

RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 31ST JULY 2002

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, J S Clark, J Johnston, M Johnston, Mrs Mason, Pickering, Walters

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillor Palmer

RW475 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

RW476 BROWN TOURIST SIGNS - REQUEST FROM PORTISHEAD YACHT & SAILING CLUB

Members considered a request for support from Portishead Yacht and Sailing Club for their proposal to install brown tourist signs indicating the way to the clubhouse. The locations suggested were at the top of Belton Road and on the way into Portishead from J19 M5.

Whilst expressing their general support for a sign to be installed at the top of Belton Road, members considered that it was not appropriate for a brown tourist sign for the Yacht and Sailing Club to be installed at J19. Members were particularly concerned about the proliferation of signs at this junction and considered that instead, the Yacht and Sailing Club be included in the proposed brown signs for Portishead Marina. It was further suggested that a brown tourist sign could be placed in the vicinity of Cabstand, on completion of the new road layout, indicating the different directions to the Marina and Yacht and Sailing Club.

RECOMMENDED that

The Town Council support the Yacht and Sailing Club's proposal to install a brown tourist sign indicating the way to the clubhouse at the top of Belton Road. We would suggest that, in order to avoid a proliferation of signs, the existing Inshore Lifeboat direction sign also be included. However, we understand that the Inshore Lifeboat may be relocated in the near future and, if this is the case, have no objection to a single sign.

The Town Council do not support the installation of a brown tourist sign for the Yacht and Sailing Club at junction 19. We suggest that the Yacht and Sailing Club be included in the proposed signs for Portishead Marina with appropriate directions being included on a sign to be installed in the vicinity of Cabstand on completion of the new road layout.

Councillor Mrs Cruse also brought to members attention the lack of signs indicating the way to the Lake Grounds from the western (Clevedon) end of the Town.

RECOMMENDED that a brown tourist sign indicating the way to the Lake Grounds be installed at the junction of Nore Road and Down Road, on the Coast Road approach.

RW477 FOLK HALL – RELOCATION OF DISABLED TOILET, EXTENSION TO TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE AND UPGRADING OF GROUND FLOOR FACILITIES

Further to Minute No. RW465, Councillor Mrs Cruse introduced Mr Vestey to the Committee and invited him to explain his preliminary sketch proposals.

The main features were –

Ground Floor

- Disabled toilet to be located adjacent to lift (present entrance to kitchen) and fitted with a RADAR lock
- Kitchen (to be open plan) and repositioned closer to bar. Existing stainless steel units could be reused.
- Secure door across corridor, locking off kitchen
- Male/Female toilets repositioned between disabled toilet and new kitchen
- Serving hatch directly into hall opposite kitchen and adjacent to bar.
- Hatch from bar to hall

First Floor

- Disabled toilet removed
- Present male toilet replaced with staff toilet
- Various wall realignments

Second Floor – No alterations

During the ensuing discussion a number of other suggestions and comments were made –

- Ground floor corridor could be realigned and thus widened
- New access to Reynolds Room through existing ladies toilet, allowing more efficient use of first floor space
- Concerns about alterations to fire exit route on ground floor
- Small tea/coffee station could be provided in Fedden Room and Eve Wigan Room if required in the future

Councillor Mrs Cruse thanked Mr Vestey for attending the meeting and explaining his preliminary proposals. Members looked forward to receiving further details in due course.

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