

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

ADDITIONAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE 2015 AT 6.30 PM EASTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL, EASTON

PRESENT: Councillors R. Hughes (Chairman), Ms J. Atwell, G. Chadwick, Mrs S. Cocking, C. Flack, C. Gover, Ms S. Lees, Mrs S. Reynolds, D. Symes, D. Thurston and R. Wild

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk), and one member of the public

2895 – OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Hughes made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman.

2896 – PRAYERS

There were no prayers.

2897 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J. Draper and Mrs S. West, together with Rev. James Menzies.

2898 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

2899 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

As a former Councillor Andy Matthews indicated his willingness to assist with the discussion of Agenda Item 5.

2900 – ANNUAL RETURN 2014/15

Cllr. Cocking asked that the risk assessment be more fully discussed at the Town Council meeting in July.

It was proposed by Cllr. Wild and **RESOLVED** – that the accounting statement of the Annual Return be approved and signed by the Chairman. (For: 11 votes, Against: 0 votes, Abstentions: 0 votes)

It was proposed by Cllr. Thurston and **RESOLVED** – that the supporting statement be approved and signed by the Chairman. (11-0-0)

Members then considered the annual governance statement one section at a time. All sections were ascribed a “Yes” response with the exception of a “No” response to section 5 on risk assessment.

It was proposed by Cllr. Wild and **RESOLVED** – that the completed annual governance statement be approved and signed by the Chairman, and that Cllr. Chadwick write an accompanying note of explanation concerning section 5. (4-0-7)

It was proposed by Cllr. Chadwick and **RESOLVED** – that discussion of the internal auditor’s report be adjourned until the Town Council meeting in July.

Cllr. Cocking reported on the finance meeting held with Cllr. Chadwick, Mr Matthews and the Clerk two days earlier. The list of Council representatives on outside bodies would be posted on the website as would schedules of payments. Names of individuals connected with the Council would be redacted and individual salary and travelling payments consolidated as single sums.

2901 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Town Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 15th July 2015, starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm.

Signed Dated
(Chair)