

RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 31st JANUARY 2007

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Howells, Mrs Lord, Mrs Mason, Miss Way

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillors J H Clark, J S Clark, Johnston, J McMurray, Miers, Pasley

RW712 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Cruse

- Personal interest in RW714 – Portishead Twinning Association
Reason – Member of Twinning Association Committee

Councillor Mrs Lord

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RW713 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

(a) Wellspring Counselling

The Committee were generally supportive of this application and noted in particular that the number of Portishead clients had risen by 20% in the last year. However, concerns were expressed about the lack of acknowledgement of the Town Council's previous grant in November 2005 in the submitted accounts and annual report. The Clerk was asked to take this up with the organisation and to remind them that all grants are paid on condition that they are specifically acknowledged in the accounts and annual report of the organisation.

RECOMMENDED that Wellspring Counselling be awarded a grant of £300, subject to the receipt of satisfactory acknowledgement of the previous grant and an assurance that this grant will be acknowledged in the accounts and annual report.

(b) Portishead Senior Citizens Forum

The Committee were generally critical of this application, particularly as satisfactory accounts had not been submitted, as requested. Members also considered that the Council should not be subsidising running costs as stated in the application but could instead help towards the cost of the bi-monthly newsletter as had been done previously.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead Senior Citizens Forum be awarded a grant of £100 towards the publication of a bi-monthly newsletter, subject to the receipt of satisfactory audited accounts.

(c) **Portishead Army Cadet Force**

The Committee were very supportive of this application.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead Army Cadet Force be awarded a grant of £600 towards the purchase of a flag/standard and hike tents.

RW714 PORTISHEAD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Committee were reminded that Portishead Twinning Association had applied to North Somerset Council for agreement to name the two new bridges on Harbour Road after our twin towns of Schweich and Den Dungen. North Somerset Council had now agreed to this request, subject to the Town Council assuming responsibility for the care and maintenance of the inscription plaques.

The Committee did not consider this to be onerous, other than perhaps occasional cleaning, and

RECOMMENDED that

The Town Council agree to assume responsibility for the care and maintenance of the inscription plaques on the Schweich and Den Dungen bridges.

RW715 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Committee received a copy of a survey of the public conveniences in Portishead carried out by Mrs Reyna Knight in September 2006.

RECOMMENDED that

Mr Ian Edser, North Somerset Council's Streets and Open Spaces Group Manager, be invited to meet with the Committee at the Wyndham Way Public Conveniences at 7pm, prior to the 28th February 2007 meeting of the Committee. Mrs Knight also be invited to attend.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm