

## PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011 AT 7.00 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ian Munro-Price (Chair), L. Ames, Mrs J. Collinge, R. Hughes, 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)

#### **1878 – PRAYERS**

The Mayor led the meeting in saying the Lord's Prayer.

#### **1879 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs S. Bradley, together with Rev. Chris Briggs (Mayor's Chaplain).

#### **1880 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **1881 – OPEN FORUM**

##### **a) Public Half-Hour**

No members of the public were present.

##### **b) Police Question Time**

Cllr. Woodcock expressed concerns about an increase in vandalism in the vicinity of Portland Castle and Castletown, suggesting the police might increase their patrols. He agreed to pursue the matter personally.

#### **1882 – MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011**

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

#### **1883 – MINUTE UPDATE AND MATTERS ARISING**

##### **a) Minute 1861 – Public Half-Hour**

Cllr. Elspie Munro-Price, as Chair of the Finance & Projects Committee, reported that Mr Burnett had not attended the last meeting of the Committee to give his presentation. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Burnett.

##### **b) Minute 1862, para 1 – Borough Lengthsman**

Cllr. Woodcock requested the Clerk to seek more lengthsman reports from the Borough concerning their work on the Island.

##### **c) Minute 1864 – Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor, 2011/12**

Cllr. Woodcock drew members' attention to the circumstances of the nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the March meeting of the Council. He said that previously they had been chosen on the basis of seniority with the Clerk making informal enquiries as to who wished to stand.

Cllr. West referred to events in 2006 when members chose to ignore the existing (and present) guidelines and Cllr. Woodcock himself had been involved in a departure from standard practice.

**RESOLVED** – that the issue be brought as an agenda item to the next Town Council meeting.

#### **1884 – TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr. Ian Munro-Price said that an advertisement for the co-option of two members had been placed in the June edition of the Free Portland News.

He welcomed the new members and invited them to introduce themselves.

Cllr. Munro-Price also said that he wanted the Council to work out a strategy for the Town Council and its committees, especially the 2012 Partnership, suggesting it be tackled at the next Town Council meeting.

#### **1885 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR**

There were none.

#### **1886 – 2012, MARINE & ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP, 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011**

##### **a) Minute 773 – Portland Heights: Disabled Access**

The area of land concerned giving access to the Cenotaph was thought to be owned by the Crown Estate, under the maintenance responsibility of the Borough Council. Slight amendments were made to the recommendation.

**RESOLVED** – that the Council submit a formal request to Weymouth & Portland Borough Council for satisfactory pedestrian and disabled access to be provided in the vicinity of the Cenotaph.

##### **b) Minute 777 – Better Broadband on the Island**

Cllr. Tim Munro suggested that members contact County and Borough councillors to help clarify issues such as this.

**RESOLVED** – that the Council take responsibility for championing better broadband on the Island and that Cllr. Munro take a lead role.

##### **c) Minute 778 – Membership of the Partnership**

**RESOLVED** – that Revive Portland and Portland Community Partnership be invited to send representatives to 2012 Partnership meetings.

#### **1887 – FINANCE & PROJECTS COMMITTEE, 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011**

The minutes of the meeting were received.

#### **1888 – ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS FOR 2011/12**

**RESOLVED** – that the following appointments be made:-

##### **a) Finance & Projects Committee**

Chair: Cllr. Hughes

Deputy Chair: Cllr. Elspie Munro-Price

**b) 2012, Marine & Environment Partnership**

Chair: Cllr. Wild  
Deputy Chair: Cllr. Bradley

**c) Planning & Highways Advisory Committee**

Chair: Cllr. Woodcock (Cllr. West was also nominated)  
Deputy Chair: Cllr. West

**d) Portland Youth Council**

Lead Councillor: Cllr. Symes  
Deputy: Cllr. Elspie Munro-Price

**1889 – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**a) Payments for Authorisation**

**RESOLVED** – that the schedule of invoices (cheque refs. 2551 – 2568) in the sum of £6,940.55 including VAT be authorised for payment.

**b) Annual Return for 2010/11**

At the request of members the Clerk also provided them each with a copy of the financial report supplied to the Annual Town Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May. This listed expenditure in 2010/11 against each of the budget headings.

**RESOLVED** – that the Council approve the accounting statements in the Annual Return for 2010/11 and the Chair sign to that effect.

**c) Bank Signatories**

**RESOLVED** – that Cllr. Hughes be appointed as an additional signatory and that Cllr. Elspie Munro-Price be retained as a signatory for as long as was expedient.

**1890 – REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

No further reports were submitted.

**1891 – APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY POSTS**

Where necessary existing representatives explained the work of the organisation and the time commitment involved.

**RESOLVED** – that the following appointments be made for 2011/12:-

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION	1	Councillor Mrs Bradley
DORSET 2012 OLYMPIC WORKING GROUP	1	Councillor Woodcock
DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS	2	Councillor Wild and one vacancy
DORSET BROADCASTING ACTION GROUP (DORBAG)	1	Councillor Mrs Bradley
DORSET WASTE FORUM	1	Councillor Tim Munro Councillor Mrs Elspie Munro-Price (Deputy)
ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP	2	Councillors Miss Amanda Munro and Wild

FOOTPATHS LIAISON	2	Councillors Ames and Miss Amanda Munro
JURASSIC COAST COMMUNITIES FORUM	1	Councillor Ames
MINERALS LIAISON COMMITTEE	1	Subsequently deleted. See minute 1894
PORTLAND ANCIENT MONUMENTS LIAISON OFFICER (D.C.C.)	1	Councillor Ames
PORTLAND CENTRE	1	Councillor Mrs Elspie Munro-Price
PORTLAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP	2	Councillors Tim Munro and Ian Munro-Price
PORTLAND IN BLOOM	1	Councillor Mrs Bradley
PORTLAND QUARRY PARKS FORUM	1	Councillor Mrs Collinge
PORTLAND YOUTH & COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	1	Councillor Symes
RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER (D.C.C.)	4	WPBC Councillor Leicester Councillor Mrs Elspie Munro-Price, Mrs Sue Lees and Mr Simon Gledhill (3 Deputies)
RIGHTS RESPECTING COMMUNITIES STEERING GROUP	1	Councillor Hughes
SITE VISITS (PLANNING)	3	Councillors Mrs West, Wild and Woodcock
TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE	1	Councillor Ames
WESTHAVEN HOSPITAL FOCUS GROUP	1	Councillor Miss Amanda Munro
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HOUSING FORUM	1	Councillor Ames
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT GROUP	1	Councillor Munro
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND STANDARDS COMMITTEE	2	Councillors Ames and Tim Munro Councillor Mrs West (Deputy)

### **1892 – PORTLAND FLAG**

**RESOLVED** – that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Finance & Projects Committee.

### **1893 – POLICE QUESTION TIME**

Council considered Inspector Meteau's letter.

**RESOLVED** – that the Mayor discuss the arrangements with Inspector Meteau.

### **1894 – MINERAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

For the benefit of new members Cllr. Tim Munro outlined the history of the Committee. He said the Town Council's role was to host the meetings of the Committee, providing a meeting room and chairman, for which the two stone companies involved were charged a relatively small fee.

**RESOLVED** – that the Town Council’s role in hosting meetings of the Committee be ended. The Clerk was asked to charge Albion Stone for outstanding fees.

**1895 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm.

Signed..... (Chair)      Dated.....