

**205th ORDINARY MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
12 MAY 2010**

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Knight – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Cruse, Cruse, Hazelton, Howells, Mrs Lord, Mrs Mason, Miers, Pasley, Parker, Miss Stanley, Terry (Vice Chairman), Mrs Way, and Walters.

Mr M Dolton – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillors Cameron, McMurray, Walker.

There were 4 members of the public and press present at the meeting.

1792 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Knight and Pasley 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 Mrs Cruse and Hazelton:-

- Personal Interest in Minute No. RW942 (Youth Centre)
Reason – Town Council representatives on the Youth Club management committee.

Councillor Terry:-

- Personal Interest in Minute No. RW942 (Youth Centre)
Reason – North Somerset Council representative on the Youth Club management committee.
- Personal Interest in minute No. RW943 (Allotments)
Reason – member and officer of the Portishead Allotments Association.

Councillor Mrs Lord :-

- Personal Interest in Minute No. RW944 (Proposed Bandstand, Lake Grounds)
Reason – Proximity of residence to the Lake Grounds.

Councillors Mrs Mason and Miers :-

- Personal interest in Minute No. RW947 (Redcliffe Bay Hall – Kitchen and Fire Doors)
Reason - Town Council representatives on the Redcliffe Bay Hall management committee.

Councillor Hazelton:-

- Personal Interest In Minute No. RW 944 (Proposed Bandstand – Lake Grounds)
Reason – Member of the Portishead Tourism Group currently leading the project.

1793 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 2 members of the public wishing to address the meeting. The Chairman reminded speakers that the meeting was for Town Council matters only and that any issues concerning North Somerset Council or its members should be addressed at another place.

The Chairman further stated that due to comments made by residents at the Annual Town Meeting held on the 5th of May 2010, she had decided, having referred to Standing Orders on the matter, that in future either herself as Chairman, or another member or the Clerk upon invitation by the Chairman, would endeavour to respond to matters raised by residents during the Public Participation sessions at meetings of the Town Council. The Chairman stressed that this would not become a debating session, but responses would be given where possible, and she would further review the matter in three months time.

Mr Paul Maltby, a resident of South Road Portishead then addressed the meeting. Mr Maltby firstly congratulated Councillor Mrs Knight on being elected as Chairman of the Council and wished her well in her year of office.

He then asked members whether the recent formation of a national coalition Government between the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Parties would be reflected within the Town Council.

The Chairman responded to Mr Maltby by stressing that the Town Council members always had, and always will, act as individuals and in the best interests of the community. Councillor Walters, at the invitation of the Chairman, further responded to Mr Maltby that the monthly public meetings of the full Town Council were only the tip of the iceberg of Council matters where

occasional differences of opinion were aired, and that the vast majority of work conducted by the members was by total agreement during other processes.

Mrs Sandy Tebbutt, Chairman of Portishead In Bloom, addressed members. Mrs Tebbutt updated the meeting on the work conducted by the group during the past month. This included : the completion of the West Hill heather beds which had been subject of many positive comments by residents, there had been another litter pick day, on Bank Holiday Monday the group had completed a clear up of the orchard wildflower meadow, the companion planting at the rose bed at the open air swimming pool had been completed. Mrs Tebbutt also commented that programmes for the open gardens event to take place on the 12th and 13th of June were now on sale, and that the Sponsor a Basket scheme was going very well.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Tebbutt for her contribution and the hard work of all the volunteers involved, and asked that the Portishead In Bloom Group consider whether they would feel able to suggest any likely candidates to assist in the role of Deputy Tree Warden for this Council. Councillor Mrs Cruse asked Mrs Tebbutt to express the thanks of local residents to the Portishead in Bloom group for the West Hill roundabout flowers that were being much appreciated by local residents.

1794 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) The Minutes of the 18th Annual Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 5 May 2010 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the 18th Annual Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 5 May 2010 be confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

- (b) The Minutes of the 204th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 14 April 2010 were presented to the meeting.

Councillor Mrs Knight had provided the Clerk with a written copy of a requested amendment to Minute 1785, to now read :-

“Councillor Mrs. Knight spoke of the efforts made by the Council to consult with residents via posters, articles in the newspapers, and on websites. In view of the very limited response received, in excess of 30 comments, she then moved, in accordance with Standing Order Paragraph 12.12 of the Council, for leave of members to withdraw her motion”.

The amendment was duly proposed, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the 204th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 14 April 2010 be confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:-

Minute 1785 -

Councillor Mrs. Knight spoke of the efforts made by the Council to consult with residents via posters, articles in the newspapers, and on websites. In view of the very limited response received, in excess of 30 comments, she then moved, in accordance with Standing Order Paragraph 12.12 of the Council, for leave of members to withdraw her motion.

1795 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION / CASH STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2010

Members considered the report of the Clerk who answered minor queries from members.

RESOLVED that

The schedule of payments and bank reconciliation / cash statement for the month of April 2010 is approved.

The schedule is attached to and forms part of these minutes

1796 FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2010.

Members had received the report of the Clerk, which detailed the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and information concerning Section 137 payments and earmarked reserves movements for the financial year ending 31st March 2010, together with an updated asset register.

No members wished to discuss the report, with several members expressing their thanks to the Clerk for preparing a clear but detailed report, who, in turn, thanked Councillor Cruse for his invaluable input.

RESOLVED that

Portishead and North Weston Town Council approve the financial report and accounts of this Council for the year ending 31st March 2010, and express their thanks to the Clerk and Councillor Cruse for the report formulation.

1797 STATEMENT AND REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2010.

Members had received the report of the Clerk.

No members wished to discuss the report.

RESOLVED that

Portishead and North Weston Town Council approve the statement and review of internal control for the year ended 31st March 2010.

1798 REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKING PARTY

Members received the report of the Communications Working Party which related to the future hosting of the Public Art website.

Councillor Mrs Mason explained to members that the queries raised from the previous meeting of this Council had now been answered by Continuum Arts, in that no counter is currently provided on that website, but could be added free of charge by the current provider.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Mason, and duly seconded, that the recommendation of the working party, to agree to host the website in future, should be approved.

Councillor Walters proposed an amendment to the recommendation, which was duly seconded, that the words "the annual costs not to exceed £300 including VAT" be added.

Members voted on the proposed amendment which was carried.

RESOLVED that

Portishead and North Weston Town Council agree to host the Public Art website, either through that site's current provider, or by inclusion in the Town Council's own website if technically achievable in future, the annual costs not to exceed £300 including VAT.

1799 COURT / SPRINGFIELD FARM UPDATE

The Chairman asked the Clerk to update the meeting on progress in this matter.

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the resolution by members at the previous meeting of the Council, a written formal offer to purchase Springfield Farm at the agreed amount had been sent to Bristol City Council. A response had been received that the offer to purchase was declined.

The auction of Court and Springfield farms, scheduled for 10th May, had been postponed until July. It is understood that this had been decided by Bristol City Council in order for a local community group to make efforts to purchase the properties prior to auction.

The Clerk had received an approach from Mrs Rita Baker on behalf of the local community group, asking what support this Town Council could provide. The Clerk had referred Mrs Baker to the Chairman of the Council who awaits such contact.

RESOLVED that

The Portishead and North Weston Town Council notes that their offer to purchase Springfield Farm has been declined by Bristol City Council, and await any further developments requiring attention of members.

1800 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor Howells presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6 May 2010.

The only Section 1 matter for approval of members was the consideration of the need to appoint a deputy tree warden. Members unanimously agreed with the recommendation of the committee to seek to appoint such a deputy.

RESOLVED that

Section 1 of the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6 May 2010 is approved, and Sections 2 and 3 are noted.

The report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6 May 2010 is attached to and forms part of these Minutes.

1801 RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Cruse presented the report of the Recreation and Works Committee meeting held on the 28th April 2010 by summarising the minutes of that meeting.

Members discussed Item RW941, the North Somerset Council Playbuilder Project. Some members expressed the view that the delays in the project team addressing members of this Council and the clear resultant delay in the future implementation of the enhancement to the Lake Grounds play area, that the funds that had been held in reserve for the provision of a 'Space Net' for several years now, should be spent without further delay and the equipment installed without waiting for the Playbuilder project to proceed.

There was also a view that as the project team had now committed to attending the next meeting of the Recreation and Works Committee in late June, no action should be taken at this time and the matter should be further considered after that date.

Councillor Howells proposed an amendment to the recommendation of the Recreation and Works Committee report, by adding the words:-

'Seeking 'landlord's permission' to implement the provision of the space net play equipment at the Lake Grounds Play Area site, and thereby separate the Space Net provision from the Playbuilder project'. The proposal was duly seconded.

Members voted on the amendment which was carried.

Members then considered Item RW944 – Proposed Bandstand, Lake Grounds.

It was proposed, seconded and carried by unanimous vote, that Councillors Hazelton and McMurray be named as the working party representatives from this Council, and that their names be added to the wording in sub paragraph (ii) of the committee's recommendations on this item.

RESOLVED that

The report of the Recreation and Works Committee held on 28th April 2010 be approved subject to the following amendment :-

RW 941 (Playbuilder Project)

Portishead and North Weston Town Council will write to North Somerset Council

- (i) expressing the dissatisfaction of the Town Council with the slow progress at the Merlin Park play area, and extreme dissatisfaction at the delay in the Playbuilder team addressing members of this Council and moving forward plans for the development of the Lake Grounds play area. This Council has maintained funding provision to support improved facilities at the

Lake Grounds site, and wishes to implement that provision without further delay.

And:-

- (ii) Seeking 'landlord's permission' to implement the provision of the space net play equipment at the Lake Grounds Play Area site, and thereby separate the Space Net provision from the Playbuilder project.

RW 944 (Proposed Bandstand : Lake Grounds)

The Portishead and North Weston Town Council

- (i) Encourage and assist in the provision of this bandstand on the Lake Ground to mark the centenary of the area,
- (ii) Councillors Hazelton and McMurray will liaise with the Portishead Tourism Group and facilitate this construction and report to the Council via the Recreation and Works Committee on how this might be achieved : specifically to include proposed location and estimated cost and funding ; the views of North Somerset Council as landlord ; and to investigate the work needed and cost of applying for planning permission.
- (iii) Initially to allocate a budget of £500 from the Cultural Environmental Historic and Allotment reserve for this work.

The report of the Recreation and Works Committee meeting held on 28th April 2010 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

1802 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN WISHES TO PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

- **Correspondence Received :-**

- A letter from Sergeant Robinson, Avon & Somerset Police, thanking members for the grant contribution towards the Senior Citizen's Supper, held on 24th March 2010.
- A letter from Nailsea and District Community Transport, thanking members for the £10,500 grant for the year 2010 / 2011.

- **Publications and Reports –** The following items have been received and are available in the Town Council Office –

- North Somerset Council – 'Whats on in North Somerset' 28/4 – 23/5/10

- Road Closure Notice – Cabstand – for 24th May 2010
- Portishead In Bloom Monthly Press release / Newsletter – April 2010
- CCTV Log – Portishead – April 2010
- ‘Natural World’ – Spring Edition – The Wildlife Trust
- ‘Wildlife’ – Issue 88 (Summer 2010) – Avon Wildlife Trust
- Avon & Somerset Police Authority – Newsletter – April 2010

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman

9th June 2010