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Town Management and Highways Committee

Core Membership: Cllr B. Bawden, Cllr J. Broom, Cllr K. Ellis, Cllr M. Ellis, Cllr B. Larcombe MBE, Cllr C. Reynolds, Cllr D. Ruffle, Cllr D. Sarson, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr S. Williams

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Town Management and Highways Committee to be held at the Pine Hall, Lyme Regis Baptist Church, Sherborne Lane, Lyme Regis on Wednesday 16 June 2021 commencing at 7pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:

> John Wright Town Clerk 11.06.21

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Members are reminded that in reaching decisions they should take into consideration the town council's decision to declare a climate emergency and ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030 and beyond.

AGENDA

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman 1.

Terms of Reference 2.

To allow the committee to receive its terms of reference

3. **Public Forum**

Twenty minutes will be made available for public comment and response in relation to items on this agenda

Individuals will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each to address the committee

4. Apologies

To receive and record any apologies and reasons for absence

5. Minutes

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Town Management and Highways Committee meeting held on 28 April 2021 (attached)

6. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that if they have a disclosable pecuniary interest on their register of interests relating to any item on the agenda they are prevented from participating in any discussion or voting on that matter at the meeting and to do so would amount to a criminal offence. Similarly, if you are or become aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration at this meeting which is not on your register of interests or is in the process of being added to your register you must disclose such interest at this meeting and register it within 28 days.

7. Dispensations

To note the grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting

8. Matters arising from the minutes of the Town Management and Highways Committee meeting held on 28 April 2021

To update members on matters arising from the previous meeting that are not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda and to allow members to seek further information on issues raised within the minutes of the previous meeting

9. Update Report

To inform members about progress on significant works and issues

10. Garage 8 at Monmouth Beach

To allow members to consider the most appropriate use for garage 8 at Monmouth Beach

11. Art for the Cinema Wall in the Gardens

To consider allowing access on council land for an art installation on the cinema's temporary boarding wall at the entrance to the garden.

12. Roof Balustrading

To consider matters relating to the roof balustrading at Marine Parade

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded while members consider this item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

13. Complaints, Incidents and Compliments

Summary of complaints and incidents reported between 23 April and 8 June 2021

14. Exempt Business

To move that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business in view of the likely disclosure of confidential matters about information relating to an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

(a) Agenda item 12 - Roof Balustrading

Committee: Town Management and Highways

Date: 16 June 2021

Title: Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Purpose of Report

To allow the committee to receive nominations and elect its chairman and vice-chairman for the council year 2021/22

Recommendation

- a) The committee receives nominations for the chairman of this committee and elects its chairman for the council year 2021/22
- b) The committee receives nominations for the vice-chairman of this committee and elects its vice-chairman for the council year 2021/22

Background

- 1. The terms of reference for the council's committee structure state each committee will elect its chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership.
- 2. Consequently, nominations are sought for the chairman and the vice-chairman of this committee.
- 3. The relevant standing orders that inform and govern the election of chairmen and vicechairmen are detailed below.
- 4. Standing order 3.t states:

'Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on any question shall be by a show of hands. At the request of a councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each councillor present and voting gave their vote for or against that question. Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda. If at least two members request, voting may be by signed ballot.'

5. Standing order 8.a states:

Where more than two persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the chairman of the meeting.

6. Standing order 8.b. states:

'As the first business of a council is to elect a chairman (the mayor in the case of Lyme Regis Town Council) who is also an ex-officio voting member of all committees, they are in a position to open and chair a sub-committee meeting temporarily, with the benefit of a casting vote, until a committee chairman is elected. In the Mayor's absence, the Deputy Mayor could officiate in the same way, The town clerk or other officer cannot open or chair a committee or sub-committee meeting.

7. The election of the chairman and vice-chairman of the Town Management and Highways Committee will be reported to the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

John Wright Town clerk June 2021

Committee: Town Management and Highways

Date: 16 June 2021

Title: Terms of Reference

Purpose

To allow the committee to receive its terms of reference

Recommendation

The committee receives its terms of reference

Background

- 1. The terms of reference for the Town Management and Highways Committee, along with the general terms of reference that apply to all the council's committees is attached, **appendix 2A**.
- 2. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

John Wright Town clerk June 2021

Terms of Reference

2. Committees – General

- 2.1 The purpose of the council's committees is to consider issues under their remit. Issues will normally be outlined in a report prepared by officers and each report will normally include a recommendation.
- 2.2 Any recommendation(s) from a council committee will be considered at the subsequent meeting of the Full Council. Any decision or recommendation from a council committee has no status until it has been adopted by the Full Council by way of a resolution. This is unless a committee has devolved powers, i.e. Planning in respect of making recommendations direct to Dorset Council on planning applications.

2.3 Each committee will:

- 2.3.1 Elect its chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership;
- 2.3.2 Confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the last committee meeting;
- 2.3.3 Agree and review the terms of reference for sub-committees, working or advisory groups that report to the committee;
- 2.3.4 Receive nominations to existing sub-committees, working or advisory groups that report to the committee;
- 2.3.5 Elect chairmen and vice-chairmen to existing sub-committees, working or advisory groups that report to the committee;
- 2.3.6 Appoint any new sub-committees, working or advisory groups, confirmation of their terms of reference, the number of members (including, if appropriate, substitute councillors), receipt of nominations and the election of chairmen and vice-chairmen to them:
- 2.3.7 To examine on behalf of the council various policies, strategies and plans relating to its subject area and to report these to the Full Council;
- 2.3.8 To undertake reviews or policy development tasks in relation to any matters falling within the remit of the committee;
- 2.3.9 To work with other relevant committees of the council where an area of work is shared with that committee.
- 2.4 Council-approved projects and objectives will be delegated to the relevant committee.
- 2.5 No business may be transacted at a committee meeting of the Full Council unless at least one third of the whole number of members of the committee are present and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than three.

