

Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils held on Saturday 6th November 2010, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester at 10.00 am

1) Welcome

The President, Dr Malcolm Macleod OBE took the Chair.

The President welcomed 44 representatives of member Town and Parish Councils, and the following guests, Cllr J Wilson, Chairman, Dorset County Council, Cllr S Hitchings, Chairman, North Dorset District Council, Mr Sam Fox-Adams, Partnerships and Communities Manager, Dorset County Council, Cllr R Coatsworth, Chairman, West Dorset District Council, Mr David Clarke, Chief Executive, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, Ms Georgina Morgan, Acting Chief Executive, Dorset Community Action.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Guests:

MP for Mid Dorset and North Poole

MP for Poole

MP for Bournemouth West

MP for South Dorset

MP for Christchurch

MP for Bournemouth East

Dorset County Council

Christchurch Borough Council

Christchurch Borough Council

Christchurch Borough Council

East Dorset District Council

East Dorset District Council

East Dorset District Council

North Dorset District Council

North Dorset District Council

Purbeck District Council

Purbeck District Council

West Dorset District Council

Weymouth & Portland Borough Council

Weymouth & Portland Borough Council

DAPTC Past President

Mrs Annette Brook

Mr Robert Syms

Mr Connor Burns

Mr Richard Drax

Mr Christopher Chope

Mr Tobias Ellwood

Mr David Jenkins, Chief Executive

Cllr Nicholas Geary, Mayor

Cllr Alan Griffiths, Leader

Mr M Turvey, Chief Executive

Cllr S Flower, Leader

Mr David McIntosh, Chief Executive

Cllr M Dyer, Chairman

Cllr Peter Webb, Leader

Mrs E Goodall, Chief Executive

Cllr D Budd, Leader

Mr Steve Mackenzie, Chief Executive

Cllr Robert Gould, Leader

Mr T Grainger, Chief Executive

Cllr Paul Kimber, Mayor

Wg Cdr John Hyde

And many local councillors.

3) Elections of Honorary Officers

- President - Dr Malcolm Macleod was nominated to continue as President.

Proposed: Cllr Tony Gibb

Seconded: Cllr Haydn White

Carried

- Vice-Presidents – Mr John Freeman and Cllr Ken Whetlor were nominated as Vice-Presidents.
Proposed: Cllr Lindsey Dedden
Seconded: Cllr Janet Page
Carried
- Honorary Treasurer – Mr Paul Ackrill was nominated as Honorary Treasurer
Proposed: Cllr Susan Bennett
Seconded: Cllr Tony Gibb
Carried
- Honorary Auditor – Mr Andrew Notley was nominated as Honorary Auditor
Proposed: Cllr Mike Jones
Seconded: Cllr Tony Gibb
Carried

4) Minutes of the last Annual General meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday 7th November 2009, had been circulated previously and were accepted as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the President.

Proposed: Cllr Tony Gibb
Seconded: Cllr Mike Jones
Carried

5) Annual Report

The report, which had been circulated with the Agenda, was accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Tony Gibb
Seconded: Cllr Ann Jacobs
Carried

6) Treasurer's Report

The report, which had been circulated with the Agenda, was accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Mike Burt
Seconded: Cllr Tony Edwards
Carried

7) Audited Accounts for Financial year 2009/10

The Audited Accounts for the financial year 2009/10 were received and approved.

Proposed: Mr David Wragg
Seconded: Cllr Mike Burt
Carried

8) Resolutions submitted by Member Councils

1. Blandford Town Council

Blandford Town Council proposed the following motion:-

That the DAPTC, with the aid of NALC and our local MPs, does everything in its power to change the national regulation, so that Town Councils will have the same mandatory right of rate relief on their buildings as Parish Councils do on Parish Halls.

Proposed: Cllr Haydn White
Seconded: Cllr Susan Bennett
CARRIED

2. Arne Parish Council

Arne Parish Council proposed the following motion:-

That all planning authorities seek financial contributions from applicants whose planning applications result in HGVs using the local rural roads for their business and said contributions to be ring fenced for reinstating verges, road edges and clearing mud off the roads within the locality of the business and not to be put in a communal pot for general highway use.

Proposed: Cllr Debbie Weller

Seconded: Cllr Eric Osmond

Vote: 19 FOR, 12 AGAINST, 6 ABSENTION – CARRIED

3. Sturminster Newton Town Council

Sturminster Newton Town Council proposed the following motion:-

That the financial burden placed upon councils by the need under the Accounting and Audit Regulations 1996 to engage an internal auditor prior to the accounts being examined by an external auditor should be reviewed by the government.

The statement that this should be a ‘lighter touch’ audit system has not only failed to produce less work for councils and their clerks but has in fact placed a considerable burden upon them. Further, the cost for these audit examinations is very high, especially for councils with very basic accounting systems.

Proposed: Cllr Victor Fox

Seconded: Cllr Haydn White

Vote: 22 FOR, 8 AGAINST, 4 ABSENTION – CARRIED

The formal part of the AGM was concluded at 11am followed by lunch and exhibitors.

9) Panel Debate on future working relationships in light of the coalition governments Spending Review and it’s proposals in the Decentralisation and Localism Bill

Panel Members included:

Sam Fox-Adams, Partnerships and Communities Manager, Dorset County Council

Ms Georgina Morgan, Acting Chief Executive, Dorset Community Action

Mr David Clarke, Chief Executive, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council

Cllr. John Wilson, Chairman, Dorset County Council.