

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th May, 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor M. R. Dyer - Chairman
Councillor D. B. F. Burt - Vice-Chairman

Present: Councillors M. C. Birr, Mrs L. J. Clark, A. A. J. Clarke, Mrs T. B. Coombs, P. G. Cuckston, R. E. Daw, Mrs L. M. Dedman, R. C. Dudman, Mrs G. S. Elliot, S. G. Flower, Mrs J. M. Hazel, 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, T. J. Palmer, Mrs P. A. Reynolds, 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 Philip Goodall (Independent)

1. Prayers

Prayers were led by the Reverend Laurie Clow of Hampreston, Stapehill All Saints Church.

2. Election of Chairman

Before seeking nominations for the Chairman of Council for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year Councillor Mrs Reynolds thanked the Members and Officers for their support in raising money for her chosen charity, Woofability.

The Council were advised that over £5000.00 had been raised over the year in support of the Chairman's charity. Presentations were made to Mr Reynolds for his support over the year and also to Lorraine Cutler, Sarah Jordan, Len and Carl Ramsay for their help over the past year.

In moving on to nominations for Chairman the nomination of Councillor M. R. Dyer was moved by Councillor M. C. Birr and seconded by Councillor D. B. F. Burt.

RESOLVED that Councillor M. R. Dyer be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

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

Voting: Nem. Con.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

The nomination of Councillor D. B. F. Burt was moved by Councillor S. G. Flower and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. M. Hazel.

RESOLVED that Councillor D. B. F. Burt be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

Councillor D. B. F. Burt signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Voting: Nem. Con. (1 Abstention)

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. G. Bennett and Mrs J. Dover.

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

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor M. R. Dyer, thanked Councillor Mrs P. A. Reynolds for her services to the Council as Chairman for 2009/2010 and presented her with his Past-Chairman's Badge.

The Chairman informed that he would be continuing to support Woofability as his chosen charity for the year.

6. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th April, 2010 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

7. Resignation of Councillor Hearn

Councillor S. C. Hearn addressed Council with the Chairman's permission. Within his address Councillor Hearn tendered his resignation from the Council with immediate effect, citing policy differences and his wish to spend more time with his family as his reasons for resigning.

Following his address Councillor Hearn wished the Council well for the future and subsequently left the meeting.

DELEGATED BUSINESS

8. Allocation of Seats to Political Groups

A report was submitted to Council, 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.

RESOLVED that the number of seats on the Committees for the 2010/2011 Municipal year be approved as detailed within the report.

Voting: Unanimous

9. Appointment to Committees for 2010/2011

A report was submitted to Council, 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 the 2010/2011 Municipal Year. In addition to this Members were advised that subsequent to Councillor Hearn's resignation as per Minute No. 7 that there would now be a Liberal Democrat vacancy

on the Planning Committee and on the Efficiency and Improvement Committee.

RESOLVED that the schedule of Committee Membership as set out within the report be approved, subject to the amendment being included to reflect Councillor Hearn's resignation.

Voting: Unanimous

10. Appointment of the Leader of the Council for 2010/2011

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

RESOLVED that Councillor S. G. Flower be appointed Leader of the Council for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

Voting: 30:1

11. Appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council for 2010/2011

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

RESOLVED that Councillor A. A. J. Clarke be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

Voting: 30:1

12. Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies

A report was submitted to Council, 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.

RESOLVED that the Membership to Outside Bodies for the period to May 2011, as submitted, be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

13. Interim Strategic Theme Areas for Lead Members 2010

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

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

Voting: Nem. Con. (1 Abstention)

The meeting ended at 8.18 p.m.

CHAIRMAN