

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE
of Bridport Town Council held in Mountfield, Bridport on Wednesday
20 March 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Ms R.C. Kayes (Chairman)
G.J. Ackerman D.G. Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

47. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Ms L.L. Glover,
Ms A-M.A. Vincent and Ms S.J. Williams.

48. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 January 2013 were
confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

50. CHANGE TO DELIVERY OF YOUNG PEOPLES' SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION IN WEST DORSET – WEST RIVERS HOUSE

Consideration was given to a letter from Bournemouth Churches Housing
Association (BCHA), ENCL: 2662 and the Committee received a presentation from
Derek Hardy, Strategic Commissioning Manager (Housing) Adult & Community
Services, Dorset County Council, Mandy Goodenough BCHA Head of function and
Debbie Low BCHA Children, Young People and Families Manager.

It was reported that BCHA had taken over the contract to deliver supported
accommodation for young people in West Dorset. It was stated that it was
proposed that there would be the same number of units for young people in
Bridport, but they would be re-housed from West Rivers House, into separate
housing units. Other plans were being considered for West Rivers House, including
possibly keeping some of the accommodation for single people, making use of the
training facilities and looking at the best way to support Oh Crumbs. The
discussions about the use of the building were continuing.

The young people currently living in West Rivers House were being assessed, to
ensure that their needs were fully addressed in new accommodation. Suitable
properties were being identified. It was proposed to complete this process by the
end of June.

Members asked questions and sought assurances about the level of support for the
young people and that their needs would be fully addressed, under the new
arrangements. It was also hoped that the discussions on the future of West Rivers

House would ensure continued community use as reported and that Oh Crumbs would be supported.

Members thanked the BCHA and Dorset County Council representatives for attending the meeting and it was asked that the Town Council was kept informed of developments.

RESOLVED: that the latest position on the contract to deliver supported accommodation for young people in West Dorset be noted.

51. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

Cllr D.G. Rickard reported on the first meeting with Brian Atkinson and the Town Surveyor, to discuss the implementation of Brian's recommendations in his environmental audit report. The intention was to finalise the report and produce an action plan, which would be reported back to this Committee.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

52. COMMUNITY JUSTICE PANELS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2661.

The Town Clerk updated on the latest position and in particular that more cases were now coming through and that the project evaluation was being prepared and should be completed very soon. It was hoped this would then allow decisions to be taken on the continuation of the pilot beyond June.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

53. USE OF PESTICIDES

The Town Clerk stated that he would bring forward a report with a policy on the use of pesticides.

RESOLVED: that the position be noted.

54. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported that BLAP was arranging a Neighbourhood Plan meeting for parishes in the BLAP area on 10 April at 7.00pm at Bridport Town Hall. The aim of the meeting would be to assess the level of interest amongst local councils in participating in a wider area Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting was for local councils and by invitation only, with three representatives from each council (including the clerk). The Town Council's representatives would be appointed at the next Plans Committee.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

55. DISTRICT COUNCIL HOUSING STRATEGY

The Chairman provided an update on the strategy. The Town Council would be consulted on the strategy, when the draft was finalised.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted

56. HEALTH SERVICES COMMISSIONING

Members felt that this Committee should receive regular reports on the clinical commissioning arrangements in Dorset. The Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group had now been established. All GP practices are included and it was operating in shadow form, until the CCG was set up in April.

RESOLVED: that this Committee receive regular updates on the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group.

57. OPEN SPACES TASK FORCE

Councillors considered the notes of the meeting of 25 February, ENCL: 2663.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Task Force and the actions set out, be endorsed.

58. INTER AGENCY FORUM

RESOLVED: that a meeting of the Forum take place towards the end of April, the date and time to be confirmed.

59. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

The following reports were received:

Spirit of Bridport - Councillor Ms R.C. Kayes stated that the Spirit of Bridport had hosted a meeting earlier that week, with representative bodies and stakeholders in the town, including the Town Council, looking at the marketing of the area and options to help promote Bridport.

The Town Council had also received confirmation that its first submission under the Chalk and Cheese scheme has been approved to recompense the Council for payments made as the accountable body. The Chairman thanked the Town Council for acting as the accountable body for this scheme.

Skills Training Bridport - Councillor Ms R.C. Kayes stated that this was formally launched on 24 February and was being well supported by training providers.

Transition Town Bridport - Councillor D.G. Rickard reported on ongoing projects, including skills for transition training and arrangements being made for the communities living sustainably project.

Councillor D. G. Rickard, as the Town Mayor, also reported on his civic day, which included the opening of the bridge from Asker Meadows and a visit to the Leisure Centre. He felt that it would be interesting to have a report from the Leisure Centre on their environmental improvements and introduction of energy saving measures.

The updates were noted.

60. FUTURE REPORTS

Future reports requested, included:

Proposals for Service Delivery and Property Use in Bridport by Dorset County Council.

61. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

The meeting closed at **8.15 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on a date to be agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee