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To: All Members of the Partnership

MARINE, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM PARTNERSHIP

Dear Member

You are hereby summoned to attend a **MEETING** of the **MARINE, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM PARTNERSHIP**, to be held in **PETER TRIM HALL, ST. GEORGE'S CENTRE, REFORNE** on **WEDNESDAY, 1ST MARCH 2017**, commencing at 7.00 pm when the business set out below will be transacted.

It is the Council's intention that all meetings of the Council and its Committees be recorded aurally.

Yours sincerely

Ian Looker
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Chairman's Welcome**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest** – to receive any declarations from Councillors or Officers of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests regarding matters to be considered at this meeting, together with a statement on the nature of those interests
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 30th November 2016** – to approve and sign (see attached)
5. **Minute Update and Matters Arising** (see attached)
6. **MEMO Project** – to receive a presentation from Mr Sebastian Brooke
7. **Neighbourhood Plan** – to receive a report from Mr Matthews
8. **Overgrown Vegetation** – to receive updates and consider any further action
9. **Pebbles Signage** – to receive an update from Mr Matthews and consider a response
10. **Broadband Provision** – to receive two items from the Superfast Dorset team, one involving presentation slides (attached)
11. **Palm Trees** – to receive a report from the Clerk (attached)
12. **Fingerposts** – to receive an update from Mr George
13. **Dog Waste Bags** – to give further consideration
14. **South Dorset Local Action Group** – to acquaint members with the Leader programme (see attached)
15. **Great British Spring Clean, 3rd – 5th March** – to make members aware (see attached)

16. Standard Agenda Items (by exception)

- (a) Disused Quarries (Portland Town Plan 2B)
- (b) Litter and Fly-Tipped Material (PTP 2C)
- (c) Run-Down Areas (PTP 2I)
- (d) Open Spaces, Hedgerows, Footpaths and Dry-Stone Walls (PTP 2E, 2F)

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Marine, Environment & Tourism Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 7th June 2017, starting at 7.00 pm, the venue yet to be decided

MEMBERSHIP:-

Cllr. Sue Lees (Chair)	Portland Town Council
Cllr. Sandy West (Deputy Chair)	Portland Town Council
All Town Councillors	Portland Town Council
Simon King	Economic Regeneration, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
Derek Luckhurst	Agincare
Jen Reeves	CRAB / Agincare
Cllr. Sue Lees	Chesil Equestrian Centre
Philip George	Crown Estate
Tara Hansford	Dorset Local Access Forum
Leo Henley Lock	Dorset Wildlife Trust
Alison Smith	Jurassica
Victoria Webbon	Land Trust
Geoff Peters	National Coastwatch Institution
Ruth Carpenter	Natural England
Andy Matthews	Portland Community Partnership
Sandie Wilson / Frank Cox	Portland Port Ltd
Hannah Sofaer / Paul Crabtree	Portland Sculpture and Quarry Trust
Cllr. Rod Wild	Portland Seafarers Support and Association for Portland Archaeology
Rowena Riley	The Churches Conservation Trust
Paul Glover	The History Society
Peter Allam	Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy
Mike Deadman	Weymouth and Portland Tourism Board
Peter Staddon	Working for a Better Portland

Requests for agenda items are welcome from all members of the Partnership. They should be sent to the Clerk no less than two weeks before the date of the meeting.

MINUTE UPDATE

a) Minute 1170 – Palm Trees

See Agenda Item 11.

b) Minute 1173 – Portland Maps

The Town Council approved a grant of £1,000 and this has now been paid to the Portland Tourist Office.

BROADBAND PROVISION

From: SuperFast
Sent: 12 January 2017
To: Portland Town Council
Subject: Superfast Dorset update

Dear Parish Clerks

Thank you for very much for your support of the Superfast Dorset programme during 2016. All of your hard work on the ground speaking to local residents has paid off. We wanted you to know that our take up levels have just reached 32% , meaning nearly a third of all properties in the Superfast Dorset rollout have taken a fibre broadband service.

We'd like to inform you that we have launched our own [Facebook page](#) as another way to communicate about this faster technology. If you are on Facebook, like us so we can quickly and easily update you with our progress as we move into the second phase of our rollout in 2017. If your parish council has a Facebook page, please let us know and we'll give you a like. We can also put some content up to directly target your residents and businesses for you to share. We'll still continue to use all our other channels to spread the word on our progress.

