

At a MEETING of the **BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Town Hall, Bridport on Tuesday 17 April 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr D.G. Rickard – Town Mayor (in the Chair)

Cllr	G.J. Ackerman	C.M. Ray
	Miss S.A. Brown	Mrs M.J. Ray
	E.T. Colfox	Ms G.E. Summers
	Ms L.L. Glover	Ms A-M.A. Vincent
	Ms R.C. Kayes	Ms S.J. Williams
	C.O. Michell	

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

51. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs: Ms G.E. Massey, J.T. May, D.R. Tett and K.G. Wallace.

52. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor (Chairman).

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All the previously recorded interests declared under this item in the Committee minutes were noted.

54. STANDING ORDER 14 (b)

There were no questions pursuant to standing order 14(b).

55. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

(a) PLANS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meetings of the Plans Committee held on 6 February, 5 March and 2 April 2012 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Ms S.J. Williams. Each set of minutes was considered separately.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the Plans Committee held on 6 February, 5 March and 2 April 2012 be received.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 28 March 2012 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor C.M. Ray.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 28 March 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted as set out below: -

(Minute 137) INVESTMENT REVIEW 2011/12 AND STRATEGY 2012/13

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that the Annual Investment Strategy for 2011/12 be adopted without amendment for 2012/13.

(Minute 147) CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that the calendar of meetings for 2012/13 be approved.

(Minute 148) WDDC CORPORATE PLAN 2012/2016

In discussion of the report, members made the following comments:

- include a reference to affordable housing in the section on communities and preventing homelessness.
- include a reference to the Council's role in seeking to ensure democratic participation in its work.

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to respond to the consultation on the draft Plan, subject to inclusion of the comments above.

(Minute 149) WDDC SPORTS, MUSEUMS AND ARTS STRATEGIES

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to respond to the consultation on the Strategies.

(c) ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meetings of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 9 February and 21 March 2012 were presented by the Committee, Councillor Ms R.C. Kayes.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee meetings held on 9 February and 21 March 2012 be received and the recommendation therein be adopted as set out below:

(Minute 66) LOCAL PLAN

The recommendation, after being moved and seconded, was put to the vote, declared to be carried and

RESOLVED: that a Working Group of members be established, to begin to look in detail at the draft Local Plan, comprising: - Cllrs Miss S.A. Brown, E.T. Colfox, Ms R.C. Kayes, C.M. Ray, Mrs M.J. Ray and Ms S.J. Williams.

**56. SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 –
AGREE REASONS FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS**

The Town Clerk reported that Councillor D.R. Tett had been unwell since the start of the year and he was unable, on medical advice, to attend evening meetings at the current time. He was still undertaking constituency work, had attended meetings with the Town Clerk and would hopefully be able to attend evening meetings soon.

RESOLVED: that in accordance with section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the reasons for Councillor D.R. Tett not being able to attend meetings be approved, as set out above.

57. COMMUNICATIONS

The following items were reported for information:

- (1) The Town Mayor reported his list of engagements, ENCL: 2527.
- (2) The Town Mayor reported on his successful litter pick on Sunday 15 April, the work on arranging exchange visits of Bridport Junior Football Club under 12's with a team in Seattle, America and his Civic Evening, to be held at the Town Hall on Thursday 19 April.

The Town Mayor reported that it had been announced that Sergeant Bleasdale was to retire from the police. He was joined by members of the Council in thanking Sergeant Bleasdale for all his work and particularly for his support for the establishment of the Community Justice Panels.

Finally, the Town Mayor congratulated Cllr Ms L.L. Glover for her role in Sweet Charity, the recent production by the Bridport Musical Theatre Company.

- (3) The Town Clerk reported that the Farmers' Market had been held in the Town Hall on Saturday 14 April and it was estimated that approximately 2,000 people had attended during the day.

The meeting closed at **7.57 p.m.**

The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be held on 26 June 2012