

## PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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24<sup>th</sup> August 2016

To: All Members of the Partnership

### **MARINE, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM PARTNERSHIP**

Dear Member

You are hereby summoned to attend a **MEETING** of the **MARINE, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM PARTNERSHIP**, to be held at **PETER TRIM HALL, ST. GEORGE'S CENTRE, REFORNE, PORTLAND** on **WEDNESDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2016**, commencing at 7.00 pm when the business set out below will be transacted.

It is the Council's intention that all meetings of the Council and its Committees be recorded aurally.

Yours sincerely

Ian Looker  
Town Clerk

## AGENDA

1. **Chairman's Welcome**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest** – to receive any declarations from Councillors or Officers of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests regarding matters to be considered at this meeting, together with a statement on the nature of those interests
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016** – to approve and sign (see attached)
5. **Minute Update and Matters Arising** (see attached)
6. **Dorset and East Devon National Park** – to receive a presentation by Douglas Pigg of the Park Team
7. **Open Air Amphitheatre and Memory Stone Project** – to receive a presentation by Hannah Sofaer of the Sculpture and Quarry Trust
8. **Neighbourhood Plan** – to receive a report from Mr Matthews
9. **Japanese Knotweed** – to receive update reports and consider any further action
10. **Overgrown Pavements etc. on the Island** – to consider an e-mail from Mr John Thorner (attached)
11. **Pebbles Signage** – to consider the need for more signs warning against removing pebbles (see attached)
12. **Community Defibrillation** – to consider a flier received from the Community Heartbeat Trust (attached)
13. **Cut Tourism VAT Campaign** – to consider a response to an e-mail from NALC (attached)

- 14. Standard Agenda Items** (by exception)
- (a) Disused Quarries (Portland Town Plan 2B)
  - (b) Litter and Fly-Tipped Material (PTP 2C)
  - (c) Run-Down Areas (PTP 2I)
  - (d) Open Spaces, Hedgerows, Footpaths and Dry-Stone Walls (PTP 2E, 2F)
- 15. Date of Next Meeting**
- The next meeting of the Marine, Environment & Tourism Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016, starting at 7.00 pm.

**MEMBERSHIP:-**

Cllr. Sue Lees (Chair)	Portland Town Council
Cllr. Sandy West (Deputy Chair)	Portland Town Council
All Town Councillors	Portland Town Council
Simon King	Economic Regeneration, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
Derek Luckhurst	Agincare
Jen Reeves	CRAB / Agincare
Cllr. Sue Lees	Chesil Equestrian Centre
Philip George	Crown Estate
Tara Hansford	Dorset Local Access Forum
Leo Henley Lock	Dorset Wildlife Trust
Alison Smith	Jurassica
Victoria Webbon	Land Trust
Geoff Peters	National Coastwatch Institution
Ruth Carpenter	Natural England
Andy Matthews	Portland Community Partnership
Sandie Wilson	Portland Port Ltd
Hannah Sofaer / Paul Crabtree	Portland Sculpture and Quarry Trust
Cllr. Rod Wild	Portland Seafarers Support and Association for Portland Archaeology
Rowena Riley	The Churches Conservation Trust
Paul Glover	The History Society
Peter Allam	Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy
Mike Deadman	Weymouth and Portland Tourism Board
Peter Staddon	Working for a Better Portland

Requests for agenda items are welcome from all members of the Partnership. They should be sent to the Clerk no less than two weeks before the date of the meeting.

## MINUTE UPDATE

**a) Minute 1136(c) – Lighthouse Anniversary**

We have written to Trinity House and the Coastwatch Institution and are awaiting replies.

**b) Minute 1141 – Broadband Speeds on the Island**

We have likewise written recently to the County Council about the situation at the Port and Osprey Quay.

## OVERGROWN PAVEMENTS ETC ON THE ISLAND

From: John Thorner  
Sent: 6 August 2016  
To: Portland Town Council  
Subject: Overgrown Pavements, Footpaths and Walkways on the Isle

I wish to know what Council intend to do about this.

