

# Dorchester Town Council

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

30 September 2024

Present: The Mayor (Councillor R. Potter) and Councillors R. Biggs, S. Biles, P. Farmer, L. Fry, J. Germodo, W. Gibbons, J. Hewitt, G. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, D. Leaper, R. Major, K. Reid, M. Rennie and R. Ricardo.

Apologies: Councillors A. Canning, F. Hogwood, S. Jones, V. Lloyd-Jones and D. Taylor.

### 28. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor R. Biggs declared an interest in respect of Policy Committee Minute No. 22 but this matter was not discussed at the meeting.

### 29. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 July 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

### 30. **Police Matters**

There was no report from the Police at this meeting.

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

The Committee received a presentation from Councillor P. Farmer on the benefits to the environment and climate of the Council moving to plant based buffets for its receptions and civic events. Councillor Farmer responded to Members questions and it was noted that the Town Clerk would prepare a report on the matter for the next Policy Committee.

The Mayor reported on the many events that he had attended over the past two months. He also presented to the Council a memento of the Commonwealth War Graves D-Day 80 project to refurbish 2,000 plus headstones at the Bayeux WW2 Cemetery.

No motions had been submitted.

### 32. **Planning and Environment Committee – 5 August 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 5 August 2024 be adopted.

33. **Planning and Environment Committee – 2 September 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 2 September 2024 be adopted.

34. **Management Committee – 16 September 2024**

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

The Mayor reported that the time for the small reception for Klaus Hermann would now be 2.30pm to 3.30pm on Sunday 20 October 2024.

Members wished to thank the Youth Council for looking after two Bayeux young people when they visited Dorchester recently. The Mayor reported that the Mayor of Bayeux had praised the visit and how it had helped further the friendship between the two towns.

Members also wished to thank Councillor P. Farmer for all her help during the same visit.

**Resolved**

(1) That the minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 16 September 2024 be adopted.

(2) That the Mayor write to the Youth Council thanking them for their help in respect of the recent visit from the two young people from Bayeux.

35. **Policy Committee – 23 September 2024**

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

In respect of Minute No. 26 (2) the Mayor reported that a special meeting of the Council was likely to be held on either 21 or 28 October 2024.

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 23 September 2024 be adopted.

36. **Dorchester Joint Heritage Committee – 23 July 2024**

The minutes of the meeting of the Dorchester Joint Heritage Committee be noted.

37. **Update from the Dorset Council**

Dorset Councillors updated the Council on the following matters:-

- The planning inspectorate had issued a report stating that Dorset could demonstrate a five year housing supply.
- The proposed TRO for County Hall was causing some consternation amongst Dorset Council staff.
- The introduction of the Beryl Bikes scheme in Dorchester and Weymouth had proved very successful and the number of bikes and locations was likely to increase in the near future.
- The budget saving exercise was still ongoing.
- The importance of a good supply of economic development land in the Local Plan was stressed.
- The rollout of 5G was continuing.
- An invitation to tender for the development of North Quay and the ten pin bowling sites in Weymouth had been advertised.

Council rose at 7.26pm.

Mayor