

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2012, COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors I. Munro-Price (Chair), L. Ames, Mrs S. Bradley, Mrs J. Collinge, R. Denton-White, R. Hughes, Mrs P. McCartney, Miss A. Munro, T. Munro, Mrs E. Munro-Price, D. Symes, Mrs S. West, R. Wild and T. Woodcock.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk) and Rev. Chris Briggs (Mayor's Chaplain), Sgt Goom and PC Chrissie Plumley (Dorset Police), and Jamie Houston (Olympic Village Sailing Manager.)

2013 – PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain led the meeting in prayer.

2014 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members of the Council were present. Inspector Alan Jenkins had previously given his apologies.

2015 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Ian Munro-Price declared a prejudicial interest in the item concerning the tourism briefholder.

2016 – PRESENTATION ON THE POLICING OF THE OLYMPICS

In the absence of Inspector Jenkins this was given by his assistant, PC Chrissy Plumley.

The Olympics will require a 115-day policing operation around London, 70 days for the torch relay undertaken by the Metropolitan Police and 70 days also locally.

PC Plumley noted that Portland will house the only other Olympic village outside of London and that a special effort is being applied to the sailing events, lest they be taken out of the Olympic schedule for future Games.

Other points to come out of the presentation include:-

- * All the tickets for the Nothe have been sold
- * Wide-screen relay in Weymouth with commentary, and including other events
- * Taster sporting events for children
- * Cultural Olympiad on Esplanade
- * Two secure areas: Sailing Academy and Olympic Village
- * Harbour Revision Order to manage all sailing craft, access restricted to those with permit
- * Normal traffic along Beach Road, given the circumstances
- * Olympic visitors "guided" to Park & Ride
- * Esplanade closed to vehicle traffic from 10.00am to 10.00pm
- * Torch relay in Dorset from 12th to 14th July
- * 12th July: North and West Dorset, including Weymouth

- * 13th July: Starts in Portland. Goes on to Weymouth, Purbeck and Bournemouth
- * 14th July: Bournemouth and Christchurch
- * Website guide for people to organise associated events
- * Taxi firms to be informed about traffic alterations in Weymouth
- * Local police operation funded by Olympic Delivery Authority

Cllr. Tim Munro observed that the cost of CCTV and Borough Council staff involved in the Games will be borne locally.

Cllr. McCartney expressed concerns about visitors parking on the Island, particularly in the vicinity of the Verne.

Cllr. West asked about the continuity of business deliveries during the Games.

2017 – OPEN FORUM

Police Question Time

Sgt. Goom is currently deputising for Sgt. Rowe, who had been expected at the meeting.

Cllr. McCartney raised the subject of incidents involving young motorcyclists at East Weares. Sgt. Goom said the Police were aware and advised that anti-social behaviour on the Island had fallen by 17 or 18% since the same time a year ago.

In a similar vein Cllr. Wild referred to off-road biking at Kingbarrow, which is not permitted on the Island. Sgt. Goom requested that occurrences be notified to the Police.

2018 – PRESENTATION ON THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Mr Houston began by speaking about the tenancy agreement LOCOG has with the developers Zero C for the Village, which lasts until the end of September. Not all the teams will be staying there; in fact more than a hundred houses will apparently be required for the remainder. Those outside have to provide their own security arrangements. It is the more security conscious teams that have chosen to stay in the Village.

LOCOG's responsibility for security in the Village commences on 1st February. The secure fences will be installed in June, followed by a full security sweep early in July. The fence itself will be 2.4 metres high and not solid block, with wires and security cameras on the inside. There will actually be two separate secure areas, round the Academy and the Village, with a secure bus service operating between the two. However many team members are expected to cycle or walk the distance.

Additional points included the detail that there will be no bar in the Village, incidents occurring on the Beach Road are likely to be dealt with extra quickly and LOCOG will restore the site on vacating it.

Mr Houston offered to provide a tour of the Village for any interested members.

