

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 2012, MARINE & ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL 2012

PRESENT: Councillors R. Wild (Chair), Mrs S. Bradley and R. Hughes, together with Andy Matthews (Portland Community Partnership).

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk).

852 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J. Collinge, Mrs S. West and T. Woodcock, together with Philip George (Crown Estate), Geoff Peters (National Coastwatch Institution), Charles Frampton (Portland Stone & Quarry Trust) and John Tweed (Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy). The meeting was therefore inquorate.

853– DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

854 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2012

The minutes were formally agreed and signed as a correct record.

855 – MINUTE UPDATE AND MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

856 – 2012 OLYMPICS

Cllr. Hughes spoke about his personal involvement in an arts project filming live performances of a self-propelled underwater wheelchair in Egypt. This will be the subject of a Channel 4 documentary. Later in the year there will be other performances closer to home in June and August as part of the Cultural Olympiad.

Mr Matthews added that details of the Olympiad could be found on the Portland Community website.

857 – COASTGUARD AND HELICOPTER SERVICE CLOSURE

It was reported that Richard Drax MP is still campaigning to retain the helicopter service and a petition is circulating on the Island.

858 – THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS CHALLENGE

Cllr. Wild asked if anyone could provide a Google map for a field at the end of Augusta Road, part of a larger open space divided by a sewerage system. He would like to investigate the possibility of the field becoming a public space. Mr Matthews offered to help.

859 – LEGACY TRAIL

Although the Town had temporary no objection to the recent associated planning application it was thought that the Borough had refused permission. The Clerk was asked to check this.

860 – PORTLAND SEAFARERS SUPPORT

Cllr. Wild spoke with reference to his written report and provided more recent details on the Westwind II and help being offered to its crew.

861 – STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS (by exception)

d) Open Spaces, Hedgerows, Footpaths and Dry-Stone Walls

The Planning Committee is now actively developing a policy on dry stone walls.

The Ranger service is currently seeking volunteer footpath guides.

862 – ISSUES RAISED BY PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS

Mr Matthews outlined some of the “Look and Feel” measures planned for the Olympics. Revive is planning to provide planters for Chiswell and Castletown. There will be banners on Tophill, but set in the ground rather than on bases.

Mr Matthews also raised the possibility, once the Olympics are over, of the Partnership switching more attention to the Neighbourhood Plan.

863 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair advised members that the next meeting of the Partnership would take place at the Council Offices on Wednesday, 6th June 2012, starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 7.35 pm.

Signed..... (Chair) Date.....