

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the **BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Town Hall, Bridport on Tuesday 26 March 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Barry Irvine – Town Mayor (in the Chair)

Cllr	Geoffrey Ackerman	Maggie Ray
	Kelvin Clayton	Martin Ray
	Terry Harrison	Anne Rickard
	Sarah Horniman	Dave Rickard
	Gill Massey	Sarah Williams

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

### **48. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sandra Brown, Derek Bussell, Keith Day, Julian Jones, Ros Kayes and Barbara Vousden.

### **49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No disclosable pecuniary or other interests were declared. All the previously recorded interests declared under this item in the Committee minutes were noted.

### **50. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor (Chairman).

### **51. STANDING ORDER 14(b)**

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

### **52. BRIDPORT AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REGULATION 15 SUBMISSION DRAFT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3415. This set out the requirement to consider and agree the draft Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan for submission to West Dorset District Council under Regulation 15 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The draft plan had been agreed by the Joint Councils Committee, and all participant councils now needed to approve it for submission.

The Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer advised that it had been hoped that the draft plan could be submitted by 31 March 2019. Guidance from a health check and technical advice were still being incorporated, as minor amendments that did not affect the intent or effect of plan policies.

Cllr Sarah Williams reported, as the Town Council representative to the Joint Councils Committee (JCC) that the JCC had been receiving this guidance regularly

in recent weeks, and had been updating the draft plan accordingly. She thanked the Steering Group and Working Groups for their efforts in supporting the development of the plan.

Cllr Anne Rickard also thanked those involved, and advised that she would forward a list of proof-reading issues to the Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer.

Cllr Terri Harrison asked why the CAB, Job Centre and Post Office had not been listed as community facilities. The Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer advised that the list included in the plan was indicative, but that he would ask the JCC to consider adding them as a minor amendment.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council:

- (i) Approves the Regulation 15 draft of the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan for submission to the planning authority;
- (ii) Approves the post-plan governance arrangements; and
- (iii) Authorises the chairman of the NPJCC to make de Minimis changes (changes that are not material) to the Regulation 15 document.

Councillors discussed the timetable for submission, the organisation and promotion of a referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan, and the relationship with the Local Plan.

Cllr Sarah Williams thanked the Council for approving the plan, which if adopted would help Bridport hugely in future.

Meeting closed at 6.20pm.

**The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be held on 9 April 2019. The Annual Council will be held on 16 May 2019**