

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 16TH MAY 2017 AT THE NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY, OSPREY QUAY, PORTLAND

PRESENT: Councillors Jo Atwell, Susan Cocking, Jim Draper, Charlie Flack, Chris Gover, Ray Nowak, Alex Sergison, David Thurston, Sandy West and Rod Wild.

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

1Y – CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, 2017/18

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. Chris Briggs led the meeting in prayer.

3Y – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Lucy Grieve.

4Y – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5Y – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, 17TH MAY 2016

RESOLVED – that the previously approved minutes be received.

6Y – TOWN MAYOR, 2016/17

Cllr. Sandy West addressed the Council and wider audience.

7Y – TOWN MAYOR, 2017/18

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

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

Cllr. Thurston then gave a short speech of thanks.

He advised that the Mayoress would be Mrs Lizzy Thurston, his Chaplain Rev. David Farmer, his Mayor's Sea Cadet, William Louch and Explorer Scout Alice Govier. His chosen charity would be Portland Sea Cadets.

Cllr. Thurston then invited a former Town Mayor, Rob Hughes, to speak. Mr Hughes explained the loss of the Mayor's Badge and the manufacture of a replacement by

the jeweller Mr Danny Moran. Mr Moran official presented the new Badge to Cllr. Thurston.

8Y – DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

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

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

9Y – TOWN MAYOR’S INVITATION

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

10Y – ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was proposed by the Chairman and **RESOLVED** – that the Town Council’s meeting be adjourned, to reconvene on Wednesday, 17th May 2017 at the Peter Trim Hall, St. George’s Centre, Reforne to transact the remainder of the business on the Council’s agenda.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.

Signed..... Dated.....
(Chairman)