5. Town Management and Highways Committee

- 5.1 The purpose of the Town Management and Highways Committee is to manage services provided by the council relating to the natural and built environment, including conservation:
 - 5.1.1 Provision and maintenance of public property and open spaces, e.g. car parks, toilets, gardens, beaches, amenity services, cemetery, play park, skatepark
 - 5.1.2 Administration of land and property to include leases, licences and concessions
 - 5.1.3 Enforcement
 - 5.1.4 Trees and planting
 - 5.1.5 Street naming
 - 5.1.6 To develop proposals and liaise with the county and district councils on highway maintenance and improvements, road safety, street lighting, street care, public transport, and footpaths and rights of way

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN MANAGEMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2021

Present

Chairman: Cllr J. Broom

Members: Cllr B. Bawden, Cllr K. Ellis, Cllr M. Ellis, Cllr B. Larcombe, Cllr C.

Reynolds, Cllr D. Sarson, Cllr R. Smith, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr G.

Turner, Cllr S. Williams

Officers: M. Adamson-Drage (operations manager), M. Green (deputy town

clerk) A. Mullins (administrative officer)

20/34/TMH Public Forum

N. Ball

N. Ball said there were weeds all over the seafront, for which Dorset Council (DC) was also to blame, and although this was dealt with after Easter, this was far too late as the seafront needed to be tidy for visitors. He said the new glass railings were filthy, including seagull mess over them, and he asked if there was a cleaning regime.

N. Ball also spoke in relation to agenda item 8, Roof Management Plan. He asked why it was only a temporary plan as it had gone on far too long. He said he didn't believe the truth was being told about the roof and it wasn't being sorted out. He felt it was a two-tier council, with council officers versus council members, and he felt members were not being told everything they should be. N. Ball said when he spoke to members, they didn't have a clue what was going on and he was getting very despondent. He felt the council was running to the wire on some things and councillors must be kept in touch, which he didn't believe was happening.

20/35/TMH Apologies

Cllr R. Doney – no reason given Cllr K. Ellis – revising for an exam

20/36/TMH Minutes

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr R. Smith, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 March 2021 were **ADOPTED.**

20/37/TMH Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

20/38/TMH Dispensations

There were none.

20/39/TMH

Matters arising from the minutes of the Town Management and Highways Committee meeting held on 17 March 2021

Circus request

Cllr B. Larcombe asked what the council was charging for the circus.

The operations manager said the charge was £375 per week for six weeks. He said he was awaiting confirmation of whether the park and ride would operate to determine where the circus would be sited.

20/40/TMH

Update Report

Guildhall works

The deputy town clerk said he had had confirmation from the conservation officer that planning permission and listed building consent would be received shortly with one minor condition attached, which meant works would start next week as intended.

Harbourmaster's store

Cllr J. Broom asked if there was any update on when DC would vacate the harbourmaster's store.

The deputy town clerk said there was no update but he would write to the DC director concerned and he could specify a date if required. He said DC had previously said the end of July and in the absence of anything different, he assumed this was still the case.

Cllr B. Larcombe asked that the ward member was kept in the loop so he could help move things along.

Guildhall shop lease

Cllr J. Broom asked if members could have a plan showing what the tenants wanted in terms of additional outside space.

The deputy town clerk said nothing would be agreed until detailed proposals had been received and agreed by members.

Tractor

Cllr M. Ellis asked when the tractor would be returned following repair.

The operations manager sad it was back and would be used for raking the beach once reprofiling works had been completed.

Survey of council-owned land at Monmouth Beach

Cllr G. Turner said there were around five large yachts on the accreted land and asked if the town council was charging DC for use of the land.

The deputy town clerk said the town council received no income because although the land was registered to the council, it was the subject of a lease to the Crown Estate, to which DC paid a nominal rent.

Electric vehicle charging points

Cllr R. Smith asked if there was an installation date for the charging points.

The operations manager said he was awaiting a wayleave on the Hill Road store from DC's estates manager as the electricity ran under the driveway.

20/41/TMH Roof Management Plan

The operations manager said based on the discussion at the last meeting, officers had put together a temporary roof management plan, although the situation with the glass specification had not yet been resolved as more information was awaited from the suppliers. As such, he said it was difficult to bring a roof management plan to members until there was a report on the glass.

The operations manager also confirmed Guitars on the Beach had withdrawn their request to use the roof and were seeking another venue.

Cllr D. Sarson said he was still unsure why toughened glass had been used and he wasn't confident about gazebos and marquees being used on the roof due to the lack of structural detail regarding the fixing points on the uprights.

While Covid-19 restrictions continued, Cllr B. Larcombe felt there should be no concerts or mass gatherings on the roof and that signs should be put up prohibiting football because of the glass panels and people sitting below. For events, he didn't want requests to use the roof to be delegated to officers as they had been recently. Regarding the suggestion to put a film over the glass to protect it, he was concerned it would go milky due to the temperatures and UV light it would be exposed to.

Cllr M. Ellis felt officers should continue to have delegated authority to manage events, providing the right plan was in place from the outset which officers could then work to.

Cllr R. Smith said planters and picnic tables would be a physical way of deterring people from doing things on the roof that might cause damage and would be more effective than signage.

The operations manager said three skateboarding signs had been put up and removed by the public.

Cllr M. Ellis said the only way to deal with skateboarding was to introduce a byelaw.

The deputy town clerk said aside from the time taken to introduce byelaws, the relevant byelaw could only be made by DC. He said a request could be made to DC but West Dorset District Council had previously declined to make any further byelaws. He added that the council was otherwise dependent on landowner's powers but these were quite weak.

