

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 17TH MAY 2016 AT THE NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY, OSPREY QUAY, PORTLAND

PRESENT: Councillors R. Wild (Town Mayor), Ms J. Atwell, Mrs S. Cocking, J. Draper, C. Flack, C. Gover, Ms. S. Lees, R. Nowak, A. Sergison, D. Symes, D. Thurston and Mrs S. West.

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

Cllr. Wild in the chair.

1Y – CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, 2016/17

RESOLVED – unanimously that Cllr. Ray Nowak be elected Chairman of the Town Council, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Nowak made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

2Y – PRAYERS

Rev. James Menzies led the meeting in prayer.

3Y – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. G. Chadwick.

4Y – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5Y – TOWN MAYOR, 2015/16

The retiring Town Mayor, Cllr. Rod Wild, addressed the Town Council and wider audience. The text of his speech is appended.

6Y – TOWN MAYOR, 2016/17

There being no further nominations, it was **RESOLVED** unanimously – that Cllr. Sandy West be elected Town Mayor of Portland, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Cllr. West made the statutory declaration of office and was invested with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Wild.

Cllr. West then gave a short speech of thanks. She welcomed the new High Sheriff of Dorset, Sir Philip Williams. She also explained that she had wanted the emphasis of the event to be placed on Portland, hence only a few local dignitaries had been sent invitations.

Cllr. West went on to praise the Sailing Academy in its unique location as a wonderful venue for sailing. She also expressed her gratitude for a fantastic group of Town Councillors and the support of Portland people.

She advised that her Escort would be Mrs Sally McKinstry, her Mayor's Chaplain Rev. Chris Briggs and her chosen charities the National Coastwatch Institution, Portland and the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation.

7Y – DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

There being no further nominations, it was **RESOLVED** unanimously – that Cllr. David Symes be elected Deputy Town Mayor of Portland, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

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

8Y – TOWN MAYOR'S INVITATION

The Town Mayor, with the assistance of the Town Crier, invited all the guests present to join her for light refreshments at the close of the meeting.

9Y – ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded and duly **RESOLVED** – that the Town Council's meeting be adjourned, to reconvene on Wednesday, 18th May 2016 at the Peter Trim Hall, St. George's Centre, Reforne to transact the remainder of the Council's business on the agenda.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm.

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