

TOWN (PARISH) OF BRIDPORT

At the **ANNUAL TOWN (PARISH) MEETING** of the Town of Bridport, held in the Town Hall, Bridport on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr Anne Rickard, Town Mayor
Chairman of Bridport Town Council (in the Chair)

17 elected members of the Town Council
24 members of the public (17 public and 7 staff)

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Meeting held on 4 April 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Laura Cockett, Bridport Arts Centre.

3. BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS 2017/18

- (a) The Town Mayor, Cllr Anne Rickard gave a review of her Mayoral Year and the engagements she had undertaken as First Citizen of Bridport during the municipal year 2017/18.
- (b) The Leader of the Council, Cllr Sarah Williams gave her review of the municipal year 2017/18.
- (c) The Town Clerk reported on the activities of the Town Council during the municipal year 2017/18.

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

4. ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Rovarn Wickremasinghe of the Citizens' Advice Bureau, Bruce Upton of the Museum, Nigel Williams of the Leisure Centre and Kelvin Clayton of the Youth and Community Centre gave reports on the activities of their organisations over the past year. These organisations are all supported under a Service Level Agreement.

Smaller organisation grant recipients present, who addressed the meeting, were Lucy Hart of Melplash Agricultural Society, Anna Golding of No Limits/The Shoe Chorus, Tammi Gale of Home-Start West Dorset, Simon Williams of Bridport Mind Festival, Sandra Brown of The New Elizabethan Singers, Cathy Harvey and Sal Robinson of Allington Hill & Cooper's Wood & Field Community Group and Rita Bechervaise of The Living Tree.

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

Simon Williams spoke about the issue of pedestrian refuges/crossings at the top of Sea Road North/St Andrews Road.

In response, it was reported that this matter had been previously raised with Dorset County Council some years ago. At that time, surveys had shown that these locations did not meet the criteria for crossings or refuges. However, this was something that could be revisited by the Town Council's Highways and Transportation Working Group.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Maureen Jackson thanked the Town Council for the support that it gives to BLAP including ongoing support for community initiatives.

The Town Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at **8.22 pm**.