Cllr B. Larcombe said that didn't stop the council giving the message that footballs and skateboards should not be used on the roof.

Cllr B. Bawden asked if it was possible to consider replacing the glass as she didn't want people enjoying themselves in the gardens to be restricted because of issues with the glass.

Cllr C. Reynolds arrived at the meeting at 7.37pm.

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approve a temporary roof management plan outlining the following:

- There will be no vehicles, horseboxes or trailers of any kind allowed on the roof, unless required in connection with essential maintenance
- There will be no marquees allowed on the roof
- There will be no gazebos allowed on the roof
- There will be no concerts or mass gatherings on the roof while Covid restrictions continue.

20/42/TMH Beach Accessibility Matting

Cllr M. Ellis asked if this had been budgeted for. If approved, she felt the Mobi Mat would be better as it could be rolled up and taken in, although she felt 25 metres was more than required.

The operations manager said it was not in the budget as it was originally hoped the matting could be obtained for free, so members were being asked if they wanted to use the reserve because it would improve accessibility.

Cllr B. Larcombe agreed 25 metres was too long and asked where it would go, as it would need to be somewhere as level as possible.

The operations manager said it was originally intended to go on the pebble beach, but on the sandy area next to the groyne, although it could go anywhere.

Cllr M. Ellis said most families would want to use the sandy beach but she was concerned about how much space it would take up on the sand.

The support services manager reminded members that the RNLI hut and deckchairs would also be on the sand for the main season, and the matting would be an obstruction for the beach rake.

Cllr B. Larcombe said the tidal range would also need to be taken into account so the matting could only be as long as the high tide line, or else it would need to be rolled in and out as the tides changed.

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to defer consideration of beach accessibility matting until the 2022-23 budget and objective-setting process.

20/43/TMH Review of Busking Policy

The support services manager confirmed the policy would not affect B Sharp's Busking Festival, which would be subject to a separate event management plan.

Cllr B. Larcombe said busking was an issue outside the Royal Standard as it was a congested area, but it was noted this area was not in the town council's control; it was owned and managed by DC.

Cllr B. Larcombe asked how the enforcement officers knew who was allowed to busk.

The support services manager said the enforcement officers were notified of who had been given permission to busk and they had to produce their permit if asked.

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr M. Ellis, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approve the proposed new Busking Policy.

20/44/TMH Anti-social Behaviour

The operations manager said anti-social behaviour had already started in the gardens and at Monmouth Beach, with council property being damaged. He said he would advise applying to DC to use some of the government money allocated to support seaside resorts to employ security guards as in 2020.

The operations manager said the patrols would be from 8pm to 2am.

Cllr B. Larcombe felt it was good value and if the funding was secured, it would buy the council time to work with the police to find other solutions as he was aware there had been a positive reaction to the council's discussions with the police and crime commissioner about police resources.

Cllr M. Ellis felt the council shouldn't be funding security guards if the funding bid was not successful as anti-social behaviour was a police matter.

Members agreed officers should wait until the funding was in place before employing security guards. The operations manager said he had been assured the funding was coming but it wasn't yet confirmed.

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr D. Sarson, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approve a plan to request government money allocated to Dorset Council available to pay for summer security patrols and increased seafront attendant support.

20/45/TMH Electronic Point of Sale for the Amenities' Hut

The operations manager said although this would require outlay to start with, which had not been budgeted for, it would be more cost-effective going forward.

Members agreed the system would have paid for itself within a couple of years and would make reconciliation easier for office staff.

Members discussed which system to use and agreed the 'Square' system would be best as it also included an iPad, which would also be covered under the same system.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr B. Larcombe, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approve the purchase of an electronic point of sale for the amenities' hut using the 'Square' system.

20/46/TMH Storage Container at the Amenities' Area

Members agreed storage was required in this location in the gardens so the gardeners had their equipment nearby. The operations manager said this area was preferred over the Langmoor Room because it was at the bottom of the gardens and would also introduce manual handling issues due to the steps to the room.

Members discussed the kind of container which should be purchased; some members felt a cheaper option would be better as storage could be incorporated into the new amenities' hut, while other members felt a more permanent option would be better.

Cllr M. Ellis asked how much a new amenities' hut would cost and whether the storage container could then be used elsewhere if storage was provided in the hut.

Cllr R. Smith asked what the timescales were for replacing the hut as he didn't feel the council should be spending a lot of money on a storage container if the hut was going to be replaced next year.

The deputy town clerk said it would need to be replaced sooner rather than later as the condition of the existing hut had been discussed for the last five years. He said if members were considering incorporating storage within the replacement hut, in the short term it may be worth putting up with the aesthetics of a shipping container which would be much cheaper and could be sold or re-used afterwards.

Cllr B. Bawden left the meeting at 8.22pm.

Cllr B. Larcombe said the amenities hut wouldn't have to be as big if it didn't incorporate storage for this equipment. He said the area suggested for the storage container was ideal as it was unused and surrounded by hedging. He also felt petrol shouldn't be kept in the same place staff were working in.

The operations manager clarified there was a separate bunded petrol store outside the amenities' hut. He also confirmed staff would still be able to park behind the hut if a storage container was put there.

Cllr J. Broom felt a shipping container should be purchased so a proper solution incorporating a replacement amenities' hut could be found.

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr R. Smith, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to pursue a permanent storage hut behind the amenities' hut, which doesn't necessarily feature in any future amenities' hut.

Members also discussed whether the outside staff should continue using the

Langmoor Room. The operations manager said it wasn't booked out very often and it could continue to be used as a rest area.

