

**212<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF  
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL  
8 DECEMBER 2010**

**PRESENT** Councillor Mrs Knight (Chairman of the Council) – in the Chair

Councillors Cameron, Mrs Cruse, Cruse, Howells, Mrs Mason, Miers, Pasley, Miss Stanley, Terry (Vice Chairman), Walker, Walters and Mrs Way.

Mr M Dolton – Clerk of the Council

**APOLOGIES** Councillors Mrs Lord, McMurray and Wright.

There were 9 members of the public and press present at the meeting.

**1850 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 right to reconsider the matter afresh when the matter went before North Somerset Council.

Councillor Mrs Cruse :

- Personal Interest in Minute No. RW 995 (Portishead Youth Centre)  
Reason – Town Council representative on Youth Centre Management Committee
- Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Minute No. SF 020 (Financial Management Arrangements : Financial Year April 2011 to March 2012)  
Reason – Ownership of building of intended suppliers of service.

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Councillor Terry :

- Personal Interest in Minute No. RW 995 (Portishead Youth Centre)  
Reason – Town Council representative on Youth Centre Management Committee
- Personal Interest in Minute No. RW994 (Acquisition of Allotment Land)  
Reason – Secretary of Portishead Allotment Association

## 1851 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 3 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, and that councillors may respond through the Chairman to any issue raised if they so wish, but that no full debate was appropriate.

- (i) Mrs Annette Hennessy, a resident of Albert Road Portishead addressed the meeting. Mrs Hennessy stated that she wished to briefly bring five matters to the attention of members :-
- Youth Survey – The persons conducting the survey, Asa Galsworthy and Charlotte Waterson, had been unable to attend on this evening, but felt that the meeting would like to be aware of the excellent response they had received. Some 1,057 responses had been collected to date, with more to come from the sixth form surveys. The high number of responses to be analysed will mean that the resulting collation will now take longer than anticipated and the results will be forwarded to the Chairman and the Clerk of the Council when available. Mrs Hennessy then read out a letter from a resident which congratulated the survey organisers for such an excellent exercise.
  - Skate Park – Mrs Hennessy asked that members of the Town Council continue to support the Skate Park project now that the appeal against North Somerset Council had been upheld and planning permission granted. She felt that it was wrong that the question of Landlord's permission which was now required should be a decision to be made at Weston – super – Mare, and asked that Portishead Town Councillors express their support.
  - 20 mph Speed Limit – Mrs Hennessy referred to comment made by the Leader at North Somerset Council relating to the substantial cuts now faced by that Council, and she found it in conflict with the proposed introduction of a 20mph zone in the High Street. Mrs Hennessy stated that the limit was unnecessary and based on clearly minimal and flawed consultation and poor use of limited public resources by North Somerset Council.
  - Declarations of Interest – Mrs Hennessy expressed her confusion over the apparent conflict and difference when Councillors were

declaring interests at the Town Council and North Somerset Council, and sought clarification.

- Town Council Chairperson – Mrs Hennessy gave positive feedback to the Council members based on comments she had received from some residents in the Village Quarter and Marina development areas who felt that their Ward member and Chairman of the Town Council, Councillor Mrs Knight, had made great efforts in the past year to bring the community together and ensure that Portishead was a joined community. Mrs Hennessy highlighted the past occasions when a Councillor had remained Chairman for more than one year and asked members of the Council to consider her remarks when deciding on a Chairman for the new Council year commencing in May 2011.

In response, the Chairman thanked Mrs Hennessy for her comments relating to all these issues which she was sure the members would take into consideration in future. In relation to Mrs Hennessy's confusion over declarations of interest, the Chairman invited her to seek a meeting with the Clerk of the Council at which she felt sure such matters would be clarified for her.

- (ii) Mr Paul Maltby, a resident of South Road Portishead addressed members. Mr Maltby echoed the request of Mrs Hennessy that members of the Town Council continue to support the Skate Park project in the future.
- (iii) Sergeant Jim Robinson of Portishead Police updated the meeting on the latest priorities for policing the area. The priorities centred around anti social behaviour, particularly in the areas of Pheonix Way, The Precinct and High Street, and Wyndham Way near McDonalds. The police had also now devoted further resources to patrol the town on Friday and Saturday evenings in their effort to have an impact on those priorities.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Robinson for his attendance and update on policing matters.

## **1852 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 211th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 10 November 2010 were presented to the meeting.

### ***RESOLVED that***

The Minutes of the 211th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 10 November 2010 be confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

**1853 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION / CASH STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010**

Members considered the report of the Clerk.

***RESOLVED that***

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

The schedule is attached to and forms part of these minutes

**1854 RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs Cruse presented the report of the Recreation and Works Committee meeting, held on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2010.

Councillor Mrs Cruse informed members that the purchase of the land adjacent to the Cemetery in Clevedon Road for allotment provision (Item RW 994) had now been completed and a project was underway to provide car parking facilities and water at the site.

Councillor Pasley commented that he felt that the working group mentioned in recommendation RW 1000 (Play Equipment, The Lake Grounds) should invite a Coast Ward member to join in taking this project forward. This was agreed by Councillor Mrs Cruse and all present.

***RESOLVED that***

The report of the Recreation and Works Committee held on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2010 is noted and the recommendations approved.

The report of the Recreation and Works Committee held on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2010 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

**1855 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Howells presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 1st of December 2010.

***RESOLVED that***

Sections 1 and 3 of the Planning Committee report of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2010 are received and noted. Section 2 of that report is noted and the recommendation approved.

The report of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday the 1st of December 2010 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

## **1856 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN WISHES TO PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman addressed the meeting commenting that she felt sure all present would agree that the Christmas Lights in the town were again a spectacular display and showed the hard work and time commitment of the Christmas Lights Committee and all their volunteers.

### **• Representations by Chairman on behalf of the Council :-**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> November  | Attended the inauguration service of the Reverend Christine Judson at St Peter's Church (accompanied by The Clerk) |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November  | Opening of the charity Christmas Card sale at Somerset Hall  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November | Attended the Remembrance Service at 11.00am at The Precinct (accompanied by The Clerk)                             |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> November | Accepted the salute of the Remembrance day parade, and attended the Remembrance service at St Peter's Church.      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> November | Attended the Christmas Lights 'switch on' (accompanied by The Clerk)   |

### **• Correspondence Received :-**

The following items of correspondence have been received in the office and may be of interest to members:-

- Letters of appreciation for grants awarded have been received from the following :-
  - Portishead Film Society
  - North Somerset Accordion Club (CD in office also)
  - Vision North Somerset
  - North Somerset Arts Week
  - Parkinsons UK – N West Somerset Branch
  - Portishead Karate Club
  - West of England MS Therapy Centre
  - Transition Portishead
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Portishead Scouts
  - Vitalise breaks for disabled people and their carers
  - St Peter and St Paul Church, Weston in Gordano
  - Portishead In Bloom

- **Publications and Reports** – The following items have been received and are available in the Town Council Office –
  - 'What's on in North Somerset 17/11 to 14/12'
  - Temporary waiting prohibition : Springfield Road / West Hill, effective January 2011
  - North Somerset LINK leaflet
  - North Somerset Council 'Streetscene' November 2010

**1857 STAFFING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor Walters presented the report of the Staffing and Finance Committee meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2010.

No members wished to discuss the content of the report, and it was proposed, duly seconded and carried by vote that the report be approved.

**RESOLVED that :-**

Portishead and North Weston Town Council approve the report of the Staffing and Finance Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

The report of the Staffing and Finance Committee held on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2010 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Chairman .....

12th January 2011