

# Dorchester Town Council

## Meeting of the Dorchester Town Council held in the Council Chamber

29 July 2024

Present: The Mayor (Councillor R. Potter) and Councillors R. Biggs, S. Biles, A. Canning, P. Farmer, L. Fry, J. Germodo, W. Gibbons, J. Hewitt, F. Hogwood, G. Jones, S. Jones, D. Leaper, R. Major, K. Reid and D. Taylor.

Apologies: Councillors F. Kent-Ledger, V. Lloyd-Jones, M. Rennie and R. Ricardo.

### 17. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 18. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 20 and 21 May 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

### 19. **Police Matters**

There was no report from the Police at this meeting.

### 20. **Presentations, Communications and Motions**

The Mayor presented Samuel Craddock with a framed certificate in respect of the several gold medals that he had achieved at the recent GB Swimming Down Syndrome competition.

The Mayor reported on the many events that he had attended over the past two months and thanked staff for their work in respect of the recent 50<sup>th</sup> Town Council anniversary community event in the Borough Gardens.

No motions or questions had been submitted.

### 21. **Planning and Environment Committee – 3 June 2024**

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

In respect of Minute No. 1 it was noted that Councillors R. Major and D. Taylor were Members of Dorset Council's 'Northern' Area Planning Committee.

### **Resolved**

That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor W. Gibbons in the list of those in attendance, the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 3 June 2024 be adopted.

22. **Planning and Environment Committee – 1 July 2024**

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

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1 July 2024 be adopted.

23. **Management Committee – 15 July 2024**

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

In respect of Minute No. 3 the Chairman reported that the Vice-Chairman and himself would meet with Officers regarding the protocols for booking events on Council owned land with a view to a report being presented to a future meeting of the Management Committee.

**Resolved**

That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor W. Gibbons in the list of those attending, the minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 15 July 2024 be adopted.

24. **Policy Committee – 22 July 2024**

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

**Resolved**

(1) That the Mayor and Councillors S. Biles, W. Gibbons, J. Hewitt and F. Hogwood be appointed to the Corporate Plan Task and Finish Group.

(2) That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 22 July 2024 be adopted.

25. **Dorchester Markets Informal Joint Panel – 10 July 2024**

The minutes of the meeting of the Dorchester Markets Informal Joint Panel be noted.

26. **Appointment to Dorchester Markets Informal Joint Panel**

Members were informed that Councillor F. Hogwood had resigned from the Dorchester Markets informal Joint Panel.

**Resolved**

That Councillor F. Kent-ledger be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Dorchester Markets Informal Joint Panel.

## 27. **Update from the Dorset Council**

Dorset Councillors updated the Council on the following matters:-

- The £2M cut to the cost of living budget was being reviewed.
- A Nature Emergency had been declared by Dorset Council.
- Members and individuals were urged to attend the 'Big Conversation' events being organised around the county by Dorset Council.
- Committees could now choose their start time, either morning, afternoon or evening.
- Work on Economic Development including tourism was being undertaken.
- How Liscombe Farm can mitigate 3,500 new homes was being investigated.
- The LEP was due to cease next year with the work being brought back to Dorset Council.
- Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee was due to meet shortly.
- Additional planning and licensing delegations to officers were being proposed.

Council rose at 7.26pm.

Mayor