

RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2005

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, J S Clark, Mrs Lord, Mrs Mason,
Miers, Pasley, Rigby, Walters

APOLOGIES Councillors Fowles, Johnston

RW641 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Mason

- Personal interest in RW644 Redcliffe Bay Management Committee
Reason – Member of Management Committee

Councillor Miers

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

Councillor Walters 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.

RW642 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL – LOCAL BUS CONTRACT SERVICE REVIEW

Concern was raised about the high subsidy cost per passenger on the bus services 695 and the X24

RECOMMENDED that

1. The Town Council supports the continuing subsidy of these four services, 660, 692, 695 and X24.
2. Further promotion of the 695 and the X24 is necessary to increase public awareness.
3. The 695 route needs to enter The Ashlands as soon as possible.
4. North Somerset Council to be asked to ensure they promote the X24 links with on-going services to North Bristol.

RW643 COMMUNICATION WORKING PARTY

The Committee now received a report from the Communications Working Party and

RECOMMENDED that

1. Three notice-boards are purchased after April 2006 and a sum of £4,500 is allocated in the 2006-7 budget.

(Central Park, Port Marine and the Lakegrounds were also put forward as suitable sites for new boards).
2. A working party for communications is formed at the Annual Meeting in May, consisting of at least 3 councillors, including the retiring Chairman, and the Clerk. Its role will be to take responsibility for all general communications with residents, subject to factual and legal compliance by the Clerk.
3. The articles in the Portishead Paper should continue after May 2006 with the existing budget allocation.
4. The web-site should continue, with its current budget allocation. There will be a demand on the office to keep the formal Council information (minutes etc) up-to-date, and to respond to the 'hotmail' line.
5. Enquiries should be made with regard the availability of Broadband to the Town Council.
6. The Council should publish one page in the North Somerset Times, 4 times per year, in the year beginning April 2006. A sum of £1,700 should be allocated for this in the 2006-7 budget, and there should be a recognition that some office time will be needed.

RW644 REDCLIFFE BAY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee discussed an application made by the Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee to purchase screens and tables for the Redcliffe Bay Hall.

Recommended that

The Town Council approve the purchase of both the following items and to donate them to the Management Committee.

- i. Screens £553.80
- ii. Tables £179.90

RW645 RELOCATION OF OLD NOTICE BOARD

The Committee discussed several options for re-siting the Town Council notice board recovered earlier this year from outside the Queens Road Post Office. Two locations were suggested –

1. Methodist Church Site, Queens Road, Portishead, and
2. Little Halt/Down Road.

RECOMMENDED that

Ward Councillors investigate both sites and make the decision re a new location.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.