

## RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

### REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2002

**PRESENT** Councillor Mrs Bickley – in the Chair

Councillor J S Clark, Mrs Haysom, J Johnston, M Johnston, Mrs Mason, Palmer, Pasley, Pickering

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

**APOLOGIES** Councillor Mrs Cruse

#### **RW448 REVIEW OF FOLK HALL HIRING CHARGES**

Members were reminded that in setting the budget and precept requirement for 2002/2003 the Town Council had agreed that hiring charges for accommodation at the Folk Hall be increased by 5%.

RECOMMENDED that hiring charges be set as follows with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2002 –

Main Hall – up to 6.00pm	£6.80/hr
6pm to 10pm	£10.50/hr
10pm to midnight	£14.20/hr
Fedden/Reynolds Rooms	£2.65/hr (2hr min.charge - £5.30)
Eve Wigan Room	£5.25/hr
Use of kitchen for light refreshments	No charge
Use of kitchen for full catering	£17.00 per session
Commercial Rate (Hall)	£20.00/hr

#### **RW449 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS**

##### **(a) Nailsea and District Community Transport**

The Committee agreed that a grant should be made but were divided as to the amount and

RECOMMENDED that the application be determined by the Town Council.

##### **(b) North Somerset Mencap Summer Playscheme for 8-18 year olds**

RECOMMENDED that North Somerset Mencap be awarded a grant of £300 towards the 2002 Summer Playscheme for 8-18 year olds.

**(c) Portishead Community Safety Action Team**

Councillors Mrs Bickley, M Johnston and Pasley each declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead Community Safety Action Team be awarded a grant of £350 towards the publication of a newsletter.

Some members further commented that other organisations should also be approached for support.

**(d) Portishead in Bloom**

Councillor J Johnston declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead in Bloom Committee be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the 2002 planting scheme.

The Clerk was asked to thank the Portishead in Bloom Committee for all their hard work in making the High Street so attractive

**RW450 NORTH SOMERSET NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION – DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR FUNDING**

Further to Minute No. RW413(d), the committee now received a letter from the Chairman of the North Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association asking the Council to reconsider its decision to refuse their application for funding towards the District Co-ordinator post. The Committee were reminded that this amounted to £525, based on £0.03 per head of population.

During the ensuing discussion, members raised a number of points and asked for the application to be deferred to enable additional information to be sought.

RECOMMENDED that the Chairman of the North Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association, Mr I Sheppard, be asked to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2002 meeting of the Recreation and Works Committee.

**RW451 EASTWOOD, PORTISHEAD**

The Committee received a letter from Portishead Conservation Area Advisory Group asking if the Council would consider providing dog waste bins at Eastwood. The Group's offer to fund half the capital cost was noted and welcomed.

The Clerk reported that she had discussed the matter with North Somerset Council Parks Manager who had confirmed that there was currently no funding available for additional dog waste bins to be provided in the District. However, North Somerset Council would provide the administrative support should the Town Council provide the bins themselves. Members noted that

three bins would cost approximately £150 and there would be an annual revenue cost of approximately £450 for emptying.

During the ensuing discussion members acknowledged the requirement for dog waste bins in Eastwood and commented, in particular, that Eastwood is owned by North Somerset Council and in similar situations, where the Town Council provide grit bins and litter bins on public land, North Somerset Council cover the revenue cost.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council, jointly with the Conservation Area Advisory Group, provide three dog waste bins for Eastwood, Portishead, subject to North Somerset Council agreeing to accept responsibility for the revenue cost.

## **RW452 PORTISHEAD APPROACH GOLF COURSE AND PORTISHEAD LAKE GROUNDS**

Councillors Haysom and Pasley each declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter.

Councillor Mrs Bickley informed the Committee that invitations to tender for the future management of the Approach Golf Course and Lake Grounds had now been issued by North Somerset Council. Councillor Mrs Bickley also confirmed that a representative of the Town Council had been invited to attend presentations by the short-listed applicants. In order to assist with the selection and evaluation process the Committee were now asked for their views on the proposed management contracts.

During the ensuing discussion the following points and comments were made –

### **Golf Course**

- Plan accompanying tender documentation indicates area to be managed includes coastal footpath – is this correct?
- Who will be responsible for boundary fencing on Nore Road?
- Contractor needs to be aware of conflict between golfers and walkers on the coastal footpath.
- Could the line of the sewage pipe be retained as a “wild” area?
- Area 2 on the Plan indicates that this is the car park for the golf course but it is in fact used as the car park for the Windmill Public House (formerly Hole in One). Car parking and the existing one-way access and exit are not mentioned in the document. The relationship between the car park, the golf course and public house needs to be established.
- Would suggest that the golf course opens earlier than 9.00am on summer weekends.
- Contractor needs to be aware that any development at the golf course must be sympathetic to the adjacent listed building.

## **Lake Grounds**

- Part of the area to be managed is in a Conservation area.
- The public toilets must be open all year round and until dusk in the summer.
- We would wish to see either the putting green or 'pitch & putt' course retained, and perhaps developed appropriately ie crazy golf.
- Any development must be in accordance with the Town Council's Strategy for the Lake Grounds which was produced in 1996. We are particularly concerned about inappropriate development which could cause extra disturbance to local residents.
- We would encourage a restaurant facility.
- We would not wish to see external advertising on any of the buildings.
- Polystyrene packaging must not be allowed in the café.
- Any paintwork should be in 'Portishead Blue'
- Proper provision must be made for maintenance of the childrens play area.
- The contractor needs to be aware that the Lake Grounds are liable to flooding.
- We would like to see the reintroduction of skiffs on the Lake.
- We would suggest that the small wooded area (junction of Esplanade Road/Lake Road) and island in the Lake be managed by Avon Wildlife Trust.

The Clerk was asked to clarify certain of the above points with North Somerset Council before the Town Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2002.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm