

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2014 IN THE MEETING ROOM, OSPREY LEISURE CENTRE, CASTLETOWN

PRESENT: Councillors G. Chadwick, A. Matthews, R. Nowak, Mrs S. Reynolds and R. Wild.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk)

(Cllr. Wild in the chair.)

32 – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Committee Chair and Deputy Chair it was **RESOLVED** – that Cllr. Reynolds chair the meeting.

(Cllr. Reynolds in the chair.)

33 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. R. Hughes, Ms S. Lees and T. Munro

34 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

35 – FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas Lights Competition, 2014

RECOMMENDED – that the competition be run on the same lines as 2013, entries using an advertisement in the Free Portland News in October, with a closing date of Monday, 8th December and judging during the week of 15th December. (For: 5 votes, Against: 0 votes, Abstentions: 0 votes)

Civic Carol Service 2014

RECOMMENDED – 14th December (provisional date), date to be confirmed with Rev. Menzies, to be held at All Saints or St. John's Church. Cllr. Hughes to discuss with Rev. Menzies. (5-0-0)

“Christmas Cracker Night” was amended to read “Easton Promise Night”. Cllr. Matthews will speak to Rev. Mr Menzies about this **RECOMMENDED** – that the Council is involved in Easton Promise Night. (5-0-0)

The anniversary of the Queen's Accession Day and a Mayor's Charity Ball were noted as other events on the calendar. **RECOMMENDED** – Bonfire Night and Fireworks Event – that the Council accept the plan submitted to the Finance & Resources Committee with certain added provisos related to the terms and conditions applying to the various providers. (4-1-0)

It was proposed by Cllr. Chadwick and **RECOMMENDED** – that the entire calendar drawn up by the Events Sub-Committee be accepted with the one amendment incorporated regarding Easton Promise. (5-0-0)

It was also proposed by Cllr. Chadwick and **RESOLVED** – that the Council purchase a Commonwealth Day Flag at a cost of £58.00.

36 – BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORK EVENT

Cllr. Chadwick reported on this proposal in more detail. In particular he said the intention was to cover the costs of the event by sponsorship, but he was asking the Council to underwrite the possibility of a loss. There would be a necessity for a licence-holder. The event would be an opportunity for the Council to give something back to the community. Three quotations for the provision of fireworks at the event had already been received.

Cllr. Matthews thought it necessary to tie the businesses involved to a refund value. The Clerk asked that at least two Councillors be involved over the negotiation of prices. **RECOMMENDED** – that the event be submitted to the Council for its approval, subject to the conditions to which Cllr. Matthews had drawn attention.

37 – STAFFING REVIEW

Cllr. Matthews reported on the three quotations received. He proposed and it was **RECOMMENDED** – that the matter be taken forward by inviting Consultant C to attend for interview by a panel comprising Cllrs. Matthews, Nowak and Wild in order to bring a proposal to Town Council. (5-0-0)

After discussion of this year’s competition and possibilities for next year’s it was proposed by Cllr. Nowak and **RESOLVED** – that the Events Sub-Committee be asked to reconsider all aspects of the Gardening Competition for next year and report back to the Finance & Resources Committee. (7-0-1)

38 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 15th October 2014, commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm.

Signed Dated
(Chair)