

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL  
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:-** Councillor Mrs. Cruse - in the Chair

Councillors: - Burden, Clark, Cameron, Mrs. Koops, Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Philpot, & Terry

Non Attendance:- Cllrs: Mrs. Knight, Patel, Walker & Walters

Staff: - Mrs. Jo Duffy Clerk to the Council

Public:- There were no members of the public present

**RW1308 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)**

There were two declarations of interest recorded in the Declaration of Interest Register.

Cllr. Mrs. Cruse declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item .13 Portishead Youth Centre. Exemption has previously been granted on this interest.

Cllr. Mrs. Lord declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item .13 Portishead Youth Centre. Exemption has previously been granted on this interest.

**APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)**

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

**RW1321 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**RW1322 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE LAND AT HORATIO HOUSE (Agenda item .4)**

The meeting discussed the failed application to nominate the land at Horatio House as an Asset of Community Value. The Clerk advised that the Council can re-submit as many applications as it likes, if new evidence becomes available.

Cllr. Mrs. Lord explained that North Somerset Council are in an invidious position because they are the owners and have decided that

they would like to build on the land. This means it is illogical for NSC to make a decision on the space as a piece of amenity land, as they will not realise its book value, if they tried to sell it. Cllr. Mrs. Lord asked that the Council waits for advice from SLCC to establish whether any other Council has found themselves in a similar situation and if there has been any redress.

Cllr. Clark asked why the trees on Piazza have been felled. The Clerk will investigate the reason and report back to the Council.

Cllr. Terry offered to investigate why the trees on the land adjacent to Horatio House have been felled.

**RW1323 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF REDCLIFFE BAY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Agenda item 5.)**

The meeting discussed the future of the Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee.

Cllr. Mrs. Koops explained that the Management Committee did not mind either way whether or not they were disbanded.

Cllr. Mrs. Cruse suggested that the Management Committee arrange their meetings at a mutually convenient time to enable the Council to provide Clerking provision.

The Chairman asked the meeting to give a show of hands whether they would like to keep the Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee and save on business rates of £2,048.85.

Three members voted for the motion and three members voted against. The Chairman gave the casting vote, to keep the Management Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

Portishead Town Council supports the running of Redcliffe Bay Hall with a Management Committee.

**RW1324 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE FURTHER REFURBISHMENT WORKS TO REDCLIFFE BAY HALL (Agenda item .6)**

The meeting noted the report. The Chairman moved the motion to continue with the works to update Redcliffe Bay Hall.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

The Town Council continues with the updating of Redcliffe Bay Hall.

**RW1325 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SNOOKER CLUB LICENCE AGREEMENT (Agenda item .7)**

The meeting agreed that the word 'Trustee' should be removed from the licence agreement and replaced with the word 'officer' (condition 12). The meeting raised concerns regarding the name on the licence 'Redcliffe Bay Hall Association – Snooker Section'. Members noted that no such organisation exists, only Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee. The meeting felt that the agreement should be with Redcliffe Bay Hall Snooker Club.

Cllr. Mrs. Koops raised concerns regarding the key policy and felt that the Town Council should replace the locks and re-issue the keys to the Snooker Club.

A vote was taken to approve the Licence Agreement with Redcliffe Bay Hall Snooker Club, with the following changes; the word 'Trustee' to change to 'Officer' and the name Redcliffe Bay Hall Association – Snooker Section, to change to Redcliffe Bay Hall Snooker Club, the majority were in favour of the proposal.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

Portishead Town Council approves the Licence Agreement with Redcliffe Bay Hall Snooker Club with the following changes; the word 'Trustee' to change to 'Officer' and the name Redcliffe Bay Hall Association – Snooker Section, to change to Redcliffe Bay Hall Snooker Club.

**RW1326 TO RESPOND TO A LETTER FROM MR. VINCENT REGARDING THE LAND ADJACENT TO No. 2 BRISTOL ROAD (Agenda item .8)**

The meeting discussed the request to purchase the land adjacent to No. 2 Bristol Road. It was noted that there is no public right of way across this strip of land, which forms part of the land leased to Portishead Football Club. The leased land is protected by a covenant and sits on the Greenbelt. Cllr. Terry pointed out that planning permission would be refused, even for a garden as it would form part of residential curtilage, which is contrary to greenbelt policy.