Cllr M. Ellis said she would agree to its use while Covid restrictions were in place, but not in the longer term.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr J. Broom, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to allow the external works' team to use the Langmoor Room until 21 June 2021.

20/47/TMH Weldmar Hospice Memory Jars

Cllr D. Sarson said it was a lovely idea but he was concerned about vandalism as they would be lining the pathway in the gardens at a busy time of year.

Cllr M. Ellis was also concerned about people accidentally knocking over the candles with pushchairs etc and the danger of glass then being left on the ground. She suggested it was located somewhere else as she didn't feel the gardens were the right place.

Members agreed a more discreet location would be preferable and suggestions included along the pathway of the memorial walk or hanging in trees. The deputy town clerk suggested the putting green as it was discreet and overlooked.

Cllr M. Ellis said more information was needed from Weldmar about how it would be managed and she also suggested speaking to Sherborne and Weymouth councils as they had already agreed to the memorial.

It was agreed the operations manager would obtain more information and bring a further report to the committee.

20/48/TMH Dorset Council Parking Order Application

Cllr B. Larcombe asked if it would compromise any future ideas the council may have for the land if the order was applied.

The deputy town clerk said it would be designated as a parking place but that didn't mean it couldn't be used for other things. He didn't think it would prejudice anything the council may subsequently want to agree with DC but it was a slightly unusual situation.

The deputy town clerk emphasised the order was intended to achieve better control and management of the harbour area, not about creating public car parking or income for DC. He said if the council wanted to talk to DC about land swaps and rationalising land and boundaries, the council may want to make it clear permission for the parking order would only be given on a temporary basis until those discussions take place.

Several members felt uneasy about DC being able to have control over the town council's land in this way and the possibility of it inhibiting what the council may wish to do with it.

It was proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr G. Turner to inform DC the council was not in favour of Dorset Council's harbour master applying for a parking order that includes land adjacent to the RNLI building which is owned by the town council and leased to Dorset Council.

The operations manager said if the parking order was introduced, there was the potential to include Monmouth Beach and Cabanya car parks in the order. This would mean they were no longer covered by the Road Traffic Act 1984 but instead by the Traffic Management Act 2004, which meant parking would be a civil offence rather than a criminal offence. He said civil offences were easier to deal with in terms of recovering money from people who did not pay fines.

The deputy town clerk felt there wasn't enough information for members to make a decision and he suggested deferring the issue to another meeting. He said if there were time pressures to respond, it could be taken to the next Strategy and Finance Committee or Full Council meeting.

On that basis, Cllr J. Broom withdrew his proposal with the agreement of the seconder, Cllr G. Turner.

20/49/TMH Park and Ride 2021

The deputy town clerk said First Group had been led to believe that unless there were any unexpected changes, if social distancing was removed from 21 June 2021, a 121-capacity bus would revert to full capacity. However, this didn't address the issue of whether people would be willing to get on a full bus.

The deputy town clerk said if the service ran for the school summer holiday and the week before at the current reduced capacity, it would cost the council in excess of £30k. On the other hand, with all social distancing removed and if people were willing to use busy public transport, the service could make a surplus, which the council would share equally with First.

The deputy town clerk said First's view was that given the current emergency legislation, it would be possible to leave making a decision until the end of May for the service to run from July.

Cllr B. Larcombe said there were record numbers of people in Lyme Regis last summer with no park and ride operating and it seemed to work reasonably well. He felt it was too risky to run the service.

Cllr S. Williams suggested opening the gate to the park and ride during the summer holidays and letting people park for free and walk to and from town.

The deputy town clerk said this wasn't a no-cost option as there would still be the land rental fee to pay. He said from the data in previous years, it was known people arrive and leave in a narrow period and while people might be happy to walk into town, there were limited options to get them back to the park and ride site in a short time period and in large numbers.

Cllr C. Reynolds asked if officers felt the less the field was used for park and ride, the more inclined the owner would be to use it for something else.

The deputy town clerk said it was a reasonable assumption for the landowners to consider the best future use of the land.

The deputy town clerk reminded members that, Covid issues aside, it should be a bumper year for park and ride as DC had quadrupled the parking rates at Holmbush and Charmouth Road car parks, which would make park and ride more attractive.

Proposed by Cllr R. Smith and seconded by Cllr B. Larcombe, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to defer consideration of whether to run a reduced-period park and ride service for summer 2021 until the end of May 2021.

20/50/TMH Request for Taxi Ranks

Members agreed one or more taxi ranks was a good idea with the number of taxis now operating in the town.

Cllr B. Larcombe asked how many taxis it would accommodate and how it would affect access.

The deputy town clerk said the precise number of vehicles and the location of the ranks would be a matter for DC; all the town council was being asked was whether it supported the principle of taxi ranks in the general locations suggested.

Cllr C. Reynolds asked how a taxi rank for more than one vehicle would fit at Cobb Gate and at the Cobb, who would get priority on those spaces, and whether a taxi could sit there all day.

The deputy town clerk said he didn't know of any town where the number of spaces was equal to the number of vehicles and as DC was both the highway and licensing authority, it would work out all the details in consultation with the various operators. He said if the council agreed in principle, there would be extensive consultation before anything could be implemented.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to support a request from a local taxi operator for the provision of two taxi ranks in Lyme Regis and communicate the council's support to Dorset Council.

20/51/TMH Charmouth Road Allotments

The deputy town clerk said the final report had now been received and in the locations tested, the levels of lead were not found to be a particular problem. Although testing had not taken place within the allotment site, the reasonable assumption was that the levels were likely to be the same. He said the report also made reference to naturally occurring contamination and those that came with use of fertilisers and other materials.

The deputy town clerk said the report made the general recommendation that all vegetables were cleaned of mud and peeled before human consumption, but it was felt there was no reason to be concerned about the use of the land as an allotment.

Cllr B. Larcombe said the findings were what the council hoped for and expected and thanked DC for their input. $_{\text{-}17}$ -

Cllr D. Sarson said as the council's representative on the Allotments Association, he had shared the report with the secretary.

20/52/TMH Complaints and Incidents Summary

Cllr M. Ellis asked if DC was sending its dog wardens to Lyme Regis as the town should be getting as much of their time as other towns.

The operations manager said they were in Lyme from time-to-time but not as often as hoped, partly because the town council had two enforcement officers who were authorised by DC to do the job.

Cllr B. Larcombe was pleased to see anti-social behaviour incidents in the gardens being reported as it helped to build up a picture of the size of the problem.

Cllr D. Sarson asked if incidents in the gardens and at Monmouth Beach were reported to the police by the council.

The operations manager said the police were involved in some of the issues anyway but the council's list of complaints wasn't regularly reported to them.

Cllr B. Larcombe said every person who had made a complaint to the council about anti-social behaviour had been told to report it to the police.

20/53/TMH The Provision of a Third RNLI Lifeguard

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr J. Broom, members **RESOLVED** that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business as it included confidential matters relating to relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Order 2006.

20/54/TMH Exempt Business

a) The Provision of a Third RNLI Lifeguard

Cllr B. Larcombe questioned the need for a third lifeguard as Lyme Regis beach was one of the safest on the south coast and there was a RNLI lifeboat station within yards of the lifeguard hut.

Cllr G. Turner agreed and said the coastguards and lifeboat were on call 24/7.

Cllr R. Smith said with lots of people likely to be having holidays at home, the risk of something happening had increased, and visitors were perhaps not used to swimming in cold water.

Cllr B. Larcombe asked if the RNLI would take away the third lifeguard if the council didn't fund it. He said if that was the case, the RNLI was obviously content with the raised risk it would be_18_undertaking.

The operations manager said there were many incidents of lost children and if there were three lifeguards, they were able to look after the children and find the parents. If there were only two lifeguards, the council's staff were pulled away from their primary duties to deal with lost children.

Cllr M. Ellis suggested the Government funding for seaside resorts was used to pay for a third lifeguard.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr C. Reynolds, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to meet the cost of a third RNLI lifeguard during the summer seasons if the Government funding for seaside resorts was obtained via Dorset Council.

The meeting closed at 9.53pm.



Committee: Town Management and Highways

Date: 16 June 2021

Title: Matters arising from the minutes of the Town Management and Highways

Committee meeting held on 28 April 2021

Purpose: To update members on matters arising from the previous meeting that are not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda and to allow members to seek further information on issues raised within the minutes of the previous meeting.

Recommendation

Members note the report and raise any other issues on the minutes of the previous meeting that they require further information on.

Report

20/40/TMH – Update Report

Guildhall Works

The first phase of works to the 'porch' area was completed satisfactorily and on both budget and programme.

The second phase of the works to the mayor's parlour window area is ongoing and due to complete by the end of this month. The works are proceeding satisfactorily and there are currently no known problems.

As previously reported, the works to the roadside oriel window will take place this autumn, alongside works to the frontage of the office and other highway works.

Office Works

General preparation for a permanent return to the office is almost complete, with works having taken place to improve the downstairs and upstairs layout and space utilization. Some staff will move within the building to reflect the new layout and to improve both efficiency and social distancing.

Some changes to IT and telephony have taken place and a meeting room with improved facilities is nearing completion in what was previously the town clerk's office. The ability for staff to eat lunch away from their desk has been created in the downstairs area.

Plans for the more substantive works of repair and maintenance, especially to the roadside frontage, are being progressed and will take place in the autumn, alongside the works to the oriel window in the Guildhall. Dorset Council is dealing with the necessary road closure.

The failed lintel in the seaward elevation of the office building has now been repaired.

New Harbourmaster's Store for Dorset Council

Dorset Council has obtained planning permission for a new harbourmaster's store, but the actual procurement process appears to be taking much longer than originally anticipated. As the lease is being held over, and should members require it, officers are taking legal advice to establish the required notice period for the harbourmaster to vacate the store. This information will be brought to a future meeting of this committee for a decision.

From recent discussions, it seems extremely unlikely that the new store will be ready for use this year, and the delay could be longer.

Guildhall Shop lease

As previously reported, the council's solicitor has been asked to draft an amended lease extending the term by five years in the first instance but retaining most other terms, including the rent currently payable and the pattern of rent reviews, unchanged.

The redrafted lease has not yet been received so will be reported to the next meeting of Full Council, whose consent is required prior to signing and sealing in any event.

The requested temporary use of some additional outside space will be updated verbally at the meeting.

Survey of Council-Owned land at Monmouth Beach

The survey is being undertaken and a verbal update will be given at the meeting.

Access across Council-Owned land at Hill Road

The owner of Beau Sejour has agreed to the terms for the grant of the requested easement, including no access for construction traffic along the emergency services road other than that directly involved with the building of the four parking spaces. He has also agreed to the route of the easement being subject to change should the council want to vary it in the future for any reason.

Solicitors have been instructed and the documentation is awaited.

20/44/TMH - Anti-social Behaviour

Dorset Council (DC) has extended the anti-social behaviour PSPO that covers other areas of Dorset out to April 2022. It is intended to include Lyme Regis seafront and gardens in the new PSPO from April 2022 following public consultation early next year.

It was reported to the Strategy and Finance Committee on 12 May 2021 that Dorset Council had confirmed on 5 May 2021 it would pay the invoices for our beach patrols (security quards) up to a total of £22,680.

