

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th November, 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, Mrs L. J. Clark, Mrs T. B. Coombs, P. G. Cuckston, R. E. Daw, Mrs L. M. Dedman, Mrs J. Dover, R. C. Dudman, Mrs G. S. Elliot, S. G. Flower, Mrs J. M. Hazel, S. C. Hearn, P. Holden, 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, P. W. Richardson, G. W. Russell, M. G. Simper, N. Smith, S. S. Tong, D. J. Wallace and Mrs A. Warman.

Also in attendance: Mr P. Goodall (Independent)

362. Prayers

Prayers were led by Father Canon Kenneth Noakes, St Catherines, Wimborne.

In closing the prayers the Father Canon Kenneth Noakes led the Council in a two minute silent tribute to Rachele Foster, a Member of staff who had recently passed away, and also for Rifleman Philip Allen from Verwood who had recently lost his life whilst on active duty in Afghanistan.

363. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. B. F. Burt, A. A. J. Clarke and T. J. Palmer.

364. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs T. B. Coombs declared a personal interest in Minute No. 368 (Committee Reports) Policy and Resources Committee, 30th September, 2009 – Minute No. 272 and remained present.

Councillors T. B. Coombs, Mrs J. Dover, S. G. Flower and P. W. Richardson declared personal interests in Minute No. 368 (Committee Reports) Policy and Resources Committee, 30th September, 2009 – Minute No. 388 and remained present.

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

The Chairman submitted a schedule of Civic Functions she had attended since the last Council meeting on the 21st September, 2009, 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.

The Chairman informed Council that she had found the events which she had attended enjoyable and informative.

In relation to this the Chairman thanked Lucy Warwick for playing the bugle at the November 11th remembrance service, and to Mr Moss a veteran of

the Second World War for attending and reading at the service.

In addition to the above the Chairman reminded Members that the Chairman's Christmas Carol Service was being held at 6pm on Saturday 19th December in the Wimborne Minster.

366. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September, 2009 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

367. Presentations by the Public

There were no questions, petitions or deputations received on this occasion.

368. Committee Reports

Audit Committee

The report of the 29th September, 2009 was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

Policy and Resources Committee

The report of the 30th September, 2009 was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Min No. 272 Nem.Con (2 Abstentions) Minute Nos. 273, 274, 275, 276 and 277 Unanimous and the minutes as a whole Unanimous.

Councillor Mrs T. B. Coombs declared a personal interest in this item (Minute No. 272) and remained present.

Councillors Mrs T. B. Coombs, Mrs J. Dover, S. G. Flower and P. W. Richardson declared personal interests in this item (Minute No. 288) and remained present.

Planning Committee

The report of the 6th October, 2009 was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

The report of the 7th October, 2009 was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

Licensing Committee

The report of the 27th October, 2009 was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

Policy and Resources Committee

The report of the 28th October, 2009 was submitted.

In respect of Minute No. 328 a proposition was made by Councillor Holland to include an additional recommendation to read (g) all the above be subject to scrutiny by scrutiny and policy development.

This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Dover. Upon being put to the meeting, the amendment was declared lost with voting 11 for, 17 against and 4 abstentions.

RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Minute No. 322 Nem.Con. (11 Abstentions), Min No. 323 Nem. Con. (1 Abstention), Minute Nos. 324, 325, 326 and 327 Unanimous, Minute No. 328 23:3 (6 Abstentions), Minute No. 329 Nem. Con. (2 Abstentions) and the Minutes as a whole Unanimous.

Planning Committee

The report of the 3rd November, 2009 was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

Audit Committee

The report of the 3rd November, 2009 was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

Audit Committee

The report of the 1st September, 2009 was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

Planning Committee

The report of the 8th September, 2009 was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

369. Notice of Motion Received in Accordance with Procedural Rule No. 10

The following Motion was proposed by Councillor R. E. Daw and seconded by Mrs B. A. Manuel in accordance with procedural Rule No. 10:-

That the Council do actively assist the Chairman of Council in promulgating advice regarding precedence in the District.

Following a lengthy discussion and upon being put to the vote, the amendment was declared carried, 27 for, 1 against and 3 abstentions.

RESOLVED that the Motion be agreed, and that the PA to the Chairman and the Committee Manager liaise with the Parish and Town Council Clerks regarding protocol and guidance in relation to civic ceremony.

370. Questions

In accordance with Procedural Rule No. 9 Questions by Members, the following question was submitted by Councillor S. C. Hearn which was answered by Councillor S. G. Flower.

Councillor S. C. Hearn

In the absence of a recent update on the Verwood Hub, what is the total amount spent by this Council on this project to date? How much is being spent by this Council to keep the Hub afloat per month/year? How long will this unsustainable arrangement continue?

Councillor S. G. Flower

Councillor Flower provided Members with an oral update regarding the Hub and in addition to this informed Members that an agenda item was on the Policy and Resources Committee agenda for the 25th November which would provide Members with an update on the Management of the Verwood Hub. Members were advised that a full answer to Councillor Hearn's question would be circulated to Members.

The meeting ended at 9.08 p.m.

CHAIRMAN