The Clerk advised that historically the Town Council has cleared the land adjacent to 2 Bristol Road. The Clerk was advised to seek out the lease with the Football Club and confirm whether the maintenance of this section falls under the conditions of the lease.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

The Recreation & Works Committee are not minded to sell the land adjacent to No. 2 Bristol Road.

**RW1327 TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING Wi-Fi INTO THE FOLK HALL BUILDING (Agenda item .9)**

The meeting discussed the installation of WiFi at the Folk Hall.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

Portishead Town Council introduces a wireless broadband system for the Main Hall and the top floor of the Folk Hall at a cost of £390 inc. VAT.

**RW1328 TO DISCUSS SPEEDING IN AVON WAY (Agenda item .10)**

The meeting reviewed the accident statistics on Avon Way and noted that the accidents listed did not appear to be due to speeding. Concerns were raised about the built out curb section at the junction of Slade Road and Avon Way. It was noted that the curb is a hazard to vehicles. The meeting asked for the justification of the built out curb on Avon Way. Cllr. Terry explained that the curb has been introduced following a very serious accident at the junction. Cllr. Mrs. Cruse advised the members that the Police have recently carried out speed checks on Avon Way.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

Justification is sought for the built out curb on Avon Way. The Town Council notes that the Police are carrying out speed enforcement checks on motorists along Avon Way.

**RW1329 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE PORTISHEAD CCTV (Agenda item .11)**

The meeting noted that the CCTV system is aging and the quality of the images may not be acceptable in court. The system requires significant investment and there is also the matter of capacity to monitor it. The Working Party will need to look into these issues and evaluate whether the system is effective and that the Council is getting good value for money.

**RW1330 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSAL TO SET UP A HEDGE MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH AUTO LINK GARAGE (Agenda item .12)**

The meeting noted the letter from Autolink Garages. The Clerk will seek quotes for the hedge to be reduced. The work will need to be undertaken outside the bird nesting season.

**RW1331 TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR LANDLORDS PERMISSION TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO THE BALL COURT FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF A GRANT PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE. (Agenda item .13)**

Cllr. Mrs. Cruse explained the background to the request for landlord's permission.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

Portishead Town Council grants Landlords permission to carry out refurbishment and upgrade works to the external multi sports area of Portishead Youth Centre.

**RW1332 TO DISCUSS THE LAND TO THE REAR OF THE RETREAT (Agenda .14)**

The meeting discussed the Davis's offer of £2,000 to purchase the land to the rear of the Retreat and Mr. Lewis's expression of interest in purchasing the land to the rear of The Retreat.

The Clerk explained that under the Local Government Act 1972, ss. 123, 126, 127, 127(1) and 131 the Town Council will be required to seek a valuation from the District Valuer. If the Council then decides to sell the land for less than its market value, it will need to seek consent from the Secretary of State. Furthermore the Council will need to advertise the disposal of the land in the local paper for two consecutive weeks and then consider any objections.

The Clerk recommended that the Council goes back to both interested parties and advises them that the Council would only consider selling the land if the purchaser pays for the land to be valued by the District Valuer and pays all their legal fees and costs.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

Portishead Town Council contacts both interested parties and advises them that the Council would only consider selling the land if the purchaser pays for the land to be valued by the District Valuer and pays all their legal fees and costs.

**RW1333 TO DISCUSS THE PAINTING OF THE RAILINGS ON THE CABSTAND JUNCTION (Agenda .15)**

The meeting noted that the railings are the property of the Highways Authorities and any work to the railings would need to be carried out by them.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

The Clerk is to write to North Somerset Council requesting the railings at the Cabstand Junction are re-painted in Portishead Blue paint, in time for the judging of the Britain in Bloom competition.

**RW1334 TO DISCUSS SPEEDING VEHICLES AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (Agenda .16)**

The Clerk confirmed that to date she has not yet received any correspondence from the Safer Portishead Action Group. Cllr. Terry mentioned that he has received correspondence from the group and offered to forward a copy of the email to the Clerk.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

This item was deferred for a cycle due to the lack of information.

**RW1335 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda .17)**

There were no items for the next meeting agenda, and there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.