

The ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

to be held at

**Classroom 2, Osprey Leisure Centre,
Castletown, Portland**

**on Wednesday, 8th April 2015
at 7.00 pm**

A G E N D A

- 1) Apologies for Absence
- 2) Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 7th May 2014 (attached)
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Report by the Town Mayor on behalf of the Council
- 5) Financial Report for 2014/15 (attached)
- 6) Report by the Town Crier
- 7) Electors' Items
- 8) Date of Next Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 7th April 2016

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Town Clerk

Portland Town Council - Financial Report, 8.4.15

	Budget 2014/15	Expend. 2013/14	Expend. to 31.3.15	Paid / Rec'd to Date (%)
EXPENDITURE				
Salaries	23,287	23,112	23,033	98.91
Advertising	400	449	358	89.50
Audit	805	521	1,234	153.29
Civic Expenditure	1,541	1,603	1,472	95.52
Computer Equipment	0	0	636	-
Computer Software	50	62	21	42.00
IT Support	260	200	295	113.46
Contingency	1,241	0	0	0.00
Elections	1,500	738	5,850	390.00
Furniture & Equipment	378	376	600	158.73
Honorarium	100	100	100	100.00
Insurance	1,300	1,287	1,298	99.85
Mayoral Allowance	700	700	700	100.00
Miscellaneous	0	144	0	-
Postage	600	822	739	123.17
Publications	0	116	18	-
Stationery	600	689	786	131.00
Subscriptions	1,400	1,676	1,468	104.86
Telephone / Internet	600	632	605	100.83
Training / Conferences	100	105	95	95.00
Travelling & Subsistence	100	110	57	57.00
Sub-Total	34,962	33,442	39,365	112.59
Gifts and Donations	210	50	50	23.81
Grants	3,000	1,994	0	0.00
Island Caretaker	15,000	7,915	3,884	25.89
Neighbourhood Plan Projects	5,500	4,234	6,335	115.18
	0	0	1,216	-
Town Crier	50	35	35	70.00
Website	1,500	1,051	1,200	80.00
Sub-Total	25,260	15,279	12,720	50.36
TOTAL	60,222	48,721	52,085	86.49
INCOME				
Precept	50,222	47,910	50,222	100.00
Discount Grant	4,000	4,726	4,051	101.28
Fair	3,000	750	2,000	66.67
Interest	500	644	233	46.60
Neighbourhood Plan Grant	2,500	6,300	700	28.00
Other	0	46	81	-
TOTAL	60,222	60,376	57,287	95.13
SURPLUS / DEFICIT (-) FOR YEAR	0	11,655	5,202	

Island Caretaker

Expend. to
31.3.15

EXPENDITURE

Contractor Payments	3,590
Building Materials	92
Equipment	22
Skip Hire	180
Total	£3,884

Neighbourhood Plan

Expend. to
31.3.15

EXPENDITURE

Consultant's Fee	4,000
Staff Overtime	329
Advertising	692
Computer Software	260
Printing	104
Stationery	49
Website	901
Sub-Total	£6,335

Town Crier's Report, April 2015

This year has been an interesting one. I met and welcomed 22 cruise ships in a number of different languages (German, French, Italian, Spanish and English.) I have made contact with passengers from Portland Oregon and explained that we are the original Portland.

Unfortunately I was struck down with a bad case of cellulitis, which made walking and driving impossible so I had to miss a couple of cruise ships.

On a brighter note I entered three competitions, one in Crewkerne, one in Exmouth and the Christmas competition in Dorchester. I was unsuccessful but have spread the name of Portland far and wide.

Cries this year have been for the Spirit of Portland, Ceremony of the Keys, MV Freedom barrel roll, Silver Sunday, Easton Christmas Promise, Carol singing and a Cry at IRC the Verne not to mention MC at a couple of weddings.

In January I was rushed into Dorchester hospital with kidney failure and spent a week in the renal ward. I am slowly recovering and was able to perform my usual Pancake Race cry in February.

To close on a more cheerful note, I have a new, blue patterned waistcoat and a new pair of knee breeches along with a carved staff.

God Save the Queen!

Stuart Cave