

**MEETING OF PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE
29 APRIL 2009**

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Walters, Pasley, McMurray, Howells, Miss Stanley,
Parker, Mrs Mason, Hazelton, Mrs Way, Miers

Mrs Sherborne – Administration Assistant

APOLOGIES Councillors Mrs Knight, Mrs Lord, Cruse

RW 840 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Pasley and McMurray 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 .

Councillors Miers, Mrs Mason, Mrs Way

- Interest in Minute No. RW841
Reason – presently member on Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee

Councillor Miss Stanley

- Interest in Minute No. RW842
Reason – part of Skateboard Park Project

RW 841 REDCLIFFE BAY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

To regularize an omission in Minute No. RW828.

RECOMMENDED that

The regularisation of the minutes of the Recreation and Works Committee meeting held on 28 January 2009 to include the £100 payment for March 2009 to be made to Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee be accepted.

RW 842 SKATEPARK

Councillor Miss Stanley wished to update the Committee and expressed an openness to receive feedback.

At a previous meeting concern was raised with regard to maintenance costs of the proposed skatepark, which has been difficult to gauge but it is believed that an annual cost of £1000 would be incurred.

Arrangements have been made for Mike Moran of Abergavenny Council, who has had dealings with Skatepark installations to attend the visit to Chepstow, who would be present to answer any questions from an independent aspect. Also, if felt appropriate a geographical survey could be arranged. It was felt that at this stage it may be premature to incur any such costs as Planning approval is yet to be sought, however it was suggested that the installation at Chepstow be video recorded.

It was noted that an open afternoon has been arranged at The Folk Hall on Tuesday 9th June 2009 from 3.00pm-8.00pm.

RW 843 PUBLIC SEATS

Following complaints received regarding the presentation of Town Council seats (wooden) around the Town.

RECOMMENDED that

Acceptance of the quotation for the cleaning of the Town Councils public seats for the sum of £276 and if it is considered necessary following the cleaning that the seats are also treated (reasonable costs to be decided by the Deputy Clerk).

RW 844 PARISH WHARF

As the agreement for parishioners has now been signed there is a requirement for a Town Councillor to represent the Town Council on the Parish Wharf Management Committee and to meet annually to agree the Town Council's allocation. It was felt that the representative should have a good knowledge and experience of this agreement and therefore, would be best served by a councillor outside the relevant ward as all such councillors were relatively newly appointed. Councillor Miss Stanley proposed Councillor Mrs Cruse, who was happy to accept but whom stressed that if it was appropriate to take a learner with her she would arrange for a Councillor of that Ward to attend.

RECOMMENDED that

Councillor Ros Cruse represent the Town Council on the Parish Wharf Management Committee and undertake to contact the other parties to the Agreement to organise a date and venue for the first meeting of the Management Committee.

RW 845 EMERGENCY LIGHTING

During an inspection by our electrical contractor it was brought to our attention that no emergency lighting was available in the Fedden room and the Gents WC on the ground floor.

RECOMMENDATION that

We accept the quotation from our electrical contractor for two emergency lights to be installed in the Fedden room and Gents WC on the ground floor for the sum of £186.42.

RW 846 TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Sharon Sherborne gave a brief synopsis of the plan before a discussion took place, in regards to the thirty-one page suggested proforma that had been received from North Somerset Council. It is believed that part of the document could prove a useful tool for the Town Council should they be tasked to assist in an emergency situation.

RECOMMENDED that

A meeting between Councillors Walters and Howells, and Sharon Sherborne, on a date to yet be agreed, be held to consider and agree the level of details required to be retained on this document in the office and that Council accept their advice.

RW 847 BLUE LITTER BINS

Unfortunately our stock of replacement blue Town litter bins stored with North Somerset Council has been exhausted. For financial reasons these are ordered in multiples rather than singularly and do display our Town logo.

RECOMMENDED that

The quotation from North Somerset Council of £1560 to purchase a further supply of 12 litter bins is accepted.

RW 848 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – THE WINDMILL, NORE ROAD, PORTISHEAD

Whilst previous objections had been made by councillors regarding the closure of these amenities, as they are in a very good condition and probably one of the best in the Town, it was felt by the majority present that enquiries should be made with North Somerset Council for this facility to be made available to the public.

RECOMMENDED that

The Deputy Clerk writes to North Somerset Council deploring the closure of the public conveniences at the Windmill, Nore Road. Also, to obtain from them details of the concessions and terms in respect to the franchise of the Golf Course, in view that the opening of these public amenities are reliant upon that franchise operating. There would be no need to wait for the matter to be approved by the Town Council.

FOR INFORMATION

RW 849 HERITAGE NOTICE-BOARDS - GORDANO SOCIETY

It was noted that Gordano Society has received permission from Persimmon to site three heritage boards at the following locations and that North Somerset Council have confirmed to them that they do not require planning permission as the notice-boards fall in the category of street furniture;

- The Power Station
- Overview of the dock/marina
- Albright Wilson/Shellmex

A request from Gordano Society was received for the Town Council to consider the name of Argentia as an additional road in the Quays development, because of the link with the former Albright and Wilson processing plant in Newfoundland.

RECOMMENDED that

A proposal be made to North Somerset Council for them to consider using Argentia as a road name in the Quays development.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Unofficial Remark:

Councillor Ros Cruse gave members of the committee a copy of a Grant Application Form that had today been received from Portishead Pool Community Trust and gave councillors a few minutes to view its contents.

Councillor Ros Cruse then took time to explain that this Grant had been received too late for inclusion on this meetings agenda but felt that it should be highlighted as there would be no Recreation and Works Committee meeting during May, hence the action packed Agenda this month.

A discussion amongst the committee then took place and the following statement was then made by Councillor Walters, "Informally we will ask the new Chairman to put this matter on the Agenda, as no decision can be made without the Town Council". Councillor Walters also added that any Councillor could put forward a resolution for the matter to be discussed at the next Town Council meeting.