the arrangements for an MC continue.
9. That the Dorset Waste Partnership information stand be invited to attend, that the MC to remind the audience that free drinking water is available from the pavilion and that the caterer / bar be encouraged not to use single use plastics.
10. That a policy statement be established regarding outdoor events held on Council land and the Council's emerging Climate Emergency Plan.

Steve Newman
Deputy Town Clerk