

RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2007

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse - in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, J S Clark, Howells, Mrs Lord, *Pasley, Mrs Mason, Miers, Miss Way, Walters

Mr Louis Hauser - NSC Contracts Officer in attendance at Wyndham Way only
Mr Tim Blasdale - NSC Principal Youth Officer

*Councillor Pasley arrived after Minute RW725

APOLOGIES Councillors Gething, Johnston

RW723 SITE VISIT – PUBLIC CONVENIENCES, CO-OP CAR PARK, WYNDHAM WAY

Members met Mr Louis Hauser, NSC Contracts Officer, at the public conveniences in the Co-op Car Park to consider concerns that have been raised about their condition.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hauser for attending the site meeting.

The meeting reconvened at the Folk Hall.

RW724 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Bickley

- Personal interest in Minute RW727 -
Grant for Portishead Horticultural Society
Reason - Member of Portishead Horticultural Society Committee

Councillor J S Clark

- Personal interest in Minute RW725 -
Portishead Youth Centre Development
Reason – Member of the Management Committee
- Personal Interest in Minute RW729 –
Bus Shelter on Weatherly Drive
Reason – resident requesting bus shelter is neighbour

Councillor Mrs Cruse

- Personal interest in Minute RW725 -
Portishead Youth Centre Development
Reason –Chairman of Management Committee

- Personal interest in Minute RW727 -
Grant for Portishead Horticultural Society
Reason - Portishead Horticultural Society Patron

Councillor Mrs Lord

- Personal interest in Minute RW725 -
Portishead Youth Centre Development
Reason – Member of Fund Raising Committee
- Personal interest in Minute RW730
Bandstand at Lake Grounds
Reason - See/hear bandstand from home property

Councillor Miss Way

- Personal interest in Minute RW727 -
Grant for Portishead Horticultural Society
Reason - Member of Portishead Horticultural Society Committee

Councillor Walters

- Personal interest in Minute RW727 -
Grant for Portishead Horticultural Society
Reason - Member of Portishead Horticultural Society Committee

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

Councillors 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.

RW725

PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

Mr Tim Blasdale gave details to the Committee of a report presented to the Youth Centre Management Committee. This report has now gone before the Capital Board at North Somerset Council.

Mr Blasdale advised the Committee of a number of points –

- Sufficient funds are now available for Phase I and savings could be made if Phase I and II are combined. There are no plans for Phase III at this time.
- The project is VAT exempt if North Somerset Council do not hand back to the Management Committee after completion.
- The local authority is already responsible for repairs and maintenance, so there is very little change.
- The Management Committee's role and function would need to be clarified.
- The Town Council is the land owner and there are 57 years left on the lease.
- Proposals have been agreed by the Management Committee but safeguards for future use as a youth centre will need to be made.

RECOMMENDED that

1. Portishead & North Weston Town Council agree to release their grant monies at the appropriate time to North Somerset Council.
2. The Clerk, Council Chairman, and Chairman of Recreation & Works Committee to review the current lease with solicitors with a view to ensuring the continuation of services to children and young people on the site.

The Chairman thanked Tim Blasdale for attending the meeting.

Councillor Pasley joined the meeting at this point.

RW726

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Committee were pleased to see that improvements had been made to the public conveniences. Members requested that a repeat site visit be made in 6 months and that the Town Council were kept informed of any minor works made to the public conveniences.

RECOMMENDED that

1. A further site meeting be arranged to visit to the public conveniences in 6 months time. Mr Hauser be invited to attend the meeting too.
2. The Clerk write to North Somerset Council asking them to -
 - Consider a part-time summer weekend attendant for the public conveniences at the Lake Grounds. The Committee noted that attendants are provided in other tourist areas within the district.
 - Inform the Town Council of any minor works made to the public conveniences.
 - Draw North Somerset Council's attention to the positioning of the recycling bins close to the Wyndham Way public conveniences and the Town Council's concern that they do not enhance the toilet block.

RW727

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT – PORTISHEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Committee noted that any grant would come out of the 2007-8 Grant Budget.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead Horticultural Society be awarded a grant of £500 towards updating the pavilion and including the provision of a disabled toilet.

RW728

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA) INITIATIVE – BLACKDOWN ROAD, PORTISHEAD

Further information was given to the Committee by Councillor Mrs Mason following a discussion with North Somerset Council's officer Tony Moore. Confirmation was given that –

- The height of the MUGA would not block views from nearby houses and the site was not yet fixed.
- Suitable access ramps from the road to the MUGA would be built.

A discussion followed on various matters concerning the MUGA.

RECOMMENDED that

Portishead & North Weston Town Council welcomed the input of money, but would have liked more choice on how it was to be used and wider public consultation through the planning process.

The position of the MUGA should not compromise future provision of a grass football pitch.

RW729

REQUEST FOR A BUS SHELTER – WEATHERLY DRIVE

RECOMMENDED that

Portishead & North Weston Town Council install an additional bus shelter on Weatherly Drive, subject to the necessary survey and utility check.

RW730

PORTISHEAD TOURISM GROUP – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A BANDSTAND TO BE ERECTED AT THE LAKE GROUNDS.

RECOMMENDED that

Portishead & North Weston Town Council welcome the proposal to build a bandstand at the Lake Grounds.

The Committee thanked Councillor Mrs Cruse for her chairmanship.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 9.10pm