

## PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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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 **OSPREY LEISURE CENTRE, CASTLETOWN, PORTLAND**, on **WEDNESDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**, 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. **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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015**  
(attached)
4. **Minute Update and Matters Arising** (see attached)
5. **Chiswell / Flood Limitation** – to receive any updates  
(see attached)
6. **Dry-Stone Walls** – to receive any reports
7. **Neighbourhood Plan** – to receive a report from Andy Matthews (attached)
8. **Broadband on the Island** – to receive any updates
9. **Publication of Coastal Access Report: Lyme Regis to Rufus Castle and Consultation (ends 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015)** – to acquaint members with the report and hold a post mortem discussion, if desired (see attached)
10. **Portland's Economic Future** – to consider whether the M & E Partnership might be a suitable forum for ongoing discussion of the Economic Vision for the Island
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. Issues Raised by Partnership Members**

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Marine & Environment Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, 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
Vacancy	Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
Simon King	Economic Regeneration, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
Matt Ryan	Tourism, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
Derek Luckhurst	Agincare
Jen Reeves	CRAB / Agincare
Cllr. Sue Lees	Chesil Equestrian Centre
Philip George	Crown Estate
Eddie Gilliver	Dorset Marine Network
Sgt. Andy Corbin	Dorset Police Marine Section
Sam Hamer	Dorset Wildlife Trust
???????	Environment Agency
Angie Mustill	Heights Hotel
Robert Sansom	HM Coastguard and Maritime & Coastguard Agency
Alison Smith	Jurassica
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
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
Rowena Riley	The Churches Conservation Trust
Peter Allam	Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy
Peter Staddon	Working for a Better Portland

## Minute Update

**a) Minute 1067 – Dry-Stone Walls**

A letter has been written to the Crown Estate.

A parish or town council has no power to make bye-laws, but can ask the district council to make one.

**b) Minute 1074 – Cheyne Weares**

The documentation has still not been progressed, but we are making some inroads into the backlog of work and I am hopeful we can make a start soon.

## **Chiswell Flood Limitation**

### **Meeting organised by Dorset Coast Forum to discuss use of Virgin Unite funding in the Chiswell area. Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at County Hall**

**In Attendance:** Jessica Rice (WPBC Emergency Planning), Nick Reed (Environment Agency), Becky Brookman (WPBC Engineering), Rhiannon Jones (Dorset Coast Forum) and Andy Matthews (PCP)

#### **Background**

All present had received a copy of the Virgin Unite funding report which set out the background to the funding allocation of £5k.

As part of deciding on a way forward with the use of this funding it was agreed to discuss those proposals which had been indicated in the community listening undertaken by the Community Organisers with the DCF to ensure any statutory cover responsibilities were not being duplicated.

Prior to this meeting and via Portland Town Council's Marine and Environment Group there had been general approval for the purchase of a sandbag store. The location of this and type had yet to be confirmed.

#### **Actions**

After discussion it was felt that most of the items scheduled would be covered so the following actions were felt appropriate:-

- a) Nick to confirm the type and cost of a store and a possible truck which would be held within the store.
- b) Andy to seek approval from IPACA to site the store in the car park at Victoria Building.
- c) Andy to explore the possibility of having a store of emergency blankets available.
- d) Andy to look at ways of working with young people on raising awareness of flood issues (possibly linked to climate change agenda) with the intention of developing information signing in the area amongst other linked ideas.
- e) Andy to discuss with Rod Wild, the Town Councillor leading on disaster planning, the possibility of recruiting flood wardens, who would perform a different role from the flood bailiffs.

## Neighbourhood Plan Update Report – August 2015

### Local Plan

The Local Plan has now been found to be ‘sound’ by the Inspector and as such is to be taken through committees at the Borough for approval. The timescale for this is

Weymouth & Portland Borough Council	
Policy Development Committee	7 September 2015
Management Committee	6 October 2015
Full Council (to adopt)	15 October 2015

As you are aware in order to achieve quickly a period of stability around planning applications outside of the development boundary the Town Council has written to the Borough Council to point out the provisions of Section 216 of the National Planning Policy Framework which allows for the Local Plan to be relied on ahead of final adoption. Given the timescale above however the Borough Council may decide to await the decision on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

### Housing Allocations within the Local Plan

Members are advised that the Strategic Land Holding Review which informed the final version of the Local Plan included a number of possible sites on Portland. Details of these sites have been lodged with the Clerk for members’ reference.

### Late Change to the Local Plan Text

A late change to the wording of one of the policies within the plan concerning the provision of wind turbines highlighted the importance of supporting renewable energy solutions and also the clustering of like industries to share resources. This is an important element in looking at themes for the Economic Vision for Portland.

### Economic Vision Progress

Linked to the development of this the Department of Communities and Local Government has announced further initiatives. The work we have done via the Neighbourhood Plan has provided a sound basis to take this forward. Further consultation will take place in September. A specific update for members around this is to be arranged.

### Support for Progressing the Neighbourhood Plan

Given the above and the increasing importance for policy development around land issues we have been continuing to lobby the Borough for officer assistance.

Andy Matthews  
24<sup>th</sup> August 2015 [Edited]

## **Coastal Access Report: Lyme Regis to Rufus Castle**

Although it is admittedly late in the day as regards the consultation, a very small part of the details are attached to illustrate the scope and content of the report. It may be that some members unaware of the report may still wish to comment before the deadline.