I myself along with other wheelchair users are becoming increasingly inhibited in our right to move freely around this Isle. A few of the ones that I have come across are Wide Street, Grove Road north side and Weston Street. Worst of all is the pathway in front of Sharpitts adjoining IPACA sports field. I have involved Kate Wheller with this one as I have been at DCC since June 9th without success and it is almost impossible to use this now.

I notice Council agreed to spend a large sum of OUR MONEY on that white elephant, the Wave Sculpture. Isn't it about time that the Council took an ounce of care and pride about how the rest of the Isle looks? Yet again priorities seem to focus on the little that is seen, whilst roads used by tourists have boundaries looking like the Amazon rain forest.

I look forward to your expedient reply in this matter.

Yours etc

John

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Clerk's comment:-

We have received other complaints from the public about overgrown vegetation in public places. Among them was one from Mr Brian Faramus, who provided photographs of the pavement along Easton Lane, some of which are appended. He also mentioned the Wide Street pavement between the Heights and St. George's Church, especially outside the Ceewrite premises.

## **PEBBLES SIGNAGE**

I have been advised that there is only one sign on display, by Brandy Row, cautioning the public against the removal of stones from the beach. Since the shingle beach is a major factor in defending Chiswell from flooding the cumulative effect of removing part of it can be viewed as a threat, let alone the heritage aspect of Chesil Beach.

If the Partnership thinks more signs should be provided how many should it be, where should they be sited and what ought to be the wording?





# Community Defibrillation Using Telephone kiosks



Photo courtesy of the Huddersfield Advertiser Village of Denby, Yorkshire

The famous Gilbert Scott designed K6 or Jubilee kiosk was launched in 1936 to celebrate King George V's silver jubilee. By the 1960's almost 70,000 kiosks could be found across the countryside, and whilst the public payphone service has undergone enormous changes since then, the traditional red kiosk had already forged itself as an iconic symbol of British life. Now they are finding a new use – as a defibrillator site

People use the public payphone service less and less these days. In order to maintain a social service where it is needed most, it has, in recent years, been necessary to reduce the overall number of public payphones on our high streets. Understanding that the red telephone box plays a significant part in our national heritage and in many cases forms a focal point for communities across the country BT is able to offer communities the opportunity to keep these kiosks. BT and The Community Heartbeat Trust charity (CHT), work together to help communities turn their adopted telephone boxes into local medical centers, by using them as homes for Public Access Defibrillators, storing the defibrillator in a well recognised, safe, weather protected location.

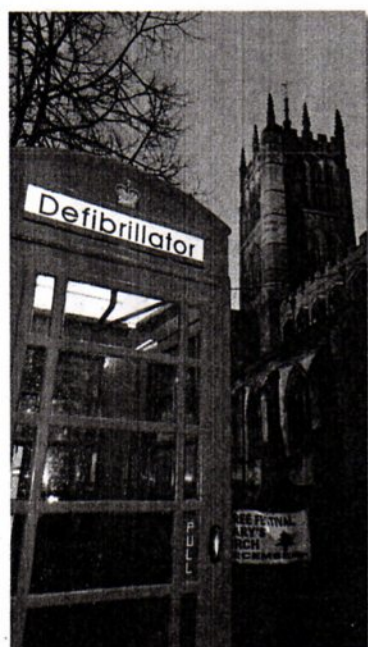
Adoption of the telephone box is £1 from BT, and a parish, or CHT, can undertake this for you. For projects undertaken with CHT, BT will provide free electricity for the first 7 years of the project. There is *no automatic right* to use the unmetered supply in a kiosk, only the 8 Watts in the adoption agreement for the internal light. A free renovation kit, comprising of the correct red and gold paint is also only available to CHT supplied projects.