2019 – OPEN FORUM (Continued)

Public Half-Hour

There were no members of the public present.

2020 – MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2011

The minutes of the meeting were formally agreed and signed as a correct record.

2021 – MINUTE UPDATE AND MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

2022 – TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

2023 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR

There were none.

2024 – 2012, MARINE & ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 2011

a) Minute 825 (b) – Recruitment of Countryside Access Volunteers and Volunteer Rangers

RESOLVED – that the Council write to the County Council, expressing its support for the volunteer ranger scheme.

b) Minute 827 – National Coastguard Closure

RESOLVED – that a letter be sent to the Marine & Coastguard Agency, expressing the Council's total disappointment with the closure of the Coastguard station at Weymouth, its relocation to Fareham and the recent announcement of the termination of the local Coastguard helicopter service without consultation.

c) Minute 828 – The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

Cllr. Tim Munro pointed out that the Homes and Communities Agency had taken over ownership of the land from SWRDA. **RESOLVED** – that the Town Council write to the HCA requesting that open space land in their ownership be maintained as such by transfer to another public body, such as the Borough Council, and be included in the Queen Elizabeth Challenge scheme.

2025 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments for Authorisation

RESOLVED – that the schedule of invoices (cheque refs. 2668 – 2680) in the sum of £3,029.80 including VAT be authorised for payment.

b) 2011/2012 Financial Report to 31st December 2011

RESOLVED – that the report be accepted.

2026 – PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Members considered the situation following the withdrawal of the funding offer by the County Council. **RESOLVED** – that the Council keep the project on hold, should funding become available in the future.

2027 – COUNCIL BUDGET AND COUNCIL PRECEPT, 2012/13

The Council agreed the following after further assessment of the draft budget figures:-

Expenditure	Salaries	22,850
	Advertising	400
	Audit	767
	Bank Charges	(Item deleted)
	Civic Expenditure	600
	Computer Equipment	0
	Computer Software	0
	IT Support	250
	Contingency	204
	Elections	3,500
	Fair Expenses	0
	Furniture & Equipment	400
	Honorarium	100
	Insurance	1,612
	Mayor Allowance	700
	Postage	500
	Publications	0
	Stationery	500
	Subscriptions	1,350
	Telephone	800
	Training & Conferences	300
	Travelling & Subsistence	100
	Sub-Total	34,933
	Gifts & Donations	200
	Grants	1,500
	Lengthsman	0
	Projects	800
Town Crier	50	
Website	500	
Sub-Total	3,050	
TOTAL	37,983	
Income	Precept	33,616
	Fair	4,264
	Lengthsman	0
	Interest	13
	Other	90
	TOTAL	37,983
Surplus/Deficit (-) for Year	0	

It was then proposed by Cllr. Tim Munro, seconded by Cllr. Elspie Munro-Price and **RESOLVED** – that the budget figures as shown above be approved in total and that the precept for 2012/13 be set at £33,616.

2028 – COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE

Item deferred to next meeting.

2029 – GRIT BINS

RESOLVED – that a sum of the order of £60 – 80 be authorised to put the Council's name on the four bins purchased.

It was agreed to defer a decision on a substitute location for the bin previously allocated to Park Estate Road.

2030 – FLY-POSTING

The Clerk's report was received.

2031 – PORTLAND FLAG

Some concern was expressed about how long the current flag had lasted.

RESOLVED – that a replacement flag be purchased.

2032 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda items 19 – 22 were all deferred.

2033 – REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY POSTS

A written report on a Central Area meeting of the DAPTC was received from Cllr. Wild.

2034 – FORWARD PLAN

Agreement was reached on the following:-

- Fortuneswell and Easton Post Offices – deleted
- Localism Act and its consequences – May 2012 or later
- Second Stone Memorial Seat – February
- HMS Osprey Plaque – February
- Local Plan developments – when appropriate

2035 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 15th February 2012, commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.

Signed..... Dated.....
(Chair)