

## **PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MARINE, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD IN PETER TRIM HALL, ST. GEORGE'S CENTRE, REFORNE ON WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Lucy Grieve (Deputy Chairman), Sue Cocking, Charlie Flack, Ray Nowak, David Thurston and Rod Wild, together with Jane White (Court Leet and Crown Estate), Andy Matthews (Portland Community Partnership) and Mike Deadman (Portland Tourist Information Centre)

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

#### **1225 – CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Cllr. Grieve welcomed all to the Partnership meeting and gave fire safety directions.

#### **1226 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Jo Atwell, Jim Draper and Sue Lees, together with Katharine Garcia (Dorset County Council & Weymouth & Portland Borough Council), Jess Tilley (Dorset Wildlife Trust) and Geoff Peters (National Coastwatch Institution)

#### **1227 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Matthews declared non-pecuniary interests in Weymouth College and The Journey project.

#### **1228 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

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

#### **1229 – MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

#### **1230 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Vincent raised an issue of fly-tipping at Grove Corner.

#### **1231 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Andy Matthews reported that the Working Group was going through the public's comments from the informal consultation and making corresponding adjustments, in some cases of strategic importance. They were also working on a paper concerning development boundaries. At the moment there was still some uncertainty about grant provision in the new financial year, but further information should become available in April.

#### **1232 – PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

There were no further updates for the present.

#### **1233 – PORTLAND RESILIENCE PLAN**

**RESOLVED** – that the report in the agenda paper be received. It was requested that this be debated further at the next meeting.

## **1234 – LITTER**

### **a) Clean-up at the Grove**

This would take place on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### **b) General Complaints**

The complaint had been submitted by a visitor concerning litter at Cheyne Weares. Points that were noted were that a camper van had been parking there overnight, the financial implications if the site were to be policed regularly, the effect of the wind in blowing litter across the site, the cost of providing more litter bins and emptying them, and the need for more litter-picking events.

## **1235 – FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PARTNERSHIP**

Suggestions at the meeting included the provision of more presentations, invitations to other organisations, reports to be provided by member groups.

Jane White advised that the Crown Estate employs a litter-picker for certain areas on the Island.

## **1236 – EVENTS DIARY**

Cllr. Wild advised that the local library now keeps a diary of events taking place on the Island. Apparently this is a manual record at present, but it was suggested that it might be extended to electronic form, perhaps on the Council's own website.

## **1237 – FLOOD WARDEN NEWSLETTER**

In the absence of the Assistant Clerk this item was deferred.

## **1238 – DORSET COAST FORUM**

Further to the report included with the agenda Andy Matthews reported briefly on the Coastal Communities Fund. Jane White advised of two beach clean-ups on 11<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## **1239 – STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS (by exception)**

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

A letter had been received about damage to hedgerows on the Southwell school site. Cllr. Grieve advised that a dry-stone wall by the Weston Scout Hall had been repaired.

### **e) Cycle Paths**

Andy Matthews said there was an economic case for a cycle path in the vicinity of the Port. However the newly-erected fence there constituted an obstacle to establishing one. Cllr. Flack and Wild undertook to raise this at a meeting with Port officials.

## **1240 – ADDITIONAL ITEM: TOURISM**

Mike Deadman reported that the Tourist Centre would soon be launching the Portland Passport for its third year with an increased number of participants. A place had been booked at the Rutland Bird Fair in September, a fruitful event for attracting visitors to the Island.

Partnership members were also notified of the Court Leet's disbursement scheme.

**1241 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 **(both cancelled)**, starting at 7.00 pm, to be held at Portland Community Venue, Three Yards Close, Portland.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date .....