As you know, the more that take up increases the more money comes back into our programme to reach even more areas of Dorset. We really value your support on the ground to make this happen.

Again, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you this year.

Kind regards

The Superfast Dorset team

Town centre WiFi – economic opportunities for Dorset

31 January, 2pm to 4.30pm

Committee Room 1, County Hall, Dorchester

Agenda of Presentation

1. Welcome
2. Town centre WiFi and Dorset's digital landscape
3. How digital transformation is boosting Bournemouth's economy
4. Town centre WiFi in Somerset
5. Technology, set up and costs
6. What town centre WiFi will and won't deliver
7. Possible funding/next steps for local schemes
8. Q&A – a chance for attendees to ask questions of presenters
9. Summary/thank you



Copies of the slides shown in the presentation, thirty-three in all, were sent to us and a selection of them follows – Clerk

PALM TREES

The Gentleman who made the offer has provided two palm trees for Victoria Gardens.

He says he has a few banana plants (*basjoo sikkiemsis* and *musa lasiocarpa*), some small hardy palms and a small agave, any of which would be available apparently free of charge.

South Dorset Local Action Group

From: Sarah E Harbige

Sent: 7 February 2017

Southern Dorset Local Action Group's Spring Forum will focus on the priorities for grant funded projects. Please find a news release attached, inviting local residents, business owners, community groups and LAG members to come along on the 7 March at Beaminster Town Hall to take part in setting the priorities for 2017/18. I would be most grateful if you could distribute the information to your contacts.

Kind regards

Sarah

Sarah Harbige

Dorset LEADER Programme Manager

Notes to Editors

- LEADER is a unique European Programme – local people make the decisions about what and where funding would make the greatest difference. It is a well-established method of providing Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding at the local level. LEADER is a (French) acronym which roughly translates as 'Liaison among Actors in Rural Economic Development'. The RDP is how European funding under Pillar 2 of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is delivered. It provides support for economic, social and environmental development in the countryside.
- Grants are awarded by a LEADER Local Action Group who fund projects in line with the needs of the rural economy, as set out in their Local Development Strategy (LDS).
- Membership of the Local Action Group is open to everyone who has an interest in their rural community. One of 80 groups around rural England, its principal role is to provide rural communities with a voice in local democracy, together with access to funding for projects which support their local strategies.

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NEWS RELEASE



7 February 2017

For Immediate Release

Are we getting it right? Grants from Southern Dorset LAG

The Southern Dorset Local Action Group needs your local knowledge to test the LAG's priorities for rural grants in 2017/18. Do you know about the needs of farmers or the forestry sector, growing a business, rural tourism or essential services for our rural communities? If so then come along to the LAG's Spring Forum on 1st March where the LAG will review priorities and grant allocations for the next year of the programme. The meeting is open to both members and non-members and the outcome will inform decision-making for the next year.

The LAG has now awarded 7 project grants totalling £352,222 and has two years to award another £1m. The grant pot is divided amongst six national LEADER priorities. This allocation was agreed in 2014 after consultation with local residents and businesses. Members' decisions about applications are based on local priorities and the amount of funding each is allocated. Are these local priorities and allocations still appropriate in 2017? Do they still reflect local demand and need for financial support for projects in the LAG area?

If you'd like to help ensure that this year's grants are directed to where there is most need book your place through [Eventbrite](#) now or call Emily on 01305 225525.

The Forum is on 7 March 2017 at Beaminster Town Hall from 6.30pm

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN, 3RD – 5TH MARCH

From: Dorset Waste Partnership
Sent: 20 February 2017
To: Portland Town Council



The Dorset Waste Partnership is a proud supporter of Keep Britain Tidy's The Great British Spring Clean, where volunteers take part in community litter-picks up and down the country from Friday 3 to Sunday 5 March. We are offering waste removal services to any registered litter picks taking place within the county, as well as providing guidance via our dedicated community litter-pick webpage.

If you'd like to get involved, please visit the official website to get details on litter picks in your area.

Litter Free Dorset



We are pleased to let you know that a new Litter Free Dorset project officer has recently been appointed to the Litter Free Coast and Sea team, based in Dorchester.

The vision of Litter Free Dorset is to work together as an independent partnership effecting positive change to reduce litter across Dorset's towns, village, countryside and open spaces. If you'd like to find out more, please contact the team directly.