

## PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 2012, MARINE & ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2010

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs S. Bradley (Chair), Mrs J. Collinge, M. Gosling, R. Hughes and D. Thurston, together with Philip George (Crown Estate), Lyn Cooch (Portland Ranger), Charles Frampton (Portland Stone & Quarry Trust) and Bob Elliott (Quality Time Training).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Alan Rogers (Weymouth & Portland Borough Council) and one member of the public.

#### **737 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor R. Denton-White, together with Robert Sansom (HM Coastguard and Maritime Coastguard Agency), Geoff Peters (National Coastwatch Institution), John Tweed (Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy) and Sue Lees (Windmill Stables).

#### **738 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **739 – CULTURAL OLYMPIAD**

Alan Rogers, from the Borough Council, gave members a presentation on the four-year Cultural Olympiad associated with the 2012 Games. This will be the fifth of its type, though the first which involves not merely the host city but the whole country.

The core values of the Cultural Olympiad are: welcoming the world, inspiring young people and delivering a legacy. Its main constituent parts consist of:-

- 1) Mandatory ceremonies
- 2) National projects
- 3) Open weekends (23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July and 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September)
- 4) South West regional projects
- 5) Inspire mark
- 6) Get Set programme

In 2012 itself there will be a nine-month programme of cultural and festival projects.

With regard to public viewing Mr Rogers drew attention to the distinction between a “live site”, which would show BBC pictures only and a “big screen”, which would have unlimited access.

Portland itself would be limited to smaller events for the duration of the Olympics.

Responding to a question from Cllr Collinge, Mr Rogers agreed to raise with the Borough the issue of the Town Council flying an Olympic flag.

## **740 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

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

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

#### **a) Minute 728 – Olympic Update**

Cllr Bradley said that a No 1 First Bus service would be directed through the Sailing Academy every hour until around 6.30 – 7.00 pm, but only in summer.

#### **b) Minute 733 – Provision of Public Conveniences on the Island**

Cllr Collinge asked whether a copy of the report had been sent to the Borough. The Clerk undertook to check.

#### **c) Minute 734 – Boat and Trailer in Brandy Lane**

Cllr Collinge said she had been unable to trace ownership of the boat and trailer. She agreed to contact the Borough about the apparent abandonment of these belongings.

### **742 – 2012 OLYMPICS**

There was nothing further to discuss at the meeting.

### **743 – STONE FIRMS LTD**

The Clerk reported that the parent company, Cladding Consultants Ltd, was continuing to trade, but only in respect of masonry and not quarrying. Therefore the company would not be sending a representative to the forthcoming Mineral Liaison Committee meeting.

### **744 – STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS (by exception)**

#### **b) Litter and Fly-Tipped Material**

Mrs Cooch reported that dumped waste tyres had not reappeared since the last clean-up.

#### **d) Open Spaces and Dry-Stone Walls**

Mrs Cooch indicated the possibility of more YOI time being given over to the repair of dry-stone walls. She was negotiating with Portland Gas over this.

Answering a query from Cllr Collinge about the grassed areas at the Bill, Mrs Cooch said the site was improving in appearance, with the presence of new species being reported. She offered to provide the Council with a copy of the latest monitoring report.

Cllr Thurston stated that he was trying to initiate the transfer of the West Weares land sculpture from the Town Council to Chiswell Community Trust. A principal difficulty in achieving this was to locate the relevant paperwork.

### **745 – ENDURANCE LIFE**

Mrs Cooch said that the County Council had taken steps to minimise damage to the environment likely to be caused by this year's event.

**735 – ISSUES RAISED BY PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS**

Mr Frampton emphasised the Stone and Quarry Trust's interest in a bus stop near the Drill Hall. Cllr Thurston replied that the Council was still pursuing this.

**736 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chair advised members that the next meeting of the Partnership would take place at the Council Offices on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Fenbruary 2011, commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm.

Signed..... (Chair) Date.....