

RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY 2005

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Fowles, Johnston, Mrs Lord, Mrs Mason, A McMurray, Rigby, Walters

APOLGIES Councillor J McMurray, Miers

RW623 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Bickley

- Personal interest in RW 626 Flower Show Field
Reason – Committee Member of Portishead Horticultural Society

Councillor Johnston

- Personal Interest in RW 625 Application for a Grant
Reason – Member of the Gordano Society

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

Councillors Johnston and Walters stated that any views they expressed on matters to also be considered at North Somerset Council would be provisional and based on the facts currently known. They would be exercising their rights to reconsider the matter afresh when the matter went before North Somerset Council.

RW624 NORTH WESTON VILLAGE HALL

(a) Internal fixtures

It was noted that the North Area Committee has awarded a grant of £3,000 to be used for purchasing ‘fittings’ for the hall. A further list of items required for the hall to operate will need to be drawn up. A discussion followed with various suggestions. The main requirements being –

- New chairs, (priority over new tables)
- Storage for the Knitting Club and Brownies
- Fire extinguishers
- Hearing Loop system
- Storage space for tables and chairs.

Decisions will also need to be made at a later date for the type of window coverings/blinds needed.

It was also suggested that a grant application be made to YANSEC.

Members also discussed the need for a new Entertainment Licence and asked that The Clerk contact North Somerset Council to arrange for this.

(b) Future Management

It was agreed that members would wish to see the management committee run along similar lines to the existing Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee. The committee to consist of 3 councillors and one representative from each major use group. Also an administrator would be required.

Funding would need to be put into the Town Council's budget but this would not be possible until April 2006. This raised the question of whether the hall's administration and bookings etc could be carried out by the office in the interim period. A cleaner/caretaker would also be required to coincide with the opening.

(c) Arrangements for Official Opening

The committee agreed that Friday, 11th November 2005, should be the official opening date. An invitation to be sent to The Rector to attend the official opening and to celebrate the reinstatement of the War Memorial.

It was also suggested that the hall should have a number of 'open days' before the official opening. These 'open days' would also enable a further consultation with residents on the revised position of the zebra crossing. The new position is to avoid the unloading area necessary outside the hall.

(d) Building Update

The working party reported that a meeting had taken place on 20th July, 2005, with representatives from North Somerset Highways and Cemetery officers. The Cemetery officers were still supportive of dual-use of the car park within the cemetery. The Town Council needs to put together a document to support the need for dual-use.

It was noted that the request for the zebra crossing had not yet been submitted to the legal department.

On a slightly different note staff from the Weston Cemetery will be carrying out maintenance work within Portishead Cemetery on 10 August 2005 and an invitation has been extended to any councillors and residents who wish to attend.

RECOMMEND that the official opening of the North Weston Hall should be Friday, 11th November 2005. Also

RECOMMEND that the North Weston Village Hall working party note and investigate further the points raised by the committee.

RW625

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

RECOMMENDED that the Gordano Society be awarded a grant of £140 representing half of the total cost of a replacement plaque on the mill-stone at the White Lion Public House. The grant to be paid in October 2005.

RW626 FLOWER SHOW FIELD

RECOMMEND that the quotation of £2,995 to replace the stock fence bordering the industrial site and agricultural field be accepted.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS REPORTED BY THE CHAIRMAN

**RW627 ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES
PORTISHEAD HIGH STREET ORDER
PORTISHEAD LAKEGROUNDS ORDER
PORTISHEAD GORDANO SCHOOL ORDER**

There was general agreement by members that the orders were a good move – however it is important that the maps and the descriptions match, otherwise prosecutions could be in jeopardy.

RECOMMEND that in view of the short time-scale allowed for a response the Assistant Clerk and Planning Chairman forward a positive response including amendments to the maps and location descriptions.

**RW628 STREET NAMING
FORMER BRACKENWOOD GARDENS CENTRE SITE**

A request at short notice for a new street name for the former Brackenwood Garden Centre site at Nore Road, Portishead has been received from North Somerset Land Charges.

RECOMMEND the name Brackenwood Gardens be forwarded to North Somerset Council Land Charges.

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