

DAPTC AGM – Brief notes

Date - Saturday the 23rd of September 1000 - 1200.

Cllr Mike Blinkhorn attended on behalf of CCPC and this document provides brief notes on what was discussed at the meeting and the outcome of any motions that required a vote.

Mtg hosted by – Neil Wedge CEO DAPTC

ITEM 1 WELCOME

The host welcomed all 58 Town and Parish councillors who attended the meeting which was hosted using MS Teams.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM 2 - Cllr Nick Ireland - Leader of Dorset Council (DC) – Subjects discussed:

- **Devolution of power from central Government.** The new Labour government are very keen, to the point of insistence, that major cities and regions elect a mayor. DC are currently looking at the possibility of combining with Somerset and Wiltshire, with an option to include BCP (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole) and Swindon. BCP are not keen to join this group.
- **Affordable housing** - A policy of the new government is to build more affordable housing. The current DC model for house building is to acquire land to build on and then pay for housing to be built using regional builders. These builders agree to build a percentage of affordable houses, and they then subsequently own the houses. Unfortunately, as has happened many times, the cost rises and the builders say they cannot afford to build the affordable housing percentage of the agreement.

Dorset Council owns a lot of land and the new model will be for them to build on land they own using contracted builders. DC will then own, manage and let the houses. Hopefully this will enable them to retain control of prices and ensure that sufficient affordable housing is built.

- **Finance** - 75% of DC's budget is allocated to social care. DC Council Tax is capped but Town and Parish precepts are not. It was suggested that if we want to get more things done, then we should raise our precept to fund them.

ITEMS 3 Cllr Mike Cox - Deputy Leader BCP Council – Subjects discussed:

- Devolution of power from central government - Confirmed that BCP do not want to join with Somerset (too big and rural) or Swindon. They would prefer to partner only with DC.
- BCP are currently reaching out to towns and parishes that do not have a town or parish council with the aim of establishing councils where possible.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED

ITEM 4 - Apologies for absence.

ITEM 5

To elect honorary officers:

- President - Jill Crouch (Proposed)
- Vice Presidents - Tony Gibb (Proposed)
- Accountant - Frost & Company (Proposed)
- Auditor - Mr A Notley (Proposed)

ITEM 6

Approval of minutes for the AGM Minutes 18 November 2023 Draft

ITEM 7

To receive and approve the Annual Report including the Financial Report and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2024.

ITEM 8

To consider the Annual Subscription for 2025/26 as recommended by DAPTC Executive Committee.

This included approving a 30% increase in DAPTC membership fees required to fill gaps created by donors pulling out. The NHS will not provide a grant for 2025 (this was 18% of DAPTC income) and DC have reduced their grant by £2,500.

ITEM 9

DAPTC had previously communicated to member councils information explaining the proposed changes to the legal entity of the organisation. *CCPC had approved this change at the October Parish Council meeting.*

Motions submitted by the Executive Committee or Member Councils:

A: To consider and if thought appropriate, approve DAPTC transitioning to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) and authorising the Executive Committee to register such CLG before April 2025, with a view to the assets and operations of DAPTC being transferred to the CLG with effect from 1 April 2025 or such later date as the Executive Committee may determine.

Subject to the above motion, to

B: Authorise the Executive Committee to prepare a draft of the articles of association of the new CLG with a view to the finalised articles (following consultation) being formally approved by a further Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of DAPTC to be held in March 2025.

C: Authorise the Executive Committee to appoint, from within its own members, the first, 'placeholder' Board of Directors of the CLG to enable this to be registered at Companies House in advance of 1 April 2025 to facilitate the transfer of DAPTC assets and operations to the CLG.

D: Authorise the Executive Committee to appoint, from within its own members or by co-option, individuals to act as an interim CLG Board of Directors from April 2025 until the 2025 AGM in November, at which point such Directors will stand down and the full CLG Board will be elected.

Delegates 64
Voting Delegates 54
Non-Voting Delegates 10
Membership 160
Membership % Voting 34%

**2024
DAPTC AGM
Polling Report**

Item 5a President

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
52	48	2	2	2
100.0%	92.3%	3.8%	3.8%	

Item 5b Vice President

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
53	53	0	0	1
100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

Item 5c Accountant

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
54	54	0	0	0
100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

Item 5d Auditor

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
54	53	0	1	0
100.0%	98.1%	0.0%	1.9%	

Item 6 Draft Minutes

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
50	41	0	9	4
100.0%	82.0%	0.0%	18.0%	

Item 7 Annual Report

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
53	49	0	4	1
100.0%	92.5%	0.0%	7.5%	

Item 8 Annual Subs

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
52	45	5	2	2
100.0%	86.5%	9.6%	3.8%	

Item 9A Legal Status

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
52	51	1	0	2
100.0%	98.1%	1.9%	0.0%	

Item 9B Draft Articles

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
52	51	0	1	2
100.0%	98.1%	0.0%	1.9%	

Item 9C Placeholder Board

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
52	51	0	1	2
100.0%	98.1%	0.0%	1.9%	

Item 9D Co-option Board

Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	No Vote
52	51	0	1	2
100.0%	98.1%	0.0%	1.9%	