

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH MAY 2013 AT THE MASONIC HALL, VICTORIA SQUARE, PORTLAND

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs S. Bradley (Town Mayor), L. Ames, Mrs R. Barton, R. Denton-White, R. Hughes, Miss A. Munro, T. Munro, Mrs E. Munro-Price, I. Munro-Price, R. Nowak, Mrs S. West, R. Wild and T. Woodcock.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk) and Reverend Tim Gomm (Mayor's Chaplain), together with invited guests and members of the public.

1Y – PRAYERS

Rev. Tim Gomm led the meeting in prayer.

2Y – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

3Y – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4Y – MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, 9TH MAY 2012

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

5Y – TOWN MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The retiring Town Mayor, Cllr. Sylvia Bradley, addressed the Town Council and wider audience. She welcomed all those present and said what an honour it had been to be Mayor of Portland for the past year.

Cllr. Bradley went on to mention some of the highlights of her year – the arrival of the Olympic Torch on the Island in July, the Games themselves at the National Sailing Academy and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

She also referred to the sculpture workshop at the Drill Hall, her visit to HMS Portland at Plymouth under the command of the Navy's first female captain, Commander Sarah West, the opportunity to meet four members of the Royal Family during the year and attending the 125th birthday party of St Andrew's Church.

Cllr. Bradley also undertook to fulfil the various pledges she had made in the course of the year. Among these she was intending to share £1,300 between her two nominated charities, Julia's House and the National Coastwatch Institution.

6Y – ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

Cllr. Bradley called for nominations for the Town Mayor in the municipal year 2013/14. Cllr. Tim Munro proposed Cllr. Ames, seconded by Cllr. Wild. There being no other nominations, it was **RESOLVED** – that Cllr. Les Ames MBE be elected Town Mayor of Portland, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Ames made the statutory declaration of office and was invested with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Mayor Cllr. Bradley. Cllr. Ames then took the Chair.

7Y – NEW TOWN MAYOR’S ADDRESS

Cllr. Ames firstly thanked Cllrs. Munro and Wild for proposing him as Mayor. He then offered his thanks to Cllr. Bradley for her very hard work as a Councillor and Mayor, and the consideration she gave to the youth of the Island, not least the Sea Cadets, and also the elderly.

He said he believed the coming year would not be an easy one with the challenge of the Neighbourhood Plan and introducing a lengthsman / caretaker for the Island.

Cllr. Ames hoped this could be the start of a new era for Portland, that by people working together the Island could move forward to improve its future. He would give his time as Mayor to help achieve this.

The new Mayor announced that Rev. Tim Gomm would serve as his chaplain and his nominated charities would be Portland Sea Cadets and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Finally Cllr. Ames presented a bouquet of flowers to Cllr. Bradley and a small gift to Mr David Bradley, her official escort.

8Y – ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr. Ames called for nominations for the post of Deputy Mayor in the municipal year 2013/14. Cllr. Woodcock proposed Cllr. Tim Munro, seconded by Cllr. Barton. There being no other nominations, it was **RESOLVED** – that Cllr. Tim Munro be elected Deputy Mayor of Portland, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Tim Munro made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the Badge of Office by the Town Mayor.

9Y – TOWN MAYOR’S INVITATION

The Town Mayor, through the agency of the Town Crier, invited all the guests present to join him for a glass of wine and share in the buffet prepared on the Town Council’s behalf.

10Y – ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded and duly **RESOLVED** – that the Town Council’s meeting be adjourned, to reconvene on Wednesday, 22nd May 2013 at the Council Offices to transact the remainder of the Council’s business on the agenda.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.

Signed..... Dated.....
(Town Mayor)