

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

ADDITIONAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 9TH APRIL 2015 IN THE PETER TRIM HALL, ST. GEORGE'S CENTRE, REFORNE

PRESENT: Councillors R. Wild (Chair), Mrs S. Bradley, G. Chadwick, Ms S. Lees, A. Matthews, R. Nowak and Mrs S. Reynolds.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk), and two members of the public

2807 – PRAYERS

The Clerk led the meeting in prayer.

2808 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. R. Hughes, Miss A. Munro and J. Thorner.

2809 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. G. Chadwick, Mrs S. Lees, A. Matthews and Mrs S. Reynolds declared involvement in Facebook and other associated groups. Cllr. Matthews also declared an interest as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

2810 – OPEN FORUM

Public Half-Hour

There were no questions or comments.

2811 – SEPARATION OF TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN ROLES

Cllr. Chadwick said the intention of the separation was to reflect different abilities and aptitudes among members. It was accepted that the roles of Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor would be principally civic with civic procedures remaining as at present. The Chairman of Town Council role in contrast would be administrative with no provision for remuneration.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Wild and **CARRIED** – that the arrangement be reviewed after the first two years of operation. (For: 7 votes, Against: 0 votes, Abstentions: 0 vote)

The composite motion, initially proposed by Cllr. Chadwick, was **RESOLVED** – that the Council appoints a Chairman of the Council for successive terms in addition to the Mayor, the Mayor acting as Deputy Chairman of the Town Council, this to be incorporated in Council Standing Orders. The arrangement will be reviewed after the first two years of operation. (7-0-0)

Members had before them the agenda for the Town Council meeting on 15th April and asked that this decision be reflected therein.

2812 – STANDING ORDERS

In addition to the tables of comparison drawn up by the Clerk members were also given a brief commentary by Cllr. Matthews.

Members compared certain individual standing orders in the existing and model sets in order to gauge the extent and degree of difference between the two.

It was proposed by Cllr. Chadwick and **RESOLVED** – that the Council accept the NALC model as a working draft set of standing orders, subject to amendment at the first ordinary meeting of the new Council. (7-0-0)

It was proposed by Cllr. Wild and **RESOLVED** – that a working group comprising Cllrs. Bradley, Matthews and Nowak be appointed to review the changes indicated by the NALC model and present proposals in a finalised draft for the new Council as above. (7-0-0)

It was agreed that the working group meet at the Council Offices during working hours at a date to be arranged.

2813 – FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was proposed by Cllr. Wild and **RESOLVED** – that the Council accept the NALC model as a working draft set of financial regulations, subject to amendment at the first ordinary meeting of the new Council. (7-0-0)

It was proposed by Cllr. Chadwick and **RESOLVED** – that the Standing Orders Working Group review the changes indicated by the NALC model and present proposals in a finalised draft for the new Council as above. (7-0-0)

2814 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

It was proposed by Cllr. Nowak and **RESOLVED** – that the SLCC’s Model Grievance Procedure be adopted as the Council’s procedure.

2815 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 15th April 2015, starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

Signed Dated
(Chair)