Security guards from Sp4 Group commenced working across the seafront and in the gardens each evening between 6pm and midnight from 24 May 2021 until the first week of September. DC has agreed to be _ 21 _ invoiced for this provision but the extra

provision of seafront commercial waste bins, toilet cleaning and evening seafront attendants has not been supported by DC funding. Instead DC has asked the Dorset Volunteer Service to provide seafront volunteers.

Dorset Volunteer Service is recruiting to introduce volunteers on the seafront to provide tourist information across the summer. Volunteer shifts will be between 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm each weekend, and then daily through the six weeks of summer.

20/48/TMH – Dorset Council Parking Order Application

A further report was considered by the Full Council on 25 May 2021 and it was resolved 'to hold discussions with Dorset Council about the long-term future of land in the Monmouth Beach area and once concluded, to re-visit the request from Dorset Council's harbour master to apply for a parking order that includes land adjacent to the RNLI building'.

20/49/TMH - Park and Ride 2021

A report on park and ride was considered by the Full Council on 26 May 2021 and it was resolved 'to run a park and ride service in the school summer holidays, with three buses running at weekends'.

The bus operator is progressing arrangements for the service to commence on 24 July 2021 as agreed. The AA has been asked to arrange for the advanced signage to be erected from the A358 and A35 prior to the start date.

A meeting has taken place with the landowner to discuss and agree 'on-site' issues. That discussion included payment for the use of the land, both last year and this, and a sum was agreed which involved a discount to reflect the impact of COVID on the operation of the service. The landowner will send an invoice for the two years reduced by about 40% compared with the amount set out in the licence agreement; £11k compared with £17.8k.

20/50/TMH – Request for Taxi Ranks

This council's support for taxi ranks in the town has been relayed to Dorset Council with a request that they progress the matter. The ward member has also supported the request.

20/53/TMH – The Provision of a Third RNLI Lifeguard

Funding has not been forthcoming through Dorset Council. It is expected that the RNLI will fund the provision of a third Lifeguard this year.

Matt Adamson-Drage Operations manager June 2021 Mark Green Deputy town clerk

Committee: Town Management and Highways

Date: 16 June 2021

Title: Update Report

Purpose of the Report

To inform members about progress on significant works and issues

Report

Monmouth Beach Residents' Association meeting

The deputy town clerk met with representatives of the residents' association on 1 June 2021 to discuss a variety of their issues and concerns. These included on-site parking, the impact of increased levels of sub-letting within the site, large group gatherings on Monmouth Beach, the location and operation of the barrier onto Western Beach, waste collection, leases and licences, site management and maintenance and works by statutory undertakers. Several of these matters will be brought to members as separate reports for consideration in due course.

The meeting was entirely constructive and will, hopefully, become part of a more regular dialogue.

Members may also be aware of recent publicity about the sale of a day hut at Monmouth Beach, it having received national publicity. A 'record' price was achieved, and the level of interest and the number of bids was unprecedented. The council receives a 10% + VAT 'transfer fee' so such transactions are financially beneficial. There is, however, a concern on the part of some that such prices tend to drive a greater pressure to sub-let. A future report will be brought to members about the issues, impacts and management implications of increased sub-letting at Monmouth Beach.

Parking

A resident contacted the office about the possibility of employing double yellow lines to the top of Sidmouth Road due to the regular bank holiday parking along the road. The complainant said that the parking, during the recent May bank holiday, had caused mothers with prams to walk in the road.

Mat Daly of Woodroffe School contacted the office to ask for double yellow lines on Uplyme Road outside Spring Cottages. During drop-off/pick-up times traffic parked in this location narrows the carriageway and causes unnecessary hold-ups outside the school.

The operations manager attended the Dorset Council (DC) Charmouth and Lyme Regis car parking project working group on 28 May 2021. The following are DC's proposals which they will formally consult this council about in the near future for intended introduction in 2022.

 DC car parks are split into three tiers. Lyme Regis is considered a tourist destination and is in tier 3 (the highest) for charges. I've added this council's charges to the table below for ease of viewing.

	30mins	1hr	2hrs	3hrs	4hrs	5hrs	All
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DC car parks (tier3)	£1	£1.50	£2.50	£3.50	£4.50	£5.50	£10
Monmouth/Cabanya	•	£1.40	£2.80	£4.20	£5.60	£7.00	etc
Woodmead	-	£1.00	£2.00	£3.00	£4.00	£5.00	etc

- Annual DC car park permit £186 (up from £181) or £16.50 per month
- Residents on-street £70 (no change)
- There is no plan to implement permit holder only parking bays in car parks or to commence on-street parking charges in the centre of Lyme Regis.

Street Naming - Land off Colway Lane

Members were recently consulted about the proposed naming of eight new properties off Colway Lane as Monmouth Park.

No objections were raised to this name, although it was noted that the name still had to be considered by the Post Office and emergency services.

The consultation has now been completed and no objections have been raised.

Dorset Council is now in the process of confirming the name with the developer and postcodes have been allocated accordingly.

Replacement of a Section of Seafront Railings at Marine Parade

Dorset Council has requested payment of a fee to consider whether the like-for-like replacement of the eastern section of seafront railings constitutes permitted development.

Assuming confirmation of permitted development is secured, updated prices have been obtained from the company previously preferred to undertake the works. Prices have risen considerably since 2019; especially in the last few months, and materials shortages are also starting to affect lead times and start dates. The estimated cost had been in the region of £50k, but this now looks likely to be closer to £70k. This figure is prior to the 27% contribution required of Dorset Council under the terms of the tripartite agreement. That level of contribution would bring the net cost back to just over £50k. Previously, this contribution had not been factored into the cost as a contingency measure.

If the work is not confirmed shortly then it appears likely that materials costs will rise still further in the coming months, based on industry predictions.

