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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, 6TH JULY 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 and Deputy Chairman** – to appoint
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 2nd March 2016**
(see attached)
5. **Minute Update and Matters Arising** (see attached)
6. **Neighbourhood Plan** – to receive a report from Mr Matthews
7. **Japanese Knotweed** – to receive reports and consider action (attachment to follow)
8. **Bridleway between Weston Street and Park Road** – to receive a report from Cllr. Lees and consider further action
9. **Bus Services on the Island** – to review the current provision
10. **Broadband Speeds on the Island** – to assess the current situation and consider any action to be taken (see attached)
11. **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)
12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Marine, Environment & Tourism Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 31st August 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
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 1125 – Parking on the Island

Arnold-Baker says, “Byelaws are seldom effective and therefore seldom desirable. Before seeking to make one, a council should consider whether the mischief can be cured in some other way: for example a shallow ditch is more likely to deter illicit parking in a village green than a byelaw on a notice board which nobody reads.” (“Local Council Administration,” 10th edition, page 215)

b) Minute 1129(b) – Litter and Fly-Tipped Material

A letter to the Port has only recently been written.

BROADBAND ON THE ISLAND

From information we have received in January and May it appears that the Superfast Dorset project is progressing well. However the agenda item has been brought to assess what is the current situation on the Island, whether there are still areas with comparatively slow broadband speeds. The publicity material claims that, "Nine out of ten Dorset homes and businesses can now access superfast broadband – download speeds of 24 Mbs or more."

Therefore I would be grateful if members could share their own knowledge of the situation, particularly the more remote and less populated areas of Portland. If we cannot obtain a complete picture it may be necessary to issue a request for information in the Free Portland News. If there still are problems and we know their location we should be better placed to lobby for action to be taken.