

## PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

### ADDITIONAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 AT EASTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL

**PRESENT:** Councillors R. Hughes (Chair), Mrs S. Bradley, G. Chadwick, R. Denton-White, Ms S. Lees, A. Matthews, T. Munro, R. Nowak, Mrs S. Reynolds, J. Thorner and R. Wild.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Nick Randle and Sam Shippen (Nick Randle Associates), together with four members of the public.

#### **2723 – PRAYERS**

The Clerk led the meeting in prayer.

#### **2724 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Miss A. Munro, Mrs E. Munro-Price and I. Munro-Price.

#### **2725 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Tim Munro declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 – Staffing Review Report. The Chair took this as applying to all the other Council members.

#### **2726 – ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chair agreed to taking agenda item 4 – Public Half-Hour after item 6 - Staffing Review Report.

#### **2727 – EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Cllr. Tim Munro drew members' attention to Standing Orders 38 and 39. With reference to SO 38 regarding Council employees he suggested there was no need for the press and public to be excluded from the intended debate and the report could be made public subject to two redactions.

Cllr. Munro proposed that a sentence on page 16 of the report, para 3 and para 4 on page 17 should be redacted.

Following a request from the Clerk that individual staff salaries and hours, current and projected, in the report remain confidential. Cllr. Denton-White proposed an amendment that confidentiality in the report be extended to include these. The amendment was **CARRIED**. (For: 6 votes, Against: 5 votes, Abstentions: 0 votes)

The substantive motion – that the report be published with the exception of one sentence on page 16, para 3, para 4 on page 17, and staff salaries and hours was **RESOLVED**. (10-1-0)

It was proposed by Cllr. Chadwick and **RESOLVED** – that the staffing report be published the following day in its redacted form on Facebook.

**2728 – STAFFING REVIEW REPORT**

Mr Randle gave a presentation of his report and answered questions from members on its contents.

With reference to SO 39 concerning expenditure it was proposed by Cllr. Munro and **RESOLVED** – that all the recommendations in the report should be treated as Council recommendations and stand adjourned for debate at a subsequent additional meeting. (11-0-0)

Cllr. Denton-White proposed a formal vote of thanks to Nick Randle and Sam Shippen, which was **CARRIED**.

**2729 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings of the Town Council are due to take place on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 (Additional) and Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015, both starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....  
(Chair)