The plan remains to actually undertake the works in the late autumn; the disruption would simply be too great to do it any earlier in the season.

Matt Adamson-Drage Operations manager Mark Green Deputy town clerk

June 2021

Committee: Town Management and Highways

Date: 16 June 2021

Title: Garage 8 at Monmouth Beach

Purpose of the Report

To allow members to consider the most appropriate use for garage 8 at Monmouth Beach

Recommendation

Members confirm that garage 8 at Monmouth Beach be not relet but, instead, be retained for use by the council as secure and undercover storage

Background

- 1. The council owns a number of 'lock up' garages at the rear of the Monmouth Beach car park.
- 2. These garages have always been in high demand and produce an income of about £1,120pa each.
- 3. There is currently a waiting list comprising 15 names, some of which have been on the list for about 15 years, i.e., turnover is extremely low and demand is equally high.

Report

- 4. Garage 8 has just become vacant and the normal process would be to go to the person at the top of the waiting list and make an offer of tenancy.
- 5. However, the council has limited secure and undercover storage for its own use and the operations manager and works supervisor have confirmed that a garage in this location would be extremely useful for storing materials and equipment.
- 6. Given the relatively modest income foregone and the infrequency with which these garages become available, the officer view is that the benefits of retaining this facility would significantly outweigh any loss of income. The strong recommendation is that the garage be retained for the council's own use; for the time being at least.
- 7. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

Mark Green
Deputy town clerk
June 2021

Committee: Town Management and Highways

Date: 16 June 2021

Title: Art for the Cinema Wall in the Gardens

Purpose of the Report

To consider allowing access on council land for an art installation on the cinema's temporary boarding wall at the entrance to the gardens

Recommendation

Members allow access across our land for establishing the artwork on the wall and consider funding the materials

Background

1. Scott Cinemas in Lyme Regis suffered a devastating fire in 2016. Since then temporary boarding has formed the wall between the cinema and the entrance to Langmoor Gardens. The wall belongs to Scott Cinema's.

Report

- 2. Cllr Cheryl Reynolds will speak at the meeting about a proposed art installation on the cinema's temporary wall at the entrance to the gardens.
 - "It was brought to my attention by one of our workman that the wall inside the Langmoor gardens covering up the Cinema Site needed some cheering up. I went and looked at it and agreed. As the wall was put up by Scott Cinema's I contacted Mark Williams of Scott Cinema's and asked if he would mind if I asked Richard Vine Head of Art at Woodroffe School and his A level Art students to do some designs and make the wall something worthwhile to look at whilst giving the students a purpose and a project to show off their work as this year has been difficult for everyone particularly young people with no exams to show their worth.
 - a. Scott Cinema's think it is an amazing idea and back it fully. Richard and his students are excited and full of great ideas.
 - b. I am in the process of trying to source materials and the students are doing designs as we speak.
 - c. There are many young people in this town that are really great and need encouragement and I think it is up to us to do just that.
 - d. So we need permission to be on LRTC's land to paint the designs please.
 - e. It would be good if we could offer some help to purchase some materials.

Please let's cheer up the wall and make it something to look at. Encourage our young people to make

our town special and show we are working with our young people to achieve something worthwhile to cheer everyone up".

3. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 28 July 2021.

Matt Adamson-Drage Operations manager June 2021

Complaints and Incidents Summary – 23 April 2021 to 8 June 2021

Members are asked to approach staff in advance of the meeting if they wish for further details of any compliment or complaint.

Complaints and incidents dealt with by LRTC

No.	Date	Incident?	Where?	When did it occur/when noticed?	Item reported to	LRTC action
34	23.04.21	Toilets – Monmouth only had the disabled cubicle open, hence queues and the next Cobb toilets had no running water. The only decent ones were the unisex ones near the beach. Seagulls: My wife had half of her lunch taken and the seagull crashed into her head. Later they harassed us for our fish and chips. I know this Is a universal problem. In Bath, when they had this issue they employed a falconer with hawks and it worked very well, would you consider this in Lyme Regis?	Seafront	23.04.2021	Ops Manager	Toilets reported to DC. Operations manager also replied via email as follows: I have passed your comments onto DC who own and operate the toilets you mention. LRTC operates the Unisex toilets which we refurbished 2 years ago. The town council brought a falconer in a couple of years ago but decided it was too expensive and impermanent a solution – but will ask if members wish to discuss it again.

