

Present

*Cllr T de Galleani – Chairman
#Cllr I A Pritchard – Vice-Chairman

#Cllr P F Allen
*Cllr M Baillie
*Cllr L M Barnes
*Cllr G B F Coles
#Cllr R W I Cooke (Deputy Mayor)
*Cllr D M Gent
*Cllr B T Harriss
*Cllr R M Lyon (Town Mayor)
#Cllr S Smith

*Denotes attendance
#Denotes apology for absence

Observers: Cllr R F Rendle
Cllr S E Thomson

Also in attendance 1 member of the press.

1. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Proposed: Cllr D M Gent

Seconded: Cllr M Baillie

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none.

3. REQUEST BY DARTMOUTH AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE TO USE THE GUILDHALL AS THEIR REGISTERED ADDRESS.

From Full Council on 10th May 2016, a request had been received from the Dartmouth and District Chamber of Trade to use the Guildhall as their registered address.

Proposed: Cllr R M Lyon
Seconded: Cllr B T Harriss

Recommended: That the Dartmouth and District Chamber of Trade be granted permission to use the Guildhall as their registered address.

4. SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL NEW WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM INCLUDING NEW BINS AND THE PROVISION OF DOG BINS.

Members discussed the recent problems caused by South Hams District Council's provision of food waste and new bins in Dartmouth. It was agreed that the assessments of properties had not been carried out properly and the large number of bins now on the streets was detrimental to the visitor experience of the Town. Cllr Barnes suggested that the Town Council ask South Hams District Council to reassess the scheme and to ask the District Councillors responsible for the decision to visit Dartmouth for a walk round with Town Councillors. Members felt that the officers responsible should also be asked to attend. Cllr Harriss raised the need for an additional dog waste bin in South Ford Road.

Proposed: Cllr L M Barnes
Seconded: Cllr R M Lyon

Recommended: That Councillors and officers from South Hams District Council be asked to attend a walk round Dartmouth to view the problems with the new waste collection system.

5. WEST OF ENGLAND AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION LUNCH AT THE GUILDHALL FOR THE PORT OF DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA ON THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST 2016.

Members discussed the request from the Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Committee to hold a lunch for the Mayors of the Towns taking part in the West of England Amateur Rowing Association races at Regatta on 25th August 2016. Cllr Barnes reminded members that it was important to support Dartmouth Regatta.

Proposed: Cllr D M Gent

Seconded: Cllr G Coles

Recommended: That a WEARA lunch be held on Thursday 25th August 2016 at the Guildhall run by the Town Council.

6. CIVIC EVENING 2016.

Following the decision by the General Purposes Committee on 21st January 2016 that this event be held in the autumn, members discussed how the event should be organised.

Proposed: Cllr L M Barnes

Seconded: Cllr D M Gent

Recommended: That the Civic Evening be held in the autumn of 2016 and be run on a cost neutral basis with no free tickets.

7. HEALTH & SAFETY, RISK ASSESSMENTS, HEALTH & SAFETY/FIRST AID TRAINING FOR STAFF, AND FIRE PROCEDURES.

Cllr Baillie explained to members that she had asked for this item to be included as it was essential for the Town Council to adhere to the correct Health and Safety procedures, maintain relevant records and keep up to date with training on this subject. She would pass a file of templates for Health and Safety procedures to the Clerk.