

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

ADJOURNED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 26TH MAY 2015 AT PETER TRIM HALL, ST. GEORGE'S CENTRE

PRESENT: Councillors R. Wild (Chair), Ms J. Atwell, Miss A. Barnicoat, G. Chadwick, Mrs S. Cocking, J. Draper, C. Flack, Ms S. Lees, Mrs S. Reynolds, D. Symes, D. Thurston and Mrs S. West.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Rev. James Menzies (Mayor's Chaplain), Cllr. R. Nowak (Weymouth & Portland Borough Council) and three members of the public.

2840 – PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain led the meeting in prayer.

2841 – CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr. West proposed Cllr. Thurston. Cllr. Chadwick proposed Cllr. Hughes.

RESOLVED – that Cllr. Rob Hughes be appointed Chairman of the Council.
(For: 6 votes, Against: 5 votes, Abstentions: 1 vote)

2842 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. C. Gover and R. Hughes.

2843 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

2844 – OPEN FORUM

a) Police Question Time

No representative of the Police was present.

b) Public Half-Hour

There were no questions or comments.

c) Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr. Nowak reported that the May elections had resulted in the Conservatives becoming the largest party on the Borough Council. He himself remained the only Portland Councillor on the Borough Management Team.

Cllr. West said that she would continue to be a member of the Borough's Planning Committee. Hence because of the conflict of interest she would only attend Town Planning Committee meetings as a member of the public.

2845 – MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2015

The minutes were formally approved and signed as a correct record. (4-0-8)

2846 – MINUTE UPDATE AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Minute 2832 – Council Review

Cllr. Chadwick asked if any other quotations had been received. The Clerk said no other quotations had been sought because of the lack of other suitable consultants.

2847 – TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. Wild confirmed that he had attended the recent Mayor-Making event at the Borough.

Cllr. Chadwick asked to mention that he had received a request for an interview by Radio Jersey. He wanted to stress that he intended to use the opportunity to promote the Town Council.

2848 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR

There were none.

2849 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments for Authorisation

RESOLVED – that the schedule of invoices (cheque refs. 3274 - 3291) in the sum of £4,886.07 including VAT be authorised for payment. (12-0-0)

b) 2015/16 Financial Report to 30th April 2015

It was agreed that the report be accepted.

c) Bank Signatories

It was agreed that Cllrs. Hughes, Cocking and Flack be signatories in addition to Cllr. Wild.

2850 – ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS, 2015/16

It was proposed by Cllr. Chadwick and **RESOLVED** – that a) full Town Council meetings be held monthly in future, and b) the Finance & Resources Committee be terminated.

It was proposed by Cllr. Thurston and **RESOLVED** – that in future a proportion of Town Council meetings be held in the Council Offices. (7-5-0) It was further agreed that it be left to the Chairman and Clerk to determine which meetings be held in the Offices and which in public halls.

It was proposed by Cllr. Chadwick and **RESOLVED** – that Planning and Neighbourhood Plan meetings be held on separate evenings. (10-0-2)

It was proposed by Cllr. West and **RESOLVED** - that all Planning, Marine & Environment and Neighbourhood Plan meetings be held in the Council Offices. (10-1-1)

2851 – ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS, 2015/16

It was agreed that the appointment in each case be made at the first meeting of the committee concerned.

2852 – COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Membership was determined as follows:-

- a) Finance & Resources Committee – No longer applicable
- b) Marine & Environment Partnership – All Councillors
- c) Planning & Highways Advisory Committee – All Councillors
- d) Neighbourhood Plan Management Group – It was proposed by Cllr. Chadwick and **RESOLVED** – that it be open to all Councillors (12-0-0)

It was then proposed by Cllr. Draper that Working Groups designated below as (e), (f) and (g) be abolished. This motion was **LOST**. (4-5-3)

- e) Budget and Investment Working Group – **RESOLVED** – Cllrs. Barnicoat, Chadwick, Cocking and Lees with Mr Andy Matthews co-opted as members. (12-0-0)
- f) Events & Tourism Working Group – **RESOLVED** – Cllrs. Atwell, Chadwick, Lees, West and Wild as members. (11-1-0)
- g) Grants Working Group – It was proposed by Cllr. Chadwick and **RESOLVED** – that this be merged with the Budget & Investment Group. (12-0-0)
- h) Human Resources & IT Working Group – **RESOLVED** – the Chairman (Cllr. Hughes), Cllrs. Barnicoat, Chadwick, Flack and Lees as members. (12-0-0)

It was suggested that the Chairman, Mayor and Deputy Mayor be ex officio members of all working groups, but this was left to be dealt with as an item in the Standing Orders review.

2853 – APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY POSTS

Decisions were made as shown on the attached schedule.

2854 – GRIEVANCE

It was proposed by Cllr. Wild and **RESOLVED** – that Cllrs. Chadwick, Hughes and Wild should continue as members of the Panel dealing with the unresolved grievance. (11-0-1)

2855 – STANDING ORDERS

The amended draft will be brought to the next meeting of the Town Council.

2856 – REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY POSTS

There were none.

2857 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 17th June 2015, starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.

Signed Dated
(Chair)