

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 24th January, 2012:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor T. James) in the Chair.

Councillors V.J. Allan, K.E. Armitage, D.J. Barrett, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, A.J. Canning, T.C.N. Harries, S.C. Hosford, 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 L. Fry, Dorset Police

Sue Theobald, Dorchester Quaker Meeting

APOLOGY for absence was received from Councillor D. Taylor.

51. **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The Mayor introduced Sue Theobald of the Dorchester Quaker Meeting who briefly addressed the Council by way of introduction to a short contemplative silence.

52. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 29th November, 2011, 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.

53. **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications reported to Council.

54. **QUESTIONS**

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

55. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 5th DECEMBER, 2011**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5th December, 2011 be adopted.

Minute 43(b) – Various Highway Traffic Issues In response to a question the Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee agreed to include an item on a future agenda regarding vehicles parking on grass verges along Damers Road.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5th December, 2011 be adopted.

56. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 3rd JANUARY, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 3rd January, 2012 be adopted.

Minute 53 – Queen Mother Square, Poundbury In response to a question the Town Clerk confirmed that no responses had been received at the present time and that he would pursue the Duchy of Cornwall and Dorset County Council for an early reply.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 3rd January, 2012 be adopted.

57. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 10th JANUARY, 2012**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 10th January, 2012 be adopted.

(Councillor S.C. Hosford declared an interest in respect of Minutes 43 and 45 as she was the Council's appointed representative on the Promote Dorchester Community Interest Company.)

58. **MAYORAL SELECTION COMMITTEE – 17th JANUARY, 2012**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Mayoral Selection Committee held on 17th January, 2012 be adopted.

59. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th JANUARY, 2012**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 17th January, 2012 be adopted.

Minute 44(d) – Draft Budget and Estimates 2012-13 – Budget for 2012-13 – The Chairman of the Policy Committee addressed the Council in support of the Budget for 2012-13 and explained the reason as to why it had been necessary to increase the precept. He also confirmed that the Council would be looking in detail at the list of possible economies once the outcome of the application for loan sanction was known and the terms of any loan agreed. It was anticipated that this exercise would continue through to the Autumn in readiness for the preparation of the 2013-14 budget.

The representative from the Council's Financial Services Provider circulated a paper which set out the Council's projected cash position should loan sanction not be received and responded to Members' questions about it.

It was noted that the Estimates had previously been considered by all appropriate bodies and what was now proposed would enable the Council to proceed to achieve the objectives it had agreed during the course of the last financial year.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Revised Estimates for 2011-12 and the Estimates for 2012-13 be approved.
- (2) That a precept in the sum of £1,182,469 be levied on the West Dorset District Council in respect of the financial year 2012-13 requesting that payment be made in two equal instalments on 1st April and 1st October, 2012.

It was also

RESOLVED

- (3) That the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 17th January, 2012 be adopted.

60. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Fry addressed the Council in respect of the latest crime statistics for Dorchester and the various Police operations that had been carried out in the Town. He also reported on a new Restorative Justice initiative which was to be rolled out in the Town following a successful trial in Bridport. He asked that if any Member was interested in becoming a facilitator as part of the initiative to let the Town Clerk know.

The Council rose at 7.38pm.

Mayor