

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 October 2014 at 6.30 pm

Present:-

Cllr R D Cook – Chairman

Cllr S M Lugg – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr M C Birr, Cllr P G Bennett, Cllr Mrs S J Burns, Cllr S Butler, Cllr Mrs L J Clark, Cllr A A J Clarke, Cllr Mrs T B Coombs, Cllr M R Dyer, Cllr Mrs G S Elliot, Cllr S G Flower, Cllr S Gibson, Cllr Mrs J M Hazel, Cllr Mrs A Holland, Cllr J P Holland, Cllr Mrs P A Hymers, Cllr J E Little, Cllr Mrs B T Manuel, Cllr I J Monks, Cllr D Morgan, Cllr B E Mortimer, Cllr D G L Packer, Cllr Mrs P A Reynolds, Cllr G W Russell, Cllr A Skeats, Cllr S S Tong and Cllr J L Wilson

Apologies: Cllr D B F Burt, Cllr Mrs J Dover, Cllr R C Dudman, Cllr P J Edwards, Cllr P W Richardson, Cllr D W Shortell and Cllr Mrs A Warman

204. Prayers

Prayers were led by the Reverend David Paskins, the Rector of the quintet group of villages of Cranborne with Boveridge, Edmondsham, Wimborne St Giles and Woodlands.

205. Minutes

The Minutes of the Council meeting held 1 September 2014 and the special meeting held on 24 September 2014 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

206. Declarations of Interests by Members

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

207. Announcements

The Chairman of Council referred to his list of engagements attended since the last Council meeting which was included within the agenda, 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 advised Council that September and October had proved to be a busy period for Civic Days, visiting some very interesting and entertaining events. In addition the Chairman made particular reference to the New Forest Civic Day on 19 September, the 'Elvis' evening at the Barrington Centre on 20 September and the Royal Aeronautical Society Sir Alan Cobham Lecture held at Bournemouth University on 16 October.

There were no announcements made by the Leader of the Council or Chief Executive on this occasion.

208. Questions by Members of the Public

The Chairman reported that no questions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 8(2).

209. Petitions by Members of the Public

The Chairman reported that two petitions had been received under Council Procedure Rule 8(3).

The Chairman advised that the first petitioner, Mr Taylor, could not attend the Council meeting to present the petition which requested the Council to take over the running of Pennington Coppice, West Moors from the landowner, due to the lack of maintenance being carried out. The petition would be referred to a future meeting of the Corporate Capital Property Strategy Group for their consideration.

Councillor Graham Smith (Chairman of Colehill Parish Council) was invited to present the petition signed by residents of Colehill relating to the Community Governance Review. The petition would form part of the response to the consultation.

210. Deputations by Members of the Public

The Chairman reported that no deputations had been received under Council Procedure Rule 8(4).

211. Questions by Members of the Council

The Chairman reported that no questions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 9(2).

212. Planning Committee, 19 August 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2014 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

213. Planning Committee, 2 September 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2014 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

214. Community Committee, 9 September 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2014 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

215. Planning Committee, 16 September 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2014 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

216. Resources Committee, 24 September 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2014 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

217. Joint Audit Committee, 25 September 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

218. Scrutiny and Policy Development, 30 September 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2014 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

219. Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, 7 October 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2014 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes as submitted be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

220. Review of Council Governance Model

The Leader of the Council presented the submitted 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 consider the principle of changing the Council governance model to an Executive/Cabinet model and to undertake consultation.

It was proposed and seconded that this matter be deferred for consideration by the Council at a meeting after the elections scheduled for May 2015.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared lost - 5:19 (3 abstentions).

RESOLVED that the principle of moving to an Executive / Cabinet model of governance be supported and a consultation exercise be undertaken with Council stakeholders, including public consultation via the web site and a press release, the outcome of which to be reported back to the Council meeting to be held on 15 December 2014.

Voting: 23:3 (2 abstentions)

221. The Constitution - Amendments to Scheme of Delegation

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 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report asked Members to consider minor changes to the Scheme of Delegation to be approved by Council.

RESOLVED that the changes to the Scheme of Delegation within the Constitution, as detailed in the submitted report, be approved.

Voting: 27:0 (1 abstention)

222. Representations from Outside Bodies

The Chairman advised that there were no reports from Members of the Council with respect of Outside Bodies on this occasion.

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

CHAIRMAN