

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2018
AT EASTON METHODIST HALL, EASTON

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Ray Nowak (Chairman), Jo Atwell, Sue Cocking, Charlie Flack, Chris Gover, Jim Draper, David Thurston, Sandra West, Rod Wild, Tim Gomm and Rob Hughes.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Baker (WPBC), Andy Matthews (Neighbourhood Plan Working Group) and four members of the public.

3766. Chairman's Welcome

Cllr. Nowak welcomed all to the meeting and advised of fire precautions at the hall.

3767. Prayers

The Mayor's Chaplain led the meeting in prayer.

3768. Apologies for Absence

Cllr's Reynolds, Symes and Lees sent apologies along with Cllr. Garcia (DCC) and Cllr. Wheller (WPBC).

3769. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

3770. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19th September 2018

These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3771. Minute Update and Matters Arising

Cllr. Atwell requested an update on the request for additional Christmas lighting at Straits (3760).

The Clerk confirmed the letter had been sent and was awaiting a reply.

3772. Democratic Public Half Hour Open Forum

There were no questions.

3773. Chairman's Update

The Chairman presented Cllr's Gomm and Hughes with their Councillor's badges. It also confirmed that a meeting had been held with DCC regarding taking verge grass cutting on the Island. The Council will await a proposition from them.

3774. Town Mayor's Announcements

Cllr. Flack updated the Council on the Mayor's activities during the past month. A full list can be found at Annex C.

3775. Receive written reports from Borough and County Councillors

There were no written reports received.

3776. Financial Matters

a) Payments for Authorisation

The Clerk presented payments for authorisation and approval.

The list can be found at Annex A.

This was unanimously approved

b) 2018/19 Financial Report to 30th September 2018

The Clerk confirmed, at this point, the budget was well within Precept.

The list can be found at Annex B.

This was approved as a true and accurate statement of finances.

3777. Portland Community Venue (PCV) update

Cllr. Cocking updated the Council on the PCV activities during the past month. A full update can be found at Annex D.

3778. Appointment of New Town Clerk

The Chairman confirmed that 15 applications had been received. A short list of 5 candidates was drawn up.

The Chairman was happy to announce that Mrs Karon McFarlane was chosen and had accepted the position. She will start on 05th November 2018.

Cllr. Thurston wished to express a deep gratitude for all the hard work and endeavours of the Interim Town Clerk.

3779. Local Government Reorganisation update

All Councillors had received a proposal for the LGR bid.

It was suggested this would be a generic ask and a more specific request be submitted at a later date.

The proposal can be found at Annex E.

This proposal was unanimously supported by the Council.

3780. Exclusion of Press & Public (discretionary)

There were no matters to discuss.

3781. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 14th November 2018 at the Easton Methodist Church Hall, Easton at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended 19.45 hours.

Signed Dated.....
Chairman