

RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2002

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, J S Clark, J Johnston, M Johnston, Pickering, Walters, Whitfield

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillors Mrs Haysom, Mason, Palmer

RW478 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

RW479 RELOCATION OF DISABLED TOILET AND OTHER ALTERATIONS

Further to Minute No. RW477 members now received sketch plans showing a proposed layout for the ground floor and three alternative layouts for the first floor. A basic budgetary costing of £25,250 was also provided.

A lengthy discussion ensued with the following matters being considered –

Ground Floor

- Realigning wall between ladies and gents toilet to give a more efficient use of space at an additional cost of approximately £1,000
- Fedden Room - removal of step, redundant fireplace and redecoration to be considered at a later date.
- The option to widen the corridor was not supported.

First Floor

- The importance of maximising amount of space in the Town Council office
- Desirability of retaining a unisex toilet for public use
- The creation of a new lobby and entrance to the Reynolds Room was considered to be a more efficient use of space – additional cost approximately £3,250.
- Reynolds Room – it was agreed that provision be made in the 2003/2004 budget for the work required, to include new window, external door, damp proofing and redecoration.
- Staff toilet to be accessible from lobby

Second Floor

- Boxing in Eve Wigan Room to be removed, if possible, at an approximate cost of £500.

General

- The suggestion that a fire alarm system be installed in the building was not supported at this time.

Members were asked to let the Clerk have any further ideas as soon as possible to enable Plans to be drawn up prior to the Council meeting on 9th October.

Sketches of the preferred ideas are attached to and form part of these minutes.

RW480 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL – PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Committee were informed that North Somerset Council had asked if Town and Parish Councils would like to take on responsibility for certain public conveniences in their area. The Committee noted that there were four public conveniences in Portishead and these had been categorised as follows –

Wyndham Way	Strategic (supported by NSC)
West Hill	Local (local demand only)
Lake Grounds	Tourist (part of concessionaire agreement)
Golf Course	Tourist (part of concessionaire agreement)

A number of comments were made during the ensuing discussion –

- West Hill public convenience should also be categorised as Strategic as it is the only convenience at the top end of the town and better location signage should be provided.
- The public convenience at the open air swimming pool should be re-opened.
- Additional public conveniences are required at the lock-end of the marina and at the southern-end of Portishead High Street.

RECOMMENDED that North Somerset Council be informed that –

1. The Town Council do not wish to take on responsibility for the public conveniences in their area.
2. The Town Council considers that the West Hill toilet should be categorised as Strategic and therefore should be supported by North Somerset Council.
3. The Town Council would like the following additional facilities to be provided –
 - Re-opening the public convenience at the open-air swimming pool
 - New public convenience at the lock-end of the marina
 - New public convenience at the southern-end of Portishead High Street, possibly as part of the redevelopment of the Albert Road depot.

RW481 NORTH WESTON VILLAGE HALL – IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor M Johnston, as Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, informed members that a number of improvements were required at the Hall –

- New front door, 2 front windows and notice board £310
- New sign £300
- Cutting back overgrown brambles £40
- Purchase of secondhand cooker and new kettle £80
- Painting of footway guardrail £20

RECOMMENDED that the above works be carried out in the current financial year.

RW482 NOTICE BOARDS

Further to Minute No. RW472, members now received details of the quotation received for replacement notice boards for Redcliffe Bay Post Office and the Folk Hall, members agreeing with the Clerk's suggestion that the smaller board at the Folk Hall be relocated to North Weston Village Hall.

RECOMMENDED that

1. The quotation of £1,494.40 + anticipated installation charge of £100 be accepted for the provision of 2 stainless steel Silvercases notice boards to be installed at the Redcliffe Bay Post Office and the Folk Hall, in replacement of notice boards currently at those locations.
2. The detail of the name plates to be decided following the decision on the Motion to Council to be put before the 9th October 2002 meeting of the Town Council.

RW483 TOWN COUNCIL SHIELDS

The Clerk reported that the supply of Town Council Shields purchased in 1995 had been used and asked if a further supply should be obtained. A quotation of £14.80 each + delivery had been obtained from the original manufacturer.

RECOMMENDED that

1. A further 10 shields be purchased at a cost of £14.80 each + delivery.
2. The detail of the name plate to be decided following the decision on the Motion to Council to be put before the 9th October 2002 meeting of the Town Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm