

TOWN (PARISH) OF BRIDPORT

Minutes of a hybrid **ANNUAL TOWN (PARISH) MEETING** of the Town of Bridport, held at Mountfield, Bridport and via Zoom (meeting ID: 842 3401 3996) on Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

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

5 elected members of the Town Council
10 members of the public (8 public and 2 staff)

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Meeting held on 27 May 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Sarah Carney, Sarah Williams, Steve Williams, Anne Rickard, Karen Hunt and Dave Bolwell. Other apologies were received from Will Thrower (Bridport Leisure Centre), Sarah Wilberforce (Transition Town Bridport), Tanya Bruce-Lockhart (Bridport Literary Festival), Rosalind Tarry (Bridport Chamber Orchestra), David Lee (Bridport Area Development Trust), and Lucy Hart (Melplash Agricultural Society).

3. BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS 2021/22

- (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 2021/22.
- (b) The Leader of the Council, Cllr Dave Rickard gave his review of the municipal year 2021/22.
- (c) The Town Clerk, Will Austin reported on the activities of the Town Council during the municipal year 2021/22.

[Copies of the reports from the Town Mayor, Leader of the Council and Town Clerk are available on the Town Council's web site, as part of its Annual Report.]

4. ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Emily Hicks (Bridport Museum), Rovarn Wickremasinghe (Bridport & District Citizens Advice), John West (West Bay Discovery Centre and Bridport Area Development Trust), and Kelvin Clayton (Youth and Community Centre) gave reports on the activities of their organisations over the past year, and Will Austin (Town Clerk) read out a written report from Bridport Leisure Centre. These organisations (amongst others) are supported under a Service Level Agreement.

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

- Nick Goldsmith of The Bank of Dreams & Nightmares
- Joanna Jacobson of Bridport Literary Festival
- Richard Walsh of Stepping Out Cancer Rehabilitation Group
- Arthur Woodgate of Bridport Young Person's Action Trust
- Anna Golding of Fingerprint Dance
- Rob Ridge and Jessica Allsop of 2020 Skate & Ride
- Roz Copson of Harmony and The Living Tree

The Town Clerk read a statement from Sarah Wilberforce of Transition Town Bridport.

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

Lenschen Laffin expressed thanks to all those involved in supporting the community.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk reminded those present to respond to a current consultation on a review of community governance being conducted by Dorset Council.

A video report by No Limits Dance was played.

The Town Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at **8.58pm**.