

327/09 The Report of the Amenities Committee meeting held 2nd March 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed. An update was requested regarding the planting of the three roundabouts. Members were informed that quotations had just been received and this would be an agenda item at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

328/09 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 9th March 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

329/09 The Reports of the Plans Consultative Committee Meetings held 3rd March 2010 and 23rd March 2010 as circulated were confirmed, adopted and signed.

330/09 Local Action Group.

Minute 284/09 refers. The Local Action Group (LAG) had written to the Town Council asking them to appoint a representative to attend the LAG's meetings. Much discussion took place and a proposal was made to appoint a Town Council representative to the LAG which was seconded but when put to the vote was lost. It was then proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to write to the Chairman of the Local Action Group inviting him to a Town Council meeting to discuss what the responsibility would be for a Town Council representative on the LAG and to further improve communications between the Town Council and the LAG.

331/09 Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Subscriptions.

An Extraordinary Chief Executive's Circular had been copied to all members regarding the proposal for a potential new system for calculating subscriptions to the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils. The proposal, which was that in light of the deficiencies of the current system for calculating member subscriptions and have been in existence since 1992, should be replaced with the new system shown on the attached table, from 2011/2012 financial year. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to DAPTC stating that the proposed scheme is acceptable to the Verwood Town Council.

332/09 Report from the Mayor.

The Mayor gave a report on functions and meetings he had attended which included: EDDC Business Breakfast; DAPTC Chairmen and Clerk Training; the opening of the new Hillside Pre-School Centre; The Murder Mystery evening at the Verwood Hub, to raise monies for his two Charities; Cranborne Middle School's participation in the annual BBC School Report and an invitation had been given to the school to attend a mock Council meeting at the Town Council Offices; Annual Review of Guiding in Dorset; Verwood Talented Youth concert which was held at the Verwood Hub; a Civic Day in Bournemouth. A request was made to invite Emmanuel Middle School also to take part in a mock Council meeting.

333/09 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

- a) **Verwood Youth Club Committee.** Information was given on the last meeting which included: a presentation by the Youth Leader on the Development Plan for 2010/2011; the provision of Out Reach Workers for Three Legged Cross; staffing matters; maintenance work to be carried out over the Easter Holiday, whilst the Club is closed; that there are vacancies for volunteer leaders.
- b) **Verwood & Three Legged Cross Twinning Association.** Information was given on the arrangements for the 25th Anniversary celebration weekend with Champtoceaux, which would include a co-hosting cream tea reception between the Town Council and the Twinning Association.

334/09 Internet Councillor.

No report

335/09 Press & P.R.Councillor.

Information was given on the distribution of the Verwood Vista and various press releases.

336/09 Verwood Community Association.

A report had been circulated to all Members from the Verwood Consultative Committee Chairman.

337/09 Verwood Hub Community Association.

A report was given on the last meeting where matters discussed included: a report from the Treasurer; staffing; that it was hoped that Incorporated Charitable Status would be in place by April; the appointment of Directors; income of the Bistro; the success of the Verwood Talented Youth concert.

338/09 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs. A report, which will be circulated to all members, was given on: the awarded of £3.4M to provide 525 temporary jobs with training to enable young people to get work. The scheme will run from April 2010 to October 2011; information on the progress of the QE One School Pathfinder Project.

District Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs . A report, which will be circulated to all members, included information on: a visit by District Councillors to Bournemouth International Airport where information was given on the progress of the re-development, flying patterns and passenger numbers; the new Corporate Plan; working in partnership with Christchurch Borough Council; a meeting in April with Morrison's to discuss their future plans for the store in Verwood.

339/09 Accounts

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £11,719.17 for March were approved for payment.

340/09 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) An update was requested on the enquiry made about the Estate Agents Board on Council land.
- b) Information was given regarding a drug related incident which had taken place in the Town.
- c) Information was given on the Town Plan Launch and Fun Day which will be held on Saturday 10th April at the Hub.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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Mayor