

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST 2011

PRESENT: Councillors R. Hughes (Chair), L. Ames, Mrs S. Bradley, D. Symes, Mrs S. West and R. Wild

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk), together with Yvonne Beven (Revive Portland) and Andy Matthews (Portland Community Partnership).

1101 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs J. Collinge, R. Denton-White, Mrs P. McCartney, Mrs E. Munro-Price and I. Munro-Price. The meeting was inquorate.

1102 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1103 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST JUNE 2011

Cllr. Symes pointed out that he had not been present at the meeting. He also asked that Minute 1098(b) (iii) be amended to read, "It was reported that Cllr. Symes had been gathering information on Youth Councils."

With these amendments the minutes of the meeting were formally agreed and signed as a correct record.

N.B. The Clerk has subsequently noticed in compiling these minutes that Cllr. Bradley also gave her apologies for the meeting on 1st June and that because only six members attended this meeting too was inquorate.

1104 – MINUTE UPDATE AND MATTERS ARISING

a) Minute 1092(b) – Grit Bins

Cllr. Ames said that the County Council were willing to fill all grit bins currently on the Island and wished to be informed of any new ones. To his knowledge there were only two bins at present, both on New Road.

The Clerk was asked to check with the Borough Council on their involvement in winter maintenance responsibilities.

b) Minute 1096 – Dorset Library Service Consultation

Cllr. Ames asked that an item be placed on the next Town Council agenda about the Library Service.

1105 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments for Authorisation

It was proposed by Cllr. West, seconded by Cllr. Bradley and **RESOLVED** – that the schedule of invoices (cheque refs. 2594 – 2606) in the sum of £2,305.69 including VAT be authorised for payment.

b) 2011/12 Financial Report to 31st July 2011

It was proposed by Cllr. West, seconded by Cllr. Bradley and **RECOMMENDED** – that the report be accepted.

1106 – 2012 MEDALLIONS

Cllr. Ames expressed reservations that the Council had sufficient funds to finance the provision of medallions.

Cllrs. Bradley, Collinge and West offered to seek sponsorship for the project, Cllr. West will provide a yachting image and the Clerk will check the likely cost of medallions from the preferred supplier.

It was proposed by Cllr. Symes, seconded by Cllr. West and **RECOMMENDED** – that Cllrs. Bradley, Collinge and West seek sponsorship for the medallions in time for the next Finance & Projects Committee meeting in October.

1107 – PORTLAND FLAG

The Clerk gave a brief summary of recent activity concerning the sale of flags, including the suggestion that public interest divided into those people wanting quality rigged flags and those wanting inexpensive “disposable” flags. In both cases it was not clear what size or sizes of flags were preferred.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ames, seconded by Cllr. Symes and **RECOMMENDED** – that Cllr. Hughes negotiate with Flying Colours for a percentage commission on rigged Portland flags sold in return for the Council’s recommendation to potential customers.

It was also proposed by Cllr. Wild, seconded by Cllr. Ames and **RECOMMENDED** – that Cllr. Hughes negotiate with Adrian Jones for a percentage commission on cheaper, “disposable” Portland flags sold, both negotiations to take place before the next Town Council meeting.

1108 – INTERACTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WITH PORTLAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND REVIVE PORTLAND

Mr Andy Matthews was invited to speak about the work of the Partnership. He explained that he had used his background in managing projects to apply it to PCP’s tasks by setting up an action plan. The Partnership was keen to work with the Town Council and although some of their aims might not be immediately achievable, they could provide talking points for the wider community.

Cllr. Ames asked Mr Matthews about the Partnership’s relation with the Police. Mr Matthews said the Police were keen to obtain feedback from the public, which PCP provides. He went on to quote the example of Scarborough Borough Council which sees itself at the centre of the community facilitating, trying to get groups to work together and providing funds where a “sense of purpose” had been generated.

Mrs Yvonne Beven then talked about the activities of Revive. It had emerged from the Fortuneswell “Ideas Shop” project, where they had selected ideas which could be turned into achievable projects. So in the first two years Revive had tried to build a reputation by providing what people had asked for. Now they were working on a Fortuneswell project because of its significance for the Island in

terms of the Olympics, but this would spread in time to Tophill. After detailing some of Revive's recent and intended future activities in Fortuneswell Mrs Beven expressed the hope that the Council could provide them with some financial support.

It was proposed by Cllr. West, seconded by Cllr. Wild and **RECOMMENDED** – that the Town Council should support Revive and Portland Community Partnership in any way it can.

1109 – PORTLAND TOWN PLAN

It was proposed by Cllr. Ames, seconded by Cllr. West and **RECOMMENDED** – that members should review the Town Plan, the document Portland 2012, as well as Portland Community Partnership's Action Plan and neighbourhood Plan, copies of which to be supplied by Mr Matthews, looking in particular at their own wards.

1110 – PROJECTS AND OTHER ISSUES (by exception)

a) Portland Town Council Website

The Clerk apologised to the Committee that he had not yet had time to collate the website usage statistics.

c) – Council Projects

Cllr. Ames informed members that he had been appointed as the County's champion for carers and said he would be grateful if this could be passed along the various communication channels on the Island.

1111 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair advised members that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Wednesday, 19th October 2011, commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.

Signed Dated
(Chair)