

The New Town Hall, Commercial Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8NG

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**Minutes of meeting**

**MEETING:** Full Council

**DATE & TIME**: Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 6.00 pm

**PLACE:** Council Chamber, The New Town Hall, Commercial Road, Weymouth,

DT4 8NG

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Tim Young Lucy Hamilton Graham Lambert

Colin Huckle Helen Toft Alex Fuhrmann

 Michael Frost David Northam Jan Bergman

Gill Taylor Jon Orrell Richard Nickinson

Ryan Hope David Gray David Harris

Howard Legg Kate Wheller Ken Whatley

Tia Roos (VC) Tony Ferrari Oz Kanji

Mark Tewkesbury Peter Dickenson Pete Barrow

**Apologies:** Ann Weaving (C), Luke Wakeling, and Matt Bell

**Officers:** Jane Biscombe (Town Clerk)

Ian Milne (Deputy Town Clerk)

 Charmaine Denny (Assistant Town Clerk)

**Members of the public and press:** There were 0 members of the public in attendance.

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| C0455 | **Welcome**Cllr Roos welcomed those in attendance and apologised that at present we were unable to livestream the meeting to YouTube due to technical difficulties. |
| C0456 | **Apologies for absence****Resolved:**Proposer: Cllr David Gray Seconder: Cllr David HarrisMembers voted unanimously in favour of accepting apologies from Cllrs Weaving, Wakeling and Bell. |
| C0457 | **Declarations of Interest**There were no declarations of interest. |
| C0458 | **Minutes of the last meeting****Resolved:**Proposer: Cllr Ryan Hope Seconder: Cllr David GrayMembers voted unanimously in favour of agreeing the minutes of the last two meetings held on 23 November 2022 as a true and accurate record, and that they be duly signed as such. |
| C0459 | **Councillor Questions and Statements**None |
| C0460 | **Town Mayor’s Announcements**The Deputy Mayor outlined some of the Christmas events that had been held recently.  |
| C0461 | **Public Question Time**There were no public questions. |
| C0462 | **Community Governance Review**Jane Biscombe introduced the report. Councillors offered their thanks to Councillors and Officers who had worked on the proposals, especially Cllr Luke Wakeling who had put significant amounts of effort into the draft documents and maps.A number of suggestions were proposed and accepted for inclusion into the main draft report.The Council needs to counter the misperception that Councillor’s allowances have a significant impact on the budget when this is only £1,000 per Councillor per year. Councillors wish to encourage as diverse a range of people to stand for election as possible to more accurately reflect the demographics of the town. A larger number of Councillors could be justified as Councillors at Town Council level have a smaller staff team to rely on than at Borough or Unitary level, and the Councillor allowance are low at £1,000. WTC currently has a good reputation compared to previous councils and this reflects the good work being done. With fewer Councillors it would be likely that fewer projects could be completed. Larger wards could discourage independent candidates from standing due to the size of area to be canvassed and the associated costs.**Resolved:**Proposer: Cllr Colin Huckle Seconder: Cllr David NorthamMembers voted to include Option A in the main document by 14 votes for, seven against and two abstentionsCllr Ryan Hope requested a recorded vote for agreeing the main response**Resolved:**Proposer: Cllr Ryan Hope Seconder: Cllr Pete BarrowMembers voted to agree the draft as the Council’s response to the Dorset Council consultation on the current CGR by 15 votes for, six against and three abstentions

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| **Name**  | **Vote**  |
| Cllr Peter Barrow  | For  |
| Cllr Jan Bergman  |  Against |
| Cllr Kevin Brookes  | Absent  |
| Cllr Peter Dickenson  | Against  |
| Cllr Tony Ferrari  |  Against |
| Cllr Michael Frost  |  For |
| Cllr Alex Fuhrmann  |  For |
| Cllr David Gray  |  Against |
| Cllr Lucy Hamilton  |  For |
| Cllr David Harris  |  For |
| Cllr Ryan Hope  |  Abstained |
| Cllr Colin Huckle  | For |
| Cllr Christine James  | Absent  |
| Cllr Oz Kanji  |  For |
| Cllr Graham Lambert  |  For |
| Cllr Howard Legg  |  Against |
| Cllr Richard Nickinson  |  Against |
| Cllr David Northam  |  For |
| Cllr Jon Orrell  |  Abstained |
| Cllr Tia Roos  |  For |
| Cllr Gill Taylor  |  For |
| Cllr Mark Tewkesbury  |  For |
| Cllr Luke Wakeling  |  Absent |
| Cllr Ann Weaving  |  Absent |
| Cllr Ken Whatley  |  For |
| Cllr Kate Wheller  |  Abstained |
| Cllr Matt Bell  |  Absent |
| Cllr Tim Young  |  For |

The Town Clerk will send the consultation response to Dorset Council and request input into the ward names at a later date when the areas have been determined by Dorset Council. |
|  | The meeting concluded at 18:55 |