*"BT recommend Community Heartbeat Trust to supply defibrillators (in adopted kiosks) due to their compliance to BS7671 electrical safety standards; cabinets compliant to BS7671-416/417; and in its construction by ISO 9001/2 certified manufacturer. CHT also provide a governance system to demonstrate the management of the defibrillator. BT works closely with CHT and they are our preferred route for defibrillator installations, and they have written consent from us to connect a defibrillator to the unmetered electrical supply."*

– BT Payphones March 2016.



**Safety** - Telephone kiosks are not earthed. So to place a heated cabinet into a kiosk, this will require access to the electricity. Either permission has to be sought from BT to access the unmetered supply, which will happen with all CHT projects as part of the CHT agreement with BT, or a separate power supply needs to be arranged via one of the electrical distribution companies. This may take up to £1800 to effect. Without this permission the community is committing the offence of abstracting electricity, contrary to section 13 of the Theft Act 1968. The defibrillator cabinet **must** also be a 'class 2 electrical device' or if not, suitable earthing to comply with relevant BSi regulations will have to be installed. This may mean an earthing spike, which on a road will require a survey from highways to ensure no gas, sewage, or other electrical cable is damaged in the process. There is normally a cost for this survey.



**Community engagement** – these types of project are great for bringing disparate parts of the community together. In the village of Denby, Yorkshire, the community worked with CHT to establish a defibrillator in the kiosk. To help raise funds, the village sponsored each of the glass panes, and used this to help raise the funds. As a result, not only did this raise funds, but the kiosk is now a central part of the village again. Even the floor was tiled.

**Governance:** The ERC, UK Department of Health, MHRA, and your local ambulance service, and quite often funding bodies, will insist on some form of governance programme being in place. CQC now monitors ambulance service to ensure this. Talk to CHT about placing your solution on our WebNos® Governance system. Web based maps are not governance.

**Listed buildings** – Note that many kiosks are listed and so must be externally retained to be the same visual appearance. Under agreement from English Heritage, internally the equipment can have change of use. The 'telephone' signs cannot remain unless there are other clear instructions that the kiosks contains a defibrillator. Please consult your local listings officer for any local requirements.



The Community Heartbeat Trust  
the UK's leading community  
defibrillator charity

For more information, or to obtain your 'Guide to Community Defibrillation' please contact the CHT at our website or call 0845 86 27739 (opt 1) [www.communityheartbeat.org.uk](http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk)



## CUT TOURISM VAT CAMPAIGN

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS  
109 GREAT RUSSELL STREET LONDON WC1B 3LD



23 August, 2016

Dear Sir / Madam

### **NALC SUPPORT FOR CUT TOURISM VAT CAMPAIGN**

I wanted to highlight to you the Association's support for the Cut Tourism VAT campaign.

The NALC Policy Committee met on 26 July, 2016 and considered a position from the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils for technical reasons. Though the position was not adopted formally the Committee did resolve to support the Cut Tourism VAT campaign based on excellent supporting information from the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils.

Skegness Town Council, one of the largest coastal town councils in Lincolnshire, has raised the matter of high VAT with LALC as affecting all tourism districts and particularly the region's coastal towns. All coastal towns in Lincolnshire rely heavily on tourism as the major source of income - there are also a number of social issues arising from this, many areas are considered 'deprived', as employment is heavily reliant on tourism, and out of season, many residents struggle to find work or attract customers for their businesses. A lower VAT rate would impact favourably on leisure facilities, accommodation, restaurants, etc., thereby enabling the holiday season to be considerably extended.

Lincolnshire has a number of tourist destinations along its eastern coastline, and parish councils are having difficulty in ensuring that UK holiday destinations can compete on a level playing field in comparison with EU locations, where a lower rate of taxation already exists. We feel that with a reduction in VAT, more people would be encouraged to use the coastal destinations, which in turn would drive the local economy forward. Please contact me on [deleted] if needed.

Yours sincerely,

**CHRIS BORG,**  
**POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

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