

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday 23rd July, 2013:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor E.S. Jones) in the Chair.

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

In attendance:

Miss N. Glendening, Deputy Member of Youth Parliament (Dorset)

Inspector S. Marsh of Dorset Police

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors D.J. Barrett, G.M. Jones, and D. Taylor.

22. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 20th May 2013, of the adjourned Annual Meeting of Council held on 21st May 2013, and of the Special Meeting of Council held on 25th June 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.

23. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their support at recent civic events, in particular the Home-Start West Dorset quiz night, and highlighted the reception for the Dorchester Youth Theatre on the conclusion of this evening's Council meeting.

The Town Clerk invited Council to record its congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their son by way of letter, which was approved.

24. **QUESTIONS**

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

25. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 3rd JUNE 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

It was clarified that minute 4, which identified a meeting to be arranged regarding road safety in the vicinity of Dorchester Middle and Thomas Hardy schools was to be co-ordinated by Dorset County Council.

It was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 3rd June 2013 be adopted.

26. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 1st JULY 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

Some progress was noted with regard to minute 9, Maiden Castle House access protection markings, but that active enforcement would continue.

In relation to minute 11 it was noted that Dorchester Area Partnership was considering opportunities to improve safe travel to schools in Dorchester.

In response to a question the Chairman of the Traffic Panel identified that a meeting of the Panel would be called as soon as possible.

It was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st July 2013 be adopted.

27. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 9TH JULY 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

It was noted that a site visit had taken place with PC Sean Cannon of Dorset Police regarding safety improvements that could be made at the Borough Gardens, and that a meeting of the Borough Gardens Panel would take place on 31st July 2013. In response to a question Inspector Steve Marsh confirmed that mobile CCTV and the Police dog handling service would be made available if required.

It was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 9th July 2013 be adopted.

28. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 16TH JULY 2013**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

Miss N. Glendening addressed Council regarding minute 3, the setting up of the Dorchester Town Youth Council. She explained her experience as a youth advisor to Sherborne Town Council and as a member of the Dorset Youth Council.

In response to questions Miss Glendening discussed the processes that she and other advisors had adopted to collect the views of young people on decisions to be made by the Town Council, and advised regarding some of the issues that this Council would need to consider when seeking to engage young people, particularly around protocols and

language. She also recognised the difficulty of succession planning as young people move out of the area when leaving school.

She identified a Skatepark project as an example of the positive influence that young people had achieved in regard to services provided in Sherborne.

It was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 16th July 2013 be adopted.

29. **INTERVIEW PANEL – 17TH JULY 2013**

With the agreement of the Mayor the Council was circulated with minutes of the Interview Panel held on 17th July, 2013. Members considered the minutes and it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Interview Panel held on 17th July 2013 be adopted.

30. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Marsh reported on the crime statistics for Dorchester for the period since the last Council meeting, and updated Members on current police issues and initiatives.

The Council rose at 7.40pm.

Mayor