

RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 22nd JUNE 2005

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Johnston, Mrs Mason, Miers, A McMurray, Fowles, Walters

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillors J S Clark, Gething, Mrs Lord, J McMurray, Pasley

RW616 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Mason

- Personal interest in Minute No. RW620 – Redcliffe Bay Hall
Reason – Member of Management Committee

Councillor Miers

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Declaration by members who serve on both the Town and District Council

Councillors Johnston and Walters stated that any views they expressed on matters to also be considered at North Somerset Council would be provisional and based on the facts currently known. He would be exercising his rights to reconsider the matter afresh when the matter went before North Somerset Council.

RW617 APPLICATIONS FOR A GRANT – PORTISHEAD TOWN BAND

The Committee were informed that Portishead Town Band had qualified for the finals of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain which were being held in Harrogate on 25th September and had submitted an application for a grant towards their travelling expenses.

Whilst the Committee were very supportive of the application and were delighted to hear of the Band's achievement, concerns were expressed about the lack of detail in the accounts that had been submitted.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Band be awarded a grant of £500 towards the cost of coach travel to Harrogate for the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. The grant to be paid in September 2005.

The Clerk was also asked to raise the matter of the accounts, informally, with the Town Band.

RW618 MEAD ROAD PLAY AREA

The Committee were informed that the play area inspector had reported that the slide at Mead Road Play area was in a poor condition and recommended that it be removed as a matter of urgency. The Clerk provided details of the two quotations received to replace the slide and associated safety surfacing, as follows –

Company A	£5,445
Company B	£5,800

Whilst the Committee agreed that the slide should be removed as a matter of urgency and preferably replaced before the summer holidays, it was also suggested that as there was space available an additional piece of equipment be provided. The Committee Chairman and Clerk were asked to investigate this further and report back to the Committee in due course.

RECOMMENDED that the slide and its safety surface at Mead Road play area be replaced urgently and the quotation of Company A be accepted.

RW619 2005/2006 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

The Committee were informed that due to last minute changes with the North Somerset Council grass cutting and grounds maintenance contract it had not been possible to obtain quotations for the Town Council's contract until mid-April. As this was much later than usual it had been necessary for the Clerk to arrange for the play areas and Flower Show Field to be cut on an ad-hoc basis whilst all the quotations received were formally considered.

In view of the necessity to place the contract as soon as possible the Chairman and Committee Chairman authorised the Clerk to accept the lowest tender in May 2005.

RECOMMENDED that the action of the Chairman, Committee Chairman and Clerk in placing the 2005/2006 grass cutting and grounds maintenance contract with the lowest tenderer, Wyevale, be endorsed.

Concerns however were expressed that the general standard of grass cutting and grounds maintenance, particularly edge strimming, in certain areas of the Town was quite poor. The Clerk was asked to forward the Committee's concerns to Mr Edser, North Somerset Council's Streets and Open Spaces Group Manager, and to monitor the Town Council's own contract closely.

RW620 REDCLIFFE BAY HALL – MAINTENANCE ISSUES

The Committee received a report from the Management Committee Administrator detailing a number of maintenance matters that were being considered –

- Provision of disabled car park – Advice and quotations being sought. It was noted that a preliminary application to Yansec for funding towards this project had been turned down.
- Replacement of rainwater gulleys, downpipes, bargeboards – quotations being sought
- Replacement of shiplap boarding – quotations being sought. The Committee asked that quotations also be obtained to replace the boarding with wood as well as uPVC.
- Screens – quotations being obtained.

The Committee noted that an application for funding towards these items would be submitted to the Council in due course. Councillor Mrs Bickley also suggested that funding towards the disabled car park could possibly be available from Community Action who had a small budget for transport related projects.

The Committee further noted that the work to replace the fluorescent fittings and stage pelmet had recently been completed and work to strip and re-seal the hall floor would be carried out in August. These items had been funded by the management committee.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

RW621 NORTH WESTON VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Councillor A McMurray reported that the project was slightly ahead of schedule and the roof tiles would be in place shortly. However, whilst North Somerset Council had programmed the zebra crossing for October a few complications had arisen in respect of the proposed dual-use of the cemetery car park. A meeting was being held to discuss the matter with the cemetery manager and senior planning officer on 4th July 2005.

It was also agreed that the July meeting of the Committee should consider arrangements for the official opening of the hall and how it was going to be managed in the future.

RW622 ADDITIONAL ITEM REPORTED BY THE CHAIRMAN

Portishead Youth Centre – The Chairman informed the Committee that as a number of changes to the Youth Centre refurbishment project were being considered the Youth Centre Manager was being invited to attend the July meeting of the committee in order to update members.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm