

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 04 November 2014 at 6.30 pm

Present:-

Cllr S S Tong – Chairman

Cllr Mrs B T Manuel – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr M R Dyer, Cllr S G Flower, Cllr S Gibson, Cllr S M Lugg,
Cllr I J Monks and Cllr D Morgan

Also in attendance: Cllr S Butler and Cllr B E Mortimer

Apologies: Cllr B Roberts and Cllr Mrs A Warman

223. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest submitted on this occasion.

224. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2014 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

At the request of the Committee, the Head of Community and Leisure provided a verbal update on Grounds Maintenance operations. Members were informed that a report was going to the next Resources Committee for equipment and machinery and work was on track to begin in house operations for 1st January 2015. It was further advised that Dorset County Council had agreed the terms in principle, and the process of transferring Sodexo staff had commenced.

225. Presentations by the Public

There were no presentations by the public on this occasion.

226. Review of Street Cleaning Services

The Head of Property and Engineering submitted a report, a copy of which has been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were invited to comment on the proposals contained in the Dorset Waste Partnership's consultation on street cleaning services. Members were informed that the consultation period was extended to allow this Committee to make comment.

Members noted and endorsed the comments raised at the Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, highlighting and adding the following comments:-

- The removal of all litter bins from remote areas, with the provision to advise people to take litter home, should be carefully considered as there is concern over the likelihood of the procedure being adhered to, which could lead to further cost implications. A proper communication plan is required to educate the public on this change.
- The replacement of dog bins with mixed litter bins should be carefully considered and planned to avoid the loss of any existing facilities.
- All wheeled containers must be properly secured to prevent misuse.
- Any housing for bins should not be the responsibility of the district council, but should fall upon the local town or parish council.

RESOLVED that the Committee's comments be included in East Dorset District Council's response to the Dorset Waste Partnership's consultation on street cleaning services.

Voting: Unanimous

227. Christchurch and East Dorset Local Development Scheme

The Partnership Planning Policy Manager submitted a report, a copy of which has been circulate to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were asked to consider and endorse the proposed content of the latest revision of the Local Development Scheme, setting out the latest timetable for preparation of the Local Plan.

Members were informed that the Joint Heathland Mitigation SPD was delayed due to ongoing negotiations, but had now found a way forward. The delay, however, will cause the document to slip back by at least 1 to 2 months.

It was agreed by Members that 3.4 of the Local Development Scheme be clarified to state that the designated sites in Part 2 of the Local Plan would be existing urban areas and rural villages and did not include new neighbours.

RESOLVED that the first joint Local Development Scheme for Christchurch and East Dorset be endorsed for publication.

Voting: Unanimous

228. Forward Plan

The Solicitor to the Council 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.

The Committee were asked to note the Forward Plan for monitoring the work programme of the Community Committee.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Voting: Unanimous

The Chairman asked the Committee to note the recent acquisition of a street cleaner in Ferndown, as well as the recent work of the Wimborne BID to keep streets clean for Wimborne in Bloom. The Committee commended the Town Councils for taking action and encouraged all parish and town councils to follow suit and take responsibility for the improvement of their communities.

229. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted it is likely that if members of the public were present during the following item there would be disclosure to them of ‘exempt information’ as described in the category indicated and they be therefore excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

230. Update on the Allendale Centre Wimborne

Exempt Information – Category 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information)).

The Head of Community and Leisure presented a verbal report to Members updating on the current situation with regards to the Allendale Community Centre.

231. Update on the Verwood Leisure Facilities

Exempt Information – Category 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information)).

The Head of Community and Leisure presented a verbal report to Members updating on the current situation with regards to the Verwood Leisure Facilities.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

CHAIRMAN