35	26.04.21	I own a beach hut on Monmouth beach and yesterday arrived to see smoldering remains of bbqs, bonfires and rubbish left from the previous night. You will note from the photos just how close this is to the beach huts and how it only takes a very small spark to fly off onto the huts and a fire would start. I am also sick and tired of dog mess around my hut and on the beach, I don't understand why dogs are allowed off leads when on the other side of the cobb they must be. One usual thing is for dog owners to do is park up in the car park and let their dogs out, run straight through the huts onto the beach, do their business whilst the owners are unaware of this still in the car park. We pay a lot of money for the privilege of owning a beach hut and I do not think we should have the worry if visitors potentially causing issues and all this mess to deal with when we arrive.	Monmouth Beach	25.04.21	DC forwarded email to ops Manager	Ops Manager replied via email: A Police Constable has been deployed to work alongside the PCSO in Lyme Regis. Recently a gathering at Monmouth beach was broken up by them. The police are actively targeting this area.
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36	28.04.21	Yesterday my wife did a litter pick on Monmouth Beach. The result was a large bag of discarded drink cans, glass bottles, canisters and other rubbish, including bags of do poo. Most were in the usual places at the far end of the beach, although cans were often found around blackened stones where there had been BBQ's. there was also the smoldering remains of a tree trunk just a few feet from the dry grass of the Nature reserve, not enough smoke to attract fire services. We regularly walk along Monmouth Beach and until recently the amount of rubbish had been diminishing now, as summer approaches it is getting worse.	Monmouth Beach	27.04.2021	Ops Mgr	Ops Mgr replied by email — Unfortunately town council staff resources are limited and while we do litter pick the beach there is not an army of staff to do so. Responsibilities of Lyme Regis Town Council cease at the signs/ tank trap location. We do have quite a few litter picks across the year organized by various organisations that come along and help out, including Litter Free Dorset, funded by Dorset Council and others. I am also aware that anti-social behavior in the area has recently increased and the Police are aware. We are hoping to employ a security guard team subject to funding and council resolution, later in the year to help with the problem — which in turn will help with the litter situation.
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37	29.04.21	I am writing again to you to ask this question please? Today as summer regs start on. 1st of May. Why would the Town council not count (people like me a regular visitor previously?) We live on Lyme road, so Somerset is our council there were 9,163 who wanted dogs on beach in winter off lead. Also the 61 I believe comments and evidence from business owners. It is so sad as it was a good place for people like me with mobility issues to meet up with others and there kind dogs to let them run on the sand. We also kept the empty beach clean. Please reconsider this very selfish and unkind regulation and the impact it has already had on the town	Front Beach	29.04.2021	Ops Mgr	Ops Mgr replied by email. DC are responsible for PSPO's. A public consultation was undertaken by them and then a decision was taken by a majority of elected members based on the information.
38	29.04.21	I would like to bring it to your attention that I am getting increasingly concerned about people lighting fires close to the beach hut and tearing up some of the beach hut platforms to use as fire timber. There is also a lot of rubbish left. Many of the fires are left burning over night and are still hot in the morning. Second point is people are not picking up their dog mess and with it getting stuck in the stones it is very unpleasant.	Monmouth Beach	29.04.2021	Ops Mgr	Ops Mgr replied by email. A Police Constable has been deployed to work alongside the PCSO in Lyme Regis. Recently a gathering at Monmouth beach was broken up by them. The Police are actively targeting this area.

39	21.05.21	We visit every year with our two dogs but now find that the new regulations about dog friendly beaches are ruining the holiday experience so much for us that we are sadly, unlikely to return other than as day visitors to visit the family grave. The first beach we took my dogs to was Monmouth Beach as the others were underwater. My lovely collie Marlow cut his foot on a piece of glass on our 2nd day of the holiday, limiting all future walks for the whole holiday. This was extremely hard to stomach as we had that morning walked past empty sandy beaches. My other concern was that if I had brought my daughter and her dog, a larger dog with a disability, all the dog friendly beaches would have been inaccessible due to the steep access points, steps and the dogs inability to walk on rocks. Do you really want to turn away all families with an older dog or disabled family member?	Beaches	21.05.21	Ops Mgr	Ops Mgr replied by email. DC are responsible for PSPO's. A public consultation was undertaken by them and then a decision was taken. Beach Accessibility matting may be purchased once we have received funding through DC.
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41	30.05.21	I'm sorry but I would like to register my displeasure at the siting of one of your waste containers adjacent to our memorial bench on Marine Parade. I appreciate they have to be moved to accommodate the commercial traders who set up but there are a number of spots where the bins could be placed between benches that have a lamp post in between so if that could be addressed in future I would be most grateful. Clearly being used a drop off/collection point for alcohol and no doubt other substances.	Seafront Benches	30.05.2021	Ops Mgr	Ops Mgr replied by email - We'll try and move it somewhere down the line of benches but I can't always guarantee the DWP collectors won't put it back in a different place after collection. Feel free to move it along yourself if it's getting in the way and you find it there again.
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Complaints and incidents dealt with by Dorset Council

No.	Date	Incident?	Where?	When did it occur/When noticed?	Item reported to:	Reference:
N/A						

Compliments received

No.	Date	Compliment	Where?	Item reported to:	Any further information
17	26.04.21	Hi Matt, A really excellent reply, thank you for taking the trouble to respond in detail. Yes, we were impressed with the unisex toilets, I think it's something that other towns could learn from in the UK as people discover the amazing country they live in by staying in the UK following COVID. We had a lovely day other than those points. It won't put us off Lyme Regis, it's our favourite seaside, it has so much character and this time we discovered the small streets off of the Main Street and the river walk. Thanks also for the tips on the seagulls which we will learn from! A very difficult problem to resolve I agree. Bath has its own ongoing problems.	Seafront	Operations Manager	
18	04.05.21	I just wanted to drop you a line to say how impressed we were with the new railings above the arcade/swim. We have not been to Lyme for a while due to Covid restrictions but my wife pointed them out when we were walking near the minigolf and how smart they looked. It really tidied the view up and must be much safer.	Cart Road	Support Services Manager	

20	29.05.21	extremely lucky to be able to visit Lyme Regis Cemetery and pay my respects to him. Please pass on my deepest thanks to those who care for the grave. Thank you to LRTC for replacing the Elson disposal cover on Monmouth Beach. Also it was great to have security men regularly checking and dispersing teenagers on bank holiday Friday.	Monmouth Beach	Operations Manager	
19	06.05.21	I just wish to say how pleased I was to see how well the Town Council are keeping the grave of the six sailors from HMS Formidable who sadly never made it to Lyme Regis beach on that awful New Year's Day, January 1st 1915. One of those sailors, William C Eley, was my grandfather and I try to pay my respects as often as I can. What those poor men went through out in the bay on a dark, wintery night, right after being torpedod twice by the U boat, can only be imagined. So many lives were lost that night that I feel	Cemetery	Support Services Manager	Operations Manager – invited them to the Remembrance Saturday event in November