

RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 25th JUNE 2008

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse - in the Chair

Councillors Hazelton, Howells, Mrs Mason, McMurray, Miss Stanley, Walker, Walters, Mrs Way

APOLOGIES Councillors Cruse, Mrs Knight, Mrs Lord, Miers, Pasley

One member of the public was present - Mr Tony Mosely, Chairman of the Portishead Skateboard Project.

RW 788 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Mason

- Personal interest in Minute No RW 791 Redcliffe Bay Hall
Reason – Member of Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee

Councillor Mrs Way

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

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

Clerk's Note: With the agreement of the Committee the agenda order was amended to accommodate the member of the public present.

RW 789 PORTISHEAD SKATEBOARD PROJECT

The present position was reviewed.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council writes to North Somerset Council -

- a) to reiterate its support and the considerable public support for a skateboard in Portishead; and
- b) to state that it considers that Kilkenny Field is still its preferred site and asks North Somerset Council to write and explain why it considers the site unacceptable and to suggest acceptable alternatives.

RW 790 PROVISION OF GOAL POSTS AT MEAD ROAD PLAY AREA

The Committee agreed that the goal posts should be replaced with suitable

ones but was not sure exactly what was required. It viewed the quotations given. It was also noted that there was other remedial work needed.

RECOMMENDED that the Ward Councillors consult local opinion and decide the most appropriate goal posts and arrange with the staff to have them installed and that up to a maximum of £1,500 be allocated for this work.

RW 791 REDCLIFFE BAY HALL

- a) After explanation of the problems with the present flooring the Committee agreed that the work needed doing.

RECOMMENDED that the sum of not exceeding £2,000 be allocated to the Redcliffe Bay Management Committee to remedy the floor.

- b) After reviewing the current letting at the hall the Committee agreed with the proposal in the report.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council support the Chairman and Clerk/RFO's emergency action in agreeing to assume responsibility for the payment of Redcliffe Bay Hall staff salaries for a few months until the Hall's cash flow improves. This agreement to be reviewed by the Clerk/RFO on a monthly basis.

RW 792 PORTISHEAD RADIO STATION – RADIO CONSOLE

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council supports in principle the proposal to return the Radio Station Console to Portishead eventually for public display.

RW 793 RENOVATIONS TO THE FOLK HALL

The Committee agreed that the works should be carried out.

RECOMMENDED that the proposals of the Working party be accepted and

1. The Chairman inspect the quotations to replace the main hall radiator system and bring a recommendation to Town Council on which one to accept.
2. A specification be drawn up and quotations obtained for the following –

Exterior Works – Painting fascias and soffits, removal of redundant flagpole, works to alleviate damp in bay windows in Fedden Room and Office, including re-mortaring if necessary and sealing brickwork.

Reynolds Room – investigate damp perminating through wall from fire escape fixing.
3. Quotations be obtained for the following electrical work –

Remove redundant fire in Fedden Room
Replace lighting with VDU compliant lighting
Extend fire alarm and upgrade smoke/fire detectors to mains powered and interlink with main fire alarm in Office, Reynolds Room, Eve Wigan Room and Members Room.

4. Quotations be obtained for a suitable floor covering for the Fedden Room. (*Note – in view of the uses of this room carpet may not be the most suitable and other coverings will be investigated and the views of our long term caretaker be obtained*).

5. Quotations be obtained to –

Replace door to office (lobby entrance) with 30 minute fire resistance door and fit with smoke seals and door closer.

Replace Eve Wigan external fire-escape door.

Provide a new safe as suggested by our internal auditor. This safe probably to be located in the room behind the kitchen.

The Committee accepted the view that the office floor is adequate at present according to the Report of the Structural Engineer.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

