

TOWN (PARISH) OF BRIDPORT

Minutes of a virtual meeting (Zoom: 977-5024-4804) **ANNUAL TOWN (PARISH) MEETING** of the Town of Bridport, held at Mountfield, Bridport on Thursday 27 May 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr Ian Bark, Town Mayor
Chairman of Bridport Town Council (in the Chair)

11 elected members of the Town Council
14 members of the public (10 public and 4 staff)

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Meeting held on 26 March 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Julian Jones, Sarah Williams and Steve Williams, Nikki Northover (Small Things, Boys Dance and Youth Dance), Lucy Hart (Melplash Agricultural Society), Anna Golding (Fingerprint Dance), John West (West Bay Discovery Centre), Will Thrower (Leisure Centre) and Mick Smith (Arts Centre).

3. BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS 2020/21

- (a) The Town Mayor, Cllr Ian Bark gave a review of his Mayoral Year and the engagements he had undertaken as First Citizen of Bridport during the municipal year 2020/21.
- (b) The Leader of the Council, Cllr Dave Rickard gave his review of the municipal year 2020/21.
- (c) The Town Clerk reported on the activities of the Town Council during the municipal year 2020/21.

Copies of the reports from the Town Mayor, Leader of the Council and Town Clerk are available on the Town Council's web site. (***amended wording from 2019***)

4. ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Kelvin Clayton (Youth and Community Centre) and Karen Hunt (Museum Trust) gave reports on the activities of their organisations over the past year. These organisations (amongst others) are supported under a Service Level Agreement.

The Leisure Centre (Will Thrower) and West Bay Discovery Centre (John West) were unable to attend, so the Town Clerk read out statements on their behalf.

Smaller organisation grant recipients present, who addressed the meeting, were

Robert Golden (representing Tina Golden) of Opera Circus
Arthur Woodgate of Bridport Young Person's Action Trust
Julie Frew of Bridport Refuge Support Campaign
Helen Horsley of Home-Start West Dorset
Richard Walsh of Stepping Out Cancer Rehabilitation Group
Sandra Ward of Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring and Ride
Sarah Wilberforce of Transition Town Bridport
Karen Wright of ASD and Social Anxiety Group (recently renamed as ASCape)
John Tassell of Bridport Young performers

The Town Clerk read a statement from Lucy Hart on behalf of the Melplash Agricultural Society.

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

No matters were raised by members of the public.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Anna Golding of Fingerprint Dance had recorded a video summary, and this was played to the meeting.

The Town Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at **8.31pm**.