

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
28th AUGUST 2013 7.30PM**

PRESENT:- Councillor Mrs. Cruse - in the Chair

Councillors: - Clark, Mrs. Koops, Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Philpot, Terry, McMurray & Walters

Staff: - Mrs J. Duffy, Clerk, RFO & Proper Officer to the Council

Public:- There was one member of the public present and two officers from North Somerset Council, Katie Young and John Painter.

RW1259 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)

There were two declarations of interest recorded in the Declaration of Interest Register.
Cllr. Mrs. Cruse & Mrs. Lord declared pecuniary interests in agenda item .7 Portishead Youth Centre. Exemption has previously been granted on this interest.

APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)

Councillors: - Cllrs. Burden and Pasley gave their apologies.

RW1260 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)

Mr Harris addressed the meeting regarding Gertie Gales Allotments. There are two issues; the allotment committee should accept the £750 rent for the first year. The second issue is delaying the forming of a new committee. This would leave a whole year to negotiate maybe a reviewed or revised rent for the site. If no deal is reached what would happen to the land? Finally there is a statutory right for the Council to provide allotments, what would the Council consider doing with the Gertie Gales Allotment site. Mr Harris said that the Allotment Committee should move forward and accept the £750 and then leave the whole year before looking at what happens next.

RW1261 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL - PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET (Agenda item .4)

John Painter and Katie Young of North Somerset Council spoke about the proposals for the pedestrian crossing which forms part of the plans for the St. Peters School expansion. North Somerset Council is trying

to encourage parents to walk their children to school or just part of the way.

Ms Young mentioned the proposed charges at Roath Road car park. The meeting queried this fact and asked Ms Young to seek clarification and report back to the Town Council as it was their understanding that there would be no charges at this site.

Mr. Painter explained that plan A and plan B feature a number of options that can be used or disregarded as part of the proposal.

The Chairman invited members to comment on the options. The meeting discussed the closure of one of the pedestrian exits to the car park, the loss of the two staff car parking spaces to the front of the Folk Hall, the use of speed cushions and a raised table, the siting of the crossing further south and the 20mph speed limit.

The meeting was advised that the scheme would be paid for by North Somerset Council via S.106 monies, however the Town Council might be asked to contribute towards 'optional extra's', e.g. cycle stands.

Mr. Painter and Ms Young will review the Committees suggestions and produce a new plan, for review.

RECOMMENDATION that:-

The Town Council requests that the northerly pedestrian exit to the car park remains open, the staff parking spaces are retained, the number of zigzag lines at the crossing are reduced, there should be no speed table or speed cushions, there is no requirement for additional cycle stands. The Town Council is in favour of an extension to the High Streets 20 mph speed limit and the addition of disabled parking bays in the car park on the proviso that there will be no overall loss of spaces. The siting of the zebra crossing should be as far south as possible within the constraints of the current road layout.

RW1262 TO REVIEW THE FINAL VERSIONS OF THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS COVERING PORTISHEAD. (Agenda item 5.)

The meeting discussed the final version of the parking restrictions covering the Portishead area.

Recommendation that:-

The Town Council has no objections to the following double yellow lines proposals:

Harbour Road, St. Mary's Park Road, Church Road South, Down Road, Downleaze/Manor Close junction, Friary Road/West Hill/Channel View Road and Link Road

The Town Council objects to the proposal for Old Mill Road and believes it should be left as it is, as parking spaces are required within this area.

RW1263 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WYNDHAM WAY TOILETS (Agenda item .6)

The Clerk explained that the office is now in receipt of the lease from North Somerset Council for the Wyndham Way toilets. She advised the meeting that to date North Somerset Council have been unable to find the title deed for the site. The Clerk will convert the lease documents to PDF format and circulate a copy to the Council. All comments relating to the lease should be given to the Clerk by Thursday 5th September 2013.

The Clerk has spoken to Danfo; they have received the Town Council's order and will be programming the job into their schedule. They will be manufacturing the in-built toilets regardless of the title deed issue.

The Clerk was asked to double check whether planning permission is required for the redevelopment of the toilet.

RW1264 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE YOUTH CENTRE DEED OF TRANSFER AND LEASE (Agenda item .7)

The Clerk confirmed that the Town Council's solicitor has been on holiday and to date no final version of the lease has been received. There have been various meetings between NSC, the Youth Centre and the Town Council. John Bird of North Somerset Council has continued to schedule work on the Youth Centre Building and deal with the issues raised in the Building Surveyors report.

The Town Council received a quote from the Surveyors to re-look at the work carried out by NSC on the Youth Centre building, the quote was for £900. The Clerk made the decision not to progress the surveying work due to the high cost. Another meeting has been arranged for the 6th Sept with NSC to discuss the next steps.

RW1265 TO REVIEW QUOTES FOR REPLACEMENT CURTAINS/BLINDS AT REDCLIFFE BAY HALL (Agenda item .8)

The meeting reviewed the report.

RECOMMENDATION that:-

The Town Council approves the quote B (ii) for the supply and installation of blinds to the Redcliffe Bay Hall at a cost of £1,150 + VAT.

RW1266 TO NOTE THE QUOTE FOR REPAIRS TO VARIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MAINTAINED PLAY AREAS

The meeting noted that works will be going ahead to replace various swing seats, shackles, bushes and chains at three different play areas. The Clerk explained that there is subsidence under the swings on Mead Road and this was being investigated by G B Sport and Leisure.

Cllr. Mrs. Cruse and Cllr. McMurray will accompany G B Sport & Leisure on their site visit.

RW1267 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON THE MEETING WITH PORTISHEAD FOOTBALL CLUB. (Agenda item .10)

Cllr. Mrs Cruse explained that only James Hughes was available to attend the meeting, along with Cllr. Mrs. Philpot, Cllr. Walters, herself and the Clerk. An amicable frank discussion took place. The working party provided plenty of suggestions for them to investigate, but made it clear that selling off the Town Council's land for housing is unlikely to be acceptable.

RW1268 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE MEETING WITH THE REDCLIFFE BAY SNOOKER CLUB TO DISCUSS THEIR LICENCE (Agenda item .11)

The Clerk gave a report on the meeting attended by Cllr. Burden and herself with three representatives from the Redcliffe Bay Snooker Club. The main outcome of the meeting was the clubs agreement to pay £160 per month for the snooker hall. The Club insisted that they would be unable to afford the proposed rent increase of £200 from April 2014.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Club were unhappy with the licence and would prefer not to have one at all.

RECOMMENDATION that:

The Chairman puts a recommendation to the next Council meeting based on the meeting with the Snooker Club.

RW1269 TO DISCUSS THE LAND AT THE RETREAT. (Agenda item .12)

The meeting noted the update.

RW1270 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON CAR PARKING IN PORTISHEAD (Agenda item .13)

There was nothing to discuss.

RW1271 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda item .14)

1. To receive updates on car parking in Portishead
2. To discuss Community Resilience – Cllr. Mrs Knights
3. To review the budget for the Redcliffe Bay Hall refurbishment works.

There were no further items submitted other than those stated.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm