



VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
23rd and 24th May 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Simon Gibson (Mayor)
 Councillor Mark Thorpe (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor Alan Biggs	Councillor Andrew Maw
Councillor Lucy Clark	Councillor Pat Morrow
Councillor Toni Coombs	Councillor Matthew Parker
Councillor Lindsey Dedden	Councillor Shelley Rose
Councillor Spencer Flower	Councillor Kate Stephens
Councillor Sandra Grove	Councillor Jane Russell

In Attendance: Carrie Lloyd, Town Clerk & Michaela Saunders, Mayor's Secretary and Admin Assistant
 Public: 1

001/22/23 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Simon Gibson was elected Mayor for 2022/23 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. His aim was to assist and promote all Community Groups within Verwood and he aimed to use his Charitable Fund for that purpose.

002/22/23 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Mark Thorpe was elected Deputy Mayor for 2022/23 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

003/22/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors: Sharmilee Bhowse, Martyn Hudson, Philip Mann

004/22/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

005/22/23 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Members **RESOLVED** that the Membership as detailed in Appendix A be approved.

006/22/23 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Members **RESOLVED** that the Representation as detailed in Appendix B be approved.

The meeting stood adjourned at 19.45

Meeting reconvened at 7.30pm on 24th May 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Simon Gibson (Mayor)
Councillor Mark Thorpe (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor Sharmilee Bhose	Councillor Sandra Grove
Councillor Alan Biggs	Councillor Martyn Hudson
Councillor Lucy Clark	Councillor Pat Morrow
Councillor Lindsey Dedden	Councillor Kate Stephens

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007/22/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors:, Toni Coombs, Spencer Flower, Andrew Maw, Matthew Parker, Philip Mann, Shelley Rose and Jane Russell

008/22/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

009/22/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th April were approved and signed as a correct record.

010/22/23 UPDATES ON ACTIONS ARISING

Members noted the updates.

011/22/23 REPORT FROM THE YOUTH WORKER

The report from the Youth Worker was noted.

012/22/23 REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Cllr Dedden advised that a report from DAPTC Eastern Area would follow shortly. Issues regarding the Crematorium at Poole would be discussed by Councillors at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee.

(Action; Town Clerk)

013/22/23 REPORT FROM THE INTERNET COUNCILLOR

None

014/22/23 REPORT FROM THE PRESS & P.R. COUNCILLOR

None

015/22/23 REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLORS

Cllr Gibson advised Members on the new Highways grass cutting regime and confirmed that sight lines at junctions should be cut to enable clear junction vision.

016/22/23 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Members approved the payments made in April and May and Direct Debits for the year.

017/22/23 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022/23

The Calendar of Meetings was approved for 2022/23

018/22/23 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

In relation to Recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee Members **RESOLVED** that;

307/21 Grant to Verwood Memorial Hall

RESOLVED that a grant of £5,000 be awarded.

311/21 Employee Matters

RESOLVED that

- (i) the draft contract of employment be approved subject to a few minor changes;
- (ii) implementation of a Staffing Sub Committee be considered along with Terms of reference for the Sub Committee;
- (iii) the Council's HR & Governance Advisor be requested to provide details including costs of carrying out a Staff Review.

(Action; Town Clerk)

019/22/23 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Hudson advised that he would be attending a Planning Session with Dorset Council on Friday & would convey Members' concerns regarding the current system in place. Cllr Dedden advised that DAPTC had a long list as well and support for Neil Wedge would be appreciated.

The Town Clerk was requested to bring the Honorary Freeman Policy to next Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration / review.

(Action; Town Clerk)

Concern was expressed at the lack of prior notice by Lloyds Bank on their closure. For a Town of this size it was felt that there should be a banking presence. The Town Clerk was requested to include an agenda item on next Finance and General Purposes Committee.

(Action; Town Clerk)

The meeting closed at 7.47p.m.

Next meeting is 29th June 2022 at 7.30pm at Three Legged Cross Village Hall.

.....Mayor