



Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils

(Affiliated to the National Association of Local Councils)

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils held on Saturday 4th November 2017, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester at 10.00 am

1) Welcome

The President, David Jenkins DL, took the Chair.

The President welcomed 68 representatives of member Parish and Town Councils, and the following guests;

Cllr Rebecca Knox, Leader of Dorset County Council
Cllr Hilary Cox, Chair of Dorset County Council
Cllr Anthony Alford, Leader of West Dorset District Council
Cllr Wendy Meaden, Deputy Chair of Purbeck District Council
Pauline Malins, Head of Communications at NHS Dorset CCG
Sally Shead, Director of Nursing and Quality at NHS Dorset CCG
Alex Picot, Chief Executive of Dorset Community Action

The President thanked the many volunteers for their invaluable help with the event's organisation.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from:

MP for Mid Dorset and North Dorset
MP for Christchurch
MP for West Dorset
MP for South Dorset County Council

Mr Michael Tomlinson
Mr Christopher Chope
Mr Oliver Letwin
Mr Richard Drax

Dorset County Council
Dorset County Council
Dorset Councils Partnership
Purbeck District Council
East Dorset District Council
Christchurch and East Dorset
District Council
DAPTC NALC Representative and
Executive Committee Member

Debbie Ward, Chief Executive
Karen Andrews, Head of Business Improvement
Stephen Hill, Strategic Director
Cllr Bill Trite, Chairman
Cllr Derek Burt, Chairman
Mr David McIntosh, Chief Executive

Cllr Lindsey Dedden

3) Elections of Honorary Officers

- President – David Jenkins DL was elected unopposed to continue as President. David Jenkins thanked everybody for the nomination and stated that he felt it was a privilege and pleasure to be associated with DAPTC.
- Vice-Presidents – No changes to the existing Vice-Presidents of Cllr Alan Thacker, Cllr Janet Page and Mr Tony Gibb.
- Honorary Treasurer – Ms Donna Yea was appointed unopposed to the role of Honorary Treasurer. Thanks were expressed to the outgoing Honorary Treasurer Mr Steven Pink.
Proposed by Cllr Jill Barry
Seconded by Cllr Janet Wallace
CARRIED.
- Honorary Auditor – Mr Andrew Notley was appointed unopposed as Honorary Auditor

4) Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday 5th November 2016, had been circulated previously and were accepted as a true record of the meeting, subject to a surname correction for Cllr David Shortell of East Dorset District Council, and signed by the President.

Proposed and Carried

5) Annual Report

The President, David Jenkins presented the report to the AGM, which had been circulated with the Agenda.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Councillor Hannah Richardson of Stratton Parish Council and local councils' members that the Association had lost this year.

The President proposed that if there were no comments regarding the Annual Report that it be accepted by the AGM. **Proposed and Carried**

6) Treasurer's Report

The newly elected Honorary Treasurer represented the report prepared by the outgoing Honorary Treasurer, Steven Pink, which had been circulated with the Agenda.

It was proposed and carried to accept the Treasurer's report for 2016/17.

7) Audited Accounts for Financial year 2016/17

The Audited Accounts for the financial year 2016/17 were received and approved.

8) Motions submitted by Member Councils

1. Beaminster Town Council

The meeting considered the following proposal by Beaminster Town Council:

Beaminster Town Council would propose the DAPTC lobby NALC with a view to achieving a change in the legislation governing the de-registration of bus routes.

Motion Vote: CARRIED

2. Blandford Forum Town Council

The meeting considered the following proposal by Blandford Forum Town Council:

That DAPTC requests NALC to lobby for Central Government action to ensure that when a town or parish council objects to a planning application for legitimate planning reasons, it should be considered by the planning authority's planning committee.

It was proposed by Cllr Jackie Stayt and seconded by Cllr KD Johnson to amend the proposal as follows:

That DAPTC requests NALC to lobby for Central Government action to ensure that when a town or parish council submission on a planning application for legitimate planning reasons is contrary to the recommendations of the planning officer, it should be considered by the planning authority's planning committee.

The proposed amended motion was agreed and passed as a substantive motion.

3. Chideock Parish Council

With regards to the following proposal, the Chideock Parish Clerk confirmed that the cost of a Parish Poll to the Parish / Town Council is considerable and cannot be budgeted for in advance. This cost is unacceptable where the Poll is on a question which is beyond the remit and powers of a Parish Council.

Chideock Parish Council asks NALC to strongly request that the DCLG revisits the consultation on Parish Polls which was carried out from 4 December 2014 to 30 January 2015 but never acted upon, and to amend the current legislation governing Parish Polls. The consultation sought the views of the public, local authorities and the parish sector on:

- the trigger (the number or proportion of electors required to demand a poll)
- the voting arrangements for parish polls
- the questions on which a poll can be held
- consequential related matters.

Motion Vote: CARRIED

4. Hurn Parish Council

The meeting considered the following proposal by Hurn Parish Council:

Hurn Parish Council ask that the DAPTC take the issue forward to NALC to ask for a change to the law to make Parish Councils statutory consultees on tree application in their Parishes and that the information provided is of a high enough quality to facilitate the consideration of the proposal.

Motion Vote: CARRIED

The formal part of the AGM was concluded at 11.05am followed by coffee and exhibitors. Delegates returned to the chamber for the Presentation and Audience/Panel Debate.

9) Presentations plus audience Q & A sessions with:-

NHS Dorset CCG – Pauline Malins, Head of Communications at NHS Dorset CCG and Sally Shead, Director of Nursing and Quality at NHS Dorset CCG gave an update on the decisions made by the Governing Body on the future of Healthcare in Dorset, covering the four main aspects of acute hospitals, community services, maternity and paediatric services and mental health.

Cllr Rebecca Knox, Leader of Dorset County Council gave an update on local government reorganisation proposals and Joint Committees.

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