

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th May, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Mrs P. A. Reynolds - Chairman
Councillor M. R. Dyer - Vice-Chairman

Present: Councillors P. G. Bennett, M. C. Birr, D. B. F. Burt, Mrs L. J. Clark, A. A. J. Clarke, Mrs Q. N. D. Comfort, Mrs T. B. Coombs, P. G. Cuckston, R. E. Daw, R. C. Dudman, Mrs G. S. Elliot, S. G. Flower, Mrs J. M. Hazel, S. C. Hearn, Mrs A. Holland, J. P. Holland, Mrs P. A. Hymers, J. E. Little, Mrs B. T. Manuel, I. J. Monks, D. Morgan, B. E. Mortimer, Mrs M. B. Osner, D. G. L. Packer, T. J. Palmer, P. W. Richardson, G. W. Russell, M. G. Simper, S. S. Tong and D. J. Wallace.

Also in attendance: Mr David Atkinson (Independent)

1. Prayers

Prayers were led by the Reverend John Goodhall of St Michael's Colehill.

2. Election of Chairman

Before seeking nominations for the Chairman of Council for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year Councillor R. C. Dudman thanked the Members and Officers for their support in raising money for his chosen charity, the Jigsaw Appeal at Bournemouth Hospital.

The Council were advised that over £2850.00 had been raised over the year in support of the Chairman's chosen charity. A floral presentation was made to Mrs Dudman for her support over the year and to Lorraine Cutler for the work carried out in her capacity as the Chairmans P.A.

The nomination of Councillor Mrs P. A. Reynolds was moved by Councillor Mrs Q. N. D. Comfort and seconded by Councillor R. C. Dudman.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P. A. Reynolds be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year.

Councillor Mrs P. A. Reynolds signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Voting: Unanimous

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

The nomination of Councillor M. R. Dyer was moved by Councillor Mrs P. A. Reynolds and seconded by Councillor M. C. Birr.

RESOLVED that Councillor M. R. Dyer be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year.

Councillor M. R. Dyer signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Voting: Unanimous

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J. Dover, P. Holden, N. Smith and Mrs A. Warman.

5. Chairman's Announcements and Review of Civic Functions Attended

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Mrs P. A. Reynolds, thanked Councillor R. C. Dudman for his services to the Council as Chairman for 2008/2009 and presented him with his Past-Chairman's Badge.

The Chairman informed that her chosen charity for the year would be Woofability Community Interest Company who train dogs for the disabled, following this Mrs Clark from Woofability Community Interest Company addressed the Council, and informed of their work.

6. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April, 2009 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

DELEGATED BUSINESS

7. Allocation of Seats to Political Groups

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Council was asked to determine the size and allocation of seats to political groups and to approve the arrangements made for the appointment of members to Committees and Sub-Committees, and to approve the formation of a standing panel for senior officers.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Council approve the formation of a Standing Panel for senior officers as set out in paragraph 6;**
- (b) the number of seats on the Committees and Sub-Committees for the 2009/2010 Municipal year be approved as detailed in the report; and**
- (c) the arrangements to allocate the total number of seats on all Committees and Sub-Committees other than by political balance, be approved.**

Voting: Unanimous

8. Appointment to Committees 2009/2010

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were requested to approve the schedule of Committee Memberships for 2009/2010 Municipal Year, including the appointment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the schedule of Committee Membership as set out in Appendix 1**

of the report be approved; and

(b) the Independent Members of the Standards Committee as set out in paragraph 7.4 of the report be appointed for a four year term of office

Voting: Unanimous

9. Appointment of the Leader of the Council for 2009/2010

The nomination of Councillor S. G. Flower was moved by Councillor A. A. J. Clarke and seconded by Councillor T. J. Palmer.

RESOLVED that Councillor S. G. Flower be appointed Leader of the Council for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year.

Voting: Unanimous

10. Appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council for 2009/2010

The nomination of Councillor A. A. J. Clarke was proposed by Councillor S. G. Flower and seconded by Councillor P. W. Richardson.

RESOLVED that Councillor A. A. J. Clarke be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year.

Voting: Unanimous

11. Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

In addition to the names listed Members were advised that the representative listed 'to be advised' in respect of outside organisation number 44 (Walford Mill Education Trust) could now be amended to read Councillor David Morgan.

RESOLVED that subject to the representative listed above being included within the list, the Membership to Outside Bodies for the period to May 2010, as submitted, be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

12. Strategic Theme Areas for Lead Members 2009/2010

RESOLVED that the Strategic Theme Areas for 2009/2010, as set out below, be approved:-

**Community
Culture
Environment
Health & Housing
Performance
Resources**

Voting: Nem. Con. (6 Abstentions)