

## TOWN (PARISH) OF BRIDPORT

At the **ANNUAL TOWN (PARISH) MEETING** of the Town of Bridport, held in the Town Hall, Bridport on Tuesday 5 April 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr Miss S.A. Brown, Town Mayor  
Chairman of Bridport Town Council (in the Chair)

13 elected members of the Town Council  
29 members of the public (22 public, 2 press and 5 staff)

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Nick Neale of Bridport Leisure Centre, Lucy Hart of the Melplash Agricultural Society, Inspector Neil Wood of Dorset Police, St Mary's School, Janet Hallbery of the Heritage Coast Canoe Club, Sara Buchanan of the Gig Club and Martin Phillips of Bridport Youth FC.

### **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Meeting held on 17 March 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **3. BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS 2015/16**

- (a) The Town Mayor, Cllr Miss S.A. Brown gave a review of her Mayoral Year and the engagements she had undertaken as First Citizen of Bridport during the municipal year 2015/16.

The Mayor also made a presentation to Claire Peters-Way, Town Council Clerical Officer, on the successful completion of her apprenticeship year with the Town Council and qualification with Kingston Maurward College.

- (b) The Leader of the Council, Cllr Ms S.J. Williams gave her review of the municipal year 2015/16.
- (c) The Town Clerk reported on the activities of the Town Council during the municipal year 2015/16.

Copies of the reports from the Town Mayor, Leader of the Council and the Town Clerk were available at the meeting and subsequently on [www.bridport-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk)

### **4. PRESENTATION**

Laura Cockett of the Arts Centre, Rovarn Wickremasinghe of the Citizens' Advice Bureau and Nicola Blackmore of the Museum gave a report on the activities of their organisations over the past year. These organisations (and the Leisure Centre who were unable to attend, for whom the Town Mayor read their submission) are all supported under a Service Level Agreement.

Smaller organisation grant recipients present, who addressed the meeting, were Anne Rickard of Transition Town Bridport, Jenni Dare of the New Elizabethan Singers, Mike Nicks of the West Bay Community Forum, Tina Ellen Lee of Opera Circus, Sarah Horniman for the Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride Service, Jo O'Farrell of The Living Tree, Keith Day of Chancery House and Veronica Smith of the Bridport W.I. The Mayor also spoke in respect of the Chamber Orchestra.

Phyllida Culpin, spoke about the neighbourhood Plan and Vision 2030 <http://www.vision-2030.co.uk/> and said that the reports of the working groups would be available soon.

Maureen Jackson, Chairman of BLAP, also gave a summary of their work over the past year.

The Town Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, thanked all the speakers for their presentations and for all their work on behalf of the town.

## **5. MATTERS CONCERNING TOWN AFFAIRS**

Jill Lloyd thanked the Town Council for the support that it gives to numerous open space projects in the town, including the Bridport Community Orchard Group.

Joe Burlington spoke about the potential gathering of data with regard to the Town Council's CO2 usage and environmental data in general.

The Chairman of the Town Council's Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee, Cllr D.G. Rickard thanked Mr Burlington for his comments and said that the Committee had previously undertaken an environmental audit of the Council's services, but this was also something that they would revisit.

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no announcements.

The Town Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at **8.42 pm.**