

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

ADJOURNED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY 2017 IN THE PETER TRIM HALL, ST. GEORGE'S CENTRE

PRESENT: Councillors Ray Nowak (Chairman), Jo Atwell, Susan Cocking, Jim Draper, Charlie Flack, Chris Gover, Sue Lees, Sandra Reynolds, Alex Sergison (from 7.45pm), Dave Symes, David Thurston and Rod Wild.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Cllr. Katharine Garcia (Dorset County Council) Cllr. Kate Wheller (Dorset County Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council), Andy Matthews (Neighbourhood Plan Working Group) and seven members of the public.

3421 – CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Cllr. Nowak welcomed all to the meeting and advised of fire precautions at the hall.

3422 – PRAYERS

The Clerk led the meeting in prayer.

3423 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Lucy Grieve and Sandy West, together with Cllr. Jason Webb (Weymouth & Portland Borough Council) and PC Mike Holman (Dorset Police.)

3424 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3425 – OPEN FORUM

a) Police Question Time

There were no members of the Police present.

b) Public Half-Hour

Michael Munro raised the topic of planning applications for beach huts. In particular he had concerns about the approval of Hut 45. From the chair Cllr. Nowak said he thought it likely that the hut would be subject to a further application.

June Morley queried the cost of buying the present Offices and its effect on the precept. Cllr. Nowak said a report would be prepared in due course.

Andy Matthews was given permission to speak on Agenda Item 27 – Neighbourhood Plan (Planning Minute 2565).

c) Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr. Garcia introduced herself as the new County Councillor for Tophill, saying she was already involved in various discussions with residents.

Cllr. Wheller reported that she was due to meet Lloyds with Cllr. Nowak the following week. She was also concerned about the proposed closure of the pharmacy in Underhill and was looking for alternative providers.

3426 – COMMUNITY BUS

Mr Simon Newport gave a presentation. Mr Newport lives on the Island and works for First Bus, but was offering advice to the Council just as someone with knowledge and experience in transportation.

He estimated that it would cost £30,000 a year to run a viable service. Given that the Town Council would provide foundation funding it would then be necessary to attract finance from other sources and be offered some ideas.

It was agreed that Cllrs. Cocking and Flack would continue to research the proposal on behalf of the Council.

3427 – MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2017

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

3428 – MINUTE UPDATE AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES RESOLVED – that the minute update be received.

Minute 3415 – Mayor’s Plaque

Cllr. Lees asked regarding the progress of the move. Cllr. Nowak said no date had been given yet.

3429 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIRMAN

There were none.

3430 – TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. Thurston said the Search and Rescue presentation arrangements were proceeding satisfactorily with the invitations due to go out soon.

(Cllr. Sergison joined the meeting.)

3431 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments for Authorisation

RESOLVED – that the schedule of invoices (including cheque refs. 300121 - 300127) in the revised sum of £7,288.69 including VAT be authorised for payment.

b) Bank Signatories

RESOLVED – that Cllr. Draper replace Cllr. Wild as a signatory.

3432 – DELEGATION ARRANGEMENT

RESOLVED – that the report be received.

3433 – TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES

The Clerk will bring the draft Terms for the Finance Committee to the next meeting.

RESOLVED – that the report be received.

3434 – COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

a) Finance Committee

RESOLVED – that the membership comprise Cllrs. Atwell, Cocking, Draper Flack and Nowak.

b) Staffing Committee

RESOLVED – that the membership comprise Cllrs. Atwell, Draper, Gover, Thurston and Wild.

c) Cheyne Weares Working Group

RESOLVED – that the membership comprise Cllrs. Atwell, Gover and Lees.

d) Events & Tourism Working Group

RESOLVED – that the membership comprise Cllrs. Atwell, Lees and Symes.

3435 – STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLVED – that Standing Order 20 be revised as drafted in Council Minute 3419(a).

3436 – REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY POSTS

RESOLVED – that all the current representatives be retained with the exception of:-

DAPTC – Cllr. Draper to replace Cllr. Cocking (Larger Councils)
Portland Youth & Community Management Committee – deleted
Property Representative – Cllr. Grieve (West Weares)

3437 – INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk gave a verbal report and was asked to report back on cover for events and civic regalia.

3438 – SUBSCRIPTION

The report was noted.

3439 – COMPLAINTS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

RESOLVED – that the report be accepted.

3440 – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND DATA PROTECTION

RESOLVED – that the report be accepted.

3441 – MEDIA POLICY

It was agreed the report be accepted.

3442 – MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, 26TH APRIL 2017

RESOLVED – that the Council write to the Borough about the identification of sites for development and the Borough's lack of cooperation in this respect.

3443 – GRASS-CUTTING CONTRACTS, 2017-19

a) Cheyne Weares

b) West Weares

RESOLVED – that in both cases the contract be awarded to the contractor submitting the lowest quotation.

3444 – REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY POSTS

There were none.

3445 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will take place on Wednesday, 28th June 2017, at the Peter Trim Hall, St. George's Centre, Reforne starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm.

Signed Dated.....
(Chair)