

**Present**

\*Cllr T de Galleani – Chairman

#Cllr P F Allen

\*Cllr M Baillie

\*Cllr G B F Coles

#Cllr R W I Cooke (Deputy Mayor)

\*Cllr D M Gent

\*Cllr R M Lyon (Town Mayor)

\*Cllr I A Pritchard

Cllr S Smith

\*Denotes attendance

#Denotes apology for absence

Observers: Cllr L M Barnes  
Cllr S E Thomson

**1. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

**Proposed: Cllr M Baillie**  
**Seconded: Cllr R M Lyon**

**Resolved: That Cllr I A Pritchard be elected Vice-Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the ensuing year.**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Cllr de Galleani declared a personal interest in agenda item 7 – Civic Reception for South West In Bloom.

### **3. HONOURED CITIZENS.**

The Chairman of the General Purposes Committee suggested that members might wish to consider the introduction of a “Citizen of the Year” award for a Dartmouth Resident who had made a special contribution to the community and to only award the title of “Honoured Citizen” to very special residents who had made a lifetime contribution to the Town. It was noted that Honoured Citizens were usually past Mayors of the Town.

The Tourist Information Centre would be holding a Volunteers Week in June 2016 which could be the ideal time to present a Citizen of the Year award. Presentation to an Honoured Citizen if awarded could be made at the Annual Parish Meeting or Civic Dinner.

**Proposed: Cllr D M Gent**

**Seconded: Cllr R M Lyon**

**Recommended: That the Town Council make an award to a Citizen of the Year and award the position of Honoured Citizen, candidates for both awards to be chosen at the July Full Council meeting in Committee.**

### **4. DARTMOUTH FOOD FESTIVAL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER.**

Details of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Dartmouth Food Festival 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 had been circulated to members. It was noted that this would not involve the closing of Spithead.

**Proposed: Cllr R M Lyon**

**Seconded: Cllr D M Gent**

**Recommended: That the Town Council support the Food Festival in its application for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order.**

### **5. PROVISION OF A SKIP SERVICE FOR LARGE ITEMS OF HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH.**

Following a successful rubbish collection event organised by the Townstal Community Partnership in Townstal this had been discussed at the June Full

Council meeting. Members expressed the view that both Devon County Council and South Hams District Council should be pressed to make a contribution and provide this service; the Clerk would write to them both to highlight the problem and ask how they were going to solve this.

**Proposed:** Cllr D M Gent  
**Seconded:** Cllr G B F Coles

**Recommended:** That a letter be sent to South Hams District Council and Devon County Council signed by the Mayor, asking them both what they proposed to do about the rubbish problem at Townstal and in the Lower Town.

**6. SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM CIVIC RECEPTION AT THE GUILDHALL – 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015.**

The Chairman explained that the awards ceremony for this year's South West In Bloom awards was to be held at the Britannia Naval College on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015. It was usual for a Civic Reception to be held for the Dignitaries and Judges the preceding night and be hosted by the Town where the awards were being held. The capacity of the Guildhall being 200 invitations would have to be limited.

**Proposed:** Cllr D M Gent  
**Seconded:** Cllr G B F Coles

**Recommended:** That a Civic Reception be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 at the Guildhall for up to 200 guests from the South West In Bloom dignitaries and judges; quotations for catering to be sought.

**Proposed:** Cllr D M Gent  
**Seconded:** Cllr R M Lyon

**Resolved:** That in view of the confidential nature of business about to be transacted, it was in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw.

## 7. **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Details of three quotations for the purchase or hire of additional Christmas lighting were laid round the table. The Clerk explained that all 3 quotations showed the purchase of new LED lights for the Guildhall but gave details of purchase or hire for lights for the Market Chimneys and additional lighting for 3 trees in the Royal Avenue Gardens.

**Proposed:** Cllr R M Lyon  
**Seconded:** Cllr I A Pritchard

**Recommended:** That quotation C be accepted for the purchase of new LED lighting for the Guildhall (£830.00) and purchase of lighting for the Market Chimneys (£1,254.00) only.