

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH JUNE 2014

PRESENT: Councillors R. Denton-White (Chair), A. Matthews, T. Munro, R. Nowak and R. Wild. Cllr. Ian Munro-Price also attended at 7.25pm by which time the meeting had ended.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Cllr's G. Chadwick and R. Hughes, together with two members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Bradley gave her apologies, but this was not covered in the business of the meeting.

1 – OPENING REMARKS

From the Chair Cllr. Denton-White said this was the first meeting of a new committee the Town Council had instituted in order to provide a strategic view on its operations.

2 – POINTS OF ORDER

Cllr. Tim Munro said he wanted to make two points. The first concerned the venue for the meeting, which should have been a public hall on the Island and not the Council Chamber. The Town Council had made a decision on the subject and the Clerk had “wilfully” disregarded it. Therefore he thought the meeting should be postponed and held somewhere suitable.

The Clerk objected to the word “wilfully,” saying he had forgotten the decision taken had applied to meetings of the Finance & Resources Committee as well as the Town Council. In his e-mail of explanation to Councillors he had said hall bookings were in hand for the June and July Council meetings.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tim Munro and **RESOLVED** – that the meeting be adjourned. (For: 3 votes, Against: 2 votes, Abstentions: 0)

Cllr. Munro then realised he had not raised the second of his two points and asked the Chair if he would allow him to present this second point, which the Chair did. He said there were a number of items on the agenda which for varying reasons should not have been included, chiefly that they were not within the Committee's brief. These were items, 1, 9 and 13 to 17 inclusive.

The Clerk replied that item 1 – Chair and Deputy Chair, 2013/15 was there to confirm with Council Standing Order 44. The Councillor might well have been right with regard to other items, but as the Committee had not yet agreed its terms of reference it was difficult to be sure. He (the Clerk) had therefore erred on the side of including too much rather than too little. (The individual items were examined in greater detail informally after the meeting.)

3 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Finance & Resources was due to take place on Wednesday, 2nd July 2014, at Easton Methodist Church Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm.

Signed Dated
(Chair)