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25th February 2015

To: All Members of the Partnership

MARINE & ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP

Dear Member

You are hereby summoned to attend a **MEETING** of the **MARINE & ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP**, to be held in the **EASTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL, PORTLAND** on **WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH 2015**, commencing at 7.00 pm when the business set out below will be transacted.

Please note the change of venue from the last meeting.

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. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **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
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 3rd December 2014** (attached)
4. **Minute Update and Matters Arising**
5. **Community Sandbag Scheme** – to consider possible storage sites and funding (see attached)
6. **East Weares** – to receive any updates from members
7. **Dry-Stone Walls** – to receive reports
8. **Easton and Victoria Gardens** – to consider an approach by the Borough (see attached)
9. **Neighbourhood Plan** – to receive a report from Cllr. Matthews and consider responses (attached)
10. **Conservation Area Consultation** – to receive a report from Cllr. Wild
11. **Tout Quarry** – to receive a report from Hannah Sofaer on the plans of the Trust
12. **Broadband on the Island** – to receive informal reports on its coverage and consider actions (see attached)
13. **Tourism Strategy** – to consider a draft strategy (attached)
14. **Street Lighting in Chiswell** – to receive a report from Cllr. Wild and consider the suitability of the lighting

15. **Cheyne Weares** – to receive reports on the following:-
 - a) Entrance
 - b) Fast Food / Ice Cream Concession

16. **Walkers are Welcome** – to receive a letter from the Dorset Local Access Forum and consider a response (see attached)

17. **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)

18. **Issues Raised by Partnership Members**

19. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Marine & Environment Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 3rd June 2015, starting at 7.00 pm.

MEMBERSHIP:-

Cllr. Sylvia Bradley (Chair)	Portland Town Council
Cllr. Rod Wild (Deputy Chair)	Portland Town Council
All Town Councillors	Portland Town Council
Vacancy	Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
Simon King	Economic Regeneration, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
Matt Ryan	Tourism, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
Sue Lees	Chesil Equestrian Centre
Philip George	Crown Estate
Eddie Gilliver	Dorset Marine Network
Sgt. Andy Corbin	Dorset Police Marine Section
Angie Mustill	Heights Hotel
Robert Sansom	HM Coastguard and Maritime & Coastguard Agency
Victoria Webbon	Land Trust
Geoff Peters	National Coastwatch Institution
Stephanie Ashman	Natural England
Ruth Carpenter	Natural England
Martin Cade	Portland Bird Observatory Trust
Mr P. Stringer	Portland Boat Club
Cllr. Andy Matthews	Portland Community Partnership
Sandie Wilson	Portland Port Ltd
Dave Ackerley	Portland Ranger
Adam Butcher	Portland Ranger
Charles Frampton	Portland Sculpture and Quarry Trust
Hannah Sofaer / Paul Crabtree	Portland Sculpture and Quarry Trust
Cllr. Rod Wild	Portland Seafarers Support
Bob Elliott	Quality Time Training Ltd
Peter Allam	Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy

Minute Update

a) Minute 1028 – West Weares

The person who cut the grass has not yet applied for payment.

b) Minute 1029 – Review of Safety Barriers on the Esplanade

This is a matter that was being handled by the Assistant Clerk up until her resignation in December. I shall try to give a verbal update at the meeting.

c) Minute 1030 – Road Surface on the Esplanade

I am not aware of whether the work has been carried out.

d) Minute 1031 – Community Sandbag Scheme

Crook & Sons were unable to provide a storage area.

e) Minute 1035 – East Weares

No further news has been received to date.

f) Minute 1038(d) – Dry Stone Walls

As with (b) I hope to provide a verbal update at the meeting.

Community Sandbag Scheme

Message Received: Feb 24 2015
From: "Reed, Nick P"
To: "Rodney Wild"

Afternoon Rod,

I've just been made aware of this grant. I don't know if it might be useful for the Town Council if you are looking at setting up a sandbag store.

<http://www.ssepd.co.uk/ApplynowCSEngland/>

Regards

Nick Reed

Wessex Flood Resilience Team
Flood & Coastal Risk Management
Environment Agency
Rivers House, Blandford,

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From: Daptc [mailto:daptc@dorsetcc.gov.uk]
Sent: 9 February 2015
Subject: FW: Broadband

Dear Clerks,

Michele Harding, clerk at Loders Parish Council would like help with the following broadband enquiry:

“Please circulate this to all Clerks to ask about Superfast Broadband in their parishes, are they all being enabled are any in the 5% who will only receive 2mbps or less, what if anything are they doing about it.

In Loders Parish we have the village of Loders who will receive it and Uploders who will not due to the configuration of the green boxes and exchanges.

We would like to talk to Parish Councils in similar situations.

Regards

Michele Harding
Clerk to the Council”

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The Dorset Local Access Forum

Please reply to: [Deleted]

Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils
Colliton Annexe
DORCHESTER DT1 1XJ

Dear Sirs

Walkers are Welcome scheme

I have been asked to write to you on behalf of the Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole Local Access Forum. The Forum is a statutory consultative body, operating under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, with a remit to encourage greater public use of our countryside.

The Dorset LAF has heard quite positive reports from other LAFs in the South West of the "Walkers are Welcome" scheme, which they believe has in some cases led to a significant increase in walker footfall, and thence trade for the local economy. The UK Walkers are Welcome Network was launched in 2007 to encourage towns and villages to be 'welcoming to walkers', so we are rather puzzled to see from their web site <http://www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk> that there don't appear to be any locations in Dorset registered with this scheme. Given the quality of the walker experience we can offer in Dorset, and the constant need to find ways of boosting the rural economy, there must be several of our towns and smaller villages who would benefit from being engaged with this network.

The Forum would be grateful if DAPTC could ensure that its member Councils are aware of this scheme, so that they can assess the pros and cons of applying for registration under the scheme.

Yours sincerely,

Paul N Tomlinson
Chairman, Dorset Bournemouth and Poole Local Access Forum

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