

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY 2012 AT PORTLAND BLUES FOOTBALL CLUB, THE GROVE, PORTLAND

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Munro-Price (Town Mayor), L. Ames, Mrs S. Bradley, Mrs J. Collinge, R. Denton-White, R. Hughes, Miss A. Munro, T. Munro, Mrs E. Munro-Price, Mrs S. West, R. Wild and T. Woodcock.

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

1Y – PRAYERS

Rev. Chris Briggs led the meeting in prayer.

2Y – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs P. McCartney and D. Symes.

3Y – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4Y – MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, 18TH MAY 2011

As the minutes had not been included with the agenda it was agreed to defer the item to the next (adjourned) meeting of the Council.

5Y – TOWN MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The retiring Town Mayor, Cllr. Ian Munro-Price addressed the Town Council and wider audience. He said that it had been a pleasure and privilege to serve as Town Mayor over the past twelve months. He offered his thanks to his wife, Cllr. Elspie Munro-Price, for serving as Mayoress, also the Council staff and Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Sylvia Bradley, for their help through the year.

It had been a great experience for him and he had been surprised by the number of groups and organisations on the Island and the range of activities and interests they covered.

Cllr. Munro-Price turned to the subject of the Olympics, the sailing competitions taking place adjacent to Portland and the various related events, for all of which preparations were already well in hand. He hoped the residents could feel fully involved and that the occasion would prove of lasting value, rather than the mere "fifteen minutes of fame." The Games could lead to the long-term attraction both of industry and visitors to the Island.

In closing he referred to his Mayoral charities, which he hoped to pass funds on to in the following week.

6Y – ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

Cllr. Munro-Price called for nominations for the Town Mayor in the municipal year 2012/13. Cllr. West proposed Cllr. Bradley, seconded by Cllr. Collinge. There being no other nominations, it was **RESOLVED** – that Cllr. Sylvia Bradley be elected Town Mayor of Portland, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Bradley made the statutory declaration of office and was invested with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Mayor Cllr. Munro-Price. Cllr. Bradley then took the Chair.

7Y – NEW TOWN MAYOR’S ADDRESS

Cllr. Bradley offered her thanks to Cllr. Munro-Price for his service as Town Mayor. She also thanked all the guests for attending and promised to serve the Island of Portland to the best of her ability in the forthcoming year.

Cllr. Bradley announced that Rev. Tim Gomm would serve as her Chaplain and her nominated charities would be Julia’s House and the National Coastwatch Institution.

Finally she presented a bouquet of flowers to Cllr. Elspie Munro-Price, the retiring Mayoress.

8Y – ELECTIONS OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr. Bradley called for nominations for the post of Deputy Mayor in the municipal year 2012/13. Cllr. Woodcock proposed Cllr. Ames, seconded by Cllr. Hughes. There being no other nominations, it was **RESOLVED** – that Cllr. Ames be elected Deputy Mayor of Portland, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Ames 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, through the agency of the Town Crier, invited all the guests present to join her for a glass of wine and share in the buffet prepared on the Town Council’s behalf.

10Y – ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was proposed by the Town Mayor. Seconded and duly **RESOLVED** – that the Town Council’s meeting be adjourned, to reconvene on Wednesday, 16th May 2012 at the Council Offices to transact the remainder of the Council’s business on the agenda.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.

Signed..... Dated.....
(Town Mayor)