

RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2008

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Cameron, Hazelton, Howells*, Mrs Lord, Miss Stanley, Walters, Wright**

*Arrived at 7.40pm, prior to Minute No. 773

**Arrived at 7.50pm during consideration of Minute No. 773

APOLOGIES Councillors Mrs Knight, McMurray, Miers, Pasley, Way

RW770 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Cruse

- Personal interest in Minute No. RW773 North Weston Allotment Site
Reason – Husband allotment plot holder
- Personal interest in Minute No. RW774 Portishead Youth Centre
Reason – Chairman of Youth Centre Management Committee

Councillor Mrs Mason

- Personal interest in Minute No. RW775 Hall Terms and Conditions of Hire
Reason – Member of Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee

Councillor Walters

- Personal interest in Minute No. RW773 North Weston Allotment Site
Reason – Allotment plot holder

Councillor Wright

- Personal interest in Minute No. RW772 Application for a grant from Portishead Bowling Club
Reason – Member of Bowling Club
- Personal interest in Minute No. RW774 Portishead Youth Centre
Reason – Member of Youth Centre Management Committee

RW771 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Committee.

RW772 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

(a) Portishead Activity Week

Members noted that this was the 4th year the Activity Week had been organised and that it had now developed into a residential course for fourteen young people.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead Activity Week 2008 be awarded a grant of £500.

(b) Association of Portishead Bowling Clubs

Members noted that, following on from the success of the Teenage Bowling League, the Bowling Club were now actively engaged in teaching younger, primary school age, children to play bowls.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead Bowling Club be awarded a grant of £275 towards the purchase of small sized bowls for use by the younger children.

RW773

NORTH WESTON ALLOTMENT SITE

The Committee received a request from the Allotment Committee for landlord's permission to extend the current water supply and install water troughs and to erect sheds on the site. Each item was dealt with separately.

(a) Extension of water supply and installation of water troughs

The Committee noted that the Allotment Committee would meet the cost of the water troughs if the Council would cover the cost of the water supply extension and trough installation. After receiving clarification on the specification and the quotations received the Committee

RECOMMENDED that

- (1) The Council agree to fund the cost of the extension to the water supply and trough installation and the quotation of Company A, in the sum of £2,300, be accepted for this work.
- (2) Allotment rents be increased in order to recoup this cost over a 5 year period.

The Clerk confirmed that rents were due to be reviewed with effect from 1st April 2009.

(b) Provision of Sheds

The Committee noted that, in accordance with the current planning permission for the site, only one shed was allowed. The Allotment Committee however were now seeking landlords permission to pursue an application for planning permission to erect additional sheds as the one shed was not big enough for all plot holders to use. In addition, if plot holders were able to have their own sheds equipment could be stowed away securely and plot holders would have somewhere to shelter during times of sudden inclement weather.

RECOMMENDED that the Allotment Committee be granted landlord's permission to pursue a planning application to erect sheds on the North Weston Allotment site.

RW774 PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE

Further to Minute No. RW725 Members now received a letter from the Youth Centre confirming that tender documents were currently being drawn up and it was anticipated that builders would be on site to commence the Phase 1 redevelopment works in mid-July. The Youth Centre had also enquired what additional information the Council required to enable the first £50,000 of the already agreed grant to be released.

The Clerk confirmed that the Council had previously passed a resolution stating that the funding would be released to North Somerset Council once the building contract had been signed. She also reminded members that there was still an outstanding legal issue in respect of safeguarding the future use of the site for services for children and young people (Minute No. RW725 refers). It was still unclear whether a new lease would be required or if a Deed of Variation to the existing lease would suffice.

RECOMMENDED that the Youth Centre and North Somerset Council be informed that the first £50,000 of the Town Council's agreed grant would be released to North Somerset Council when –

1. It is confirmed in writing to the Town Council that the building contract has been signed.
2. Continuation of the site for youth purposes is legally secured.

RW775 FOLK HALL, NORTH WESTON VILLAGE HALL & REDCLIFFE BAY HALL – UPDATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HIRE

The Clerk reported that there had been significant changes to various items of legislation during the last few years which had a direct impact on the terms and conditions of hire of the three halls. The changes came under the general headings of health and safety, fire safety and insurance.

Following advice received from NALC/ALCA, Community Action and the Town Council's insurance company a new Terms and Conditions of Hire document had been drawn up, a copy of which was circulated.

RECOMMENDED that the updated Terms and Conditions of Hire document, as circulated, be APPROVED.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm