

**MINUTES OF THE 114TH ORDINARY MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2002**

PRESENT Councillor Pickering – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Brown, J H Clark, J S Clark, Mrs Cole, Mrs Cruse, Daws, J Johnston, M Johnston, Mrs Mason, Palmer, Pasley, Terry, Whitfield

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillors Brine, Mrs Haysom, Walters

936 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Council.

937 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

938 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 113th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 11th September 2002 be confirmed as correct.

939 MOTION TO COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 17

Councillor Terry proposed, Councillor Brown seconded, the following motion –

Motion

- (a) That the name of the Council be changed to Portishead Town Council
- (b) That North Somerset Council be requested to implement the necessary procedures to effect this change.

During the ensuing discussion a number of opinions, both for and against the motion were expressed, including – North Weston being a ward of the larger administrative area of Portishead, the historic importance of the name of North Weston being retained and its unique heritage.

Councillor Daws proposed the following amendment –

Amendment

That the matter be deferred until the middle of 2003 to allow for further public consultation to take place.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost. The voting was recorded as 4 votes for the amendment, 8 votes against.

The original motion was then put to the vote. The voting was recorded as 6 votes for the motion, 7 votes against. The motion was therefore lost.

It was therefore RESOLVED that the name of the Council remain Portishead and North Weston Town Council.

940 COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY – RACE RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000

Members were informed that the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 required all local authorities to comply with a general duty to promote race equality. The four main principles of the duty were stated as being –

- Obligatory – Race equality must be a central part of any policy of service
- Relevant – Race equality must always be relevant when delivering services and employment
- Proportionate – The weight given to a function should be in proportion to its relevance
- Complementary – All parts of the general duty, whilst being separate and distinct, complement each other and must be met.

RESOLVED that

When carrying out all their functions, Portishead and North Weston Town Council will have due regard to the need –

- To tackle unlawful racial discrimination
- To promote equality of opportunity
- To promote good relations between persons of different racial groups

as required by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000.

941 SEVERN ESTUARY SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Councillor Pickering informed members that the Severn Estuary Coastal Group had produced a Shoreline Management Plan, covering the area from Lavernock Point and Brean Down in the south of the estuary to Gloucester and Haw Bridge in the north. The aim of the Plan was stated as “To provide the basis for sustainable coastal defence policies within the Severn Estuary and to set objectives for the future management of the shoreline”.

Members considered the management options applicable to the Portishead area in detail and

RESOLVED

1. The Town Council welcomes and supports the Management Plan in general as it affects the Portishead area.
2. The Town Council considers that the present line of the coast from Kilkenny Bay through Redcliffe Bay to Clevedon (Units 17/3 & 17/4) should be maintained to preserve the coastal footpath and residential developments and the appropriate management option should be Hold the Line, not Do Nothing.
3. The Town Council would suggest that the boundary line between management units 17/3 and 17/4 be moved to be coterminous with the Portishead town boundary.

942 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION/CASH STATEMENT

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments and Bank Reconciliation/Cash Statement for the month of September 2002 be APPROVED

943 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor J Johnston, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 5th October 2002.

RESOLVED that the report and recommendations thereon be APPROVED.

The report of the meeting held on 5th October 2002 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

944 RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Cruse, Chairman of the Recreation & Works Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 25th September 2002.

RESOLVED that the report and recommendations thereon be APPROVED, subject to the following –

RW479 RELOCATION OF DISABLED TOILET AND OTHER ALTERATIONS

Councillor Mrs Cruse informed members that an alternative proposal had been put forward for the layout of the ground floor ladies toilet which meant that it may not now be necessary to realign the wall as reported at the committee meeting.

Members welcomed the overall design proposals and

RESOLVED to instruct the Council's building surveyor to draw up a specification in accordance with the agreed proposals and to issue tender documentation in accordance with Council procedures.

RW480 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL – PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Amend recommendation 2 to read –

2. The Town Council would point out that the West Hill public convenience supports Portishead's secondary shopping area and, as such, it should be categorised as Strategic and continue to be supported by North Somerset Council. It is also the only convenience at the top end of the town and better location signage should be provided.

RW482 NOTICE BOARDS

RESOLVED that the name-plates be engraved Portishead and North Weston Town Council.

RW483 TOWN COUNCIL SHIELDS

RESOLVED that the Shields be engraved Portishead and North Weston Town Council.

The report of the meeting held on 25th September 2002 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

945 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Portishead Youth Centre – Letter of thanks for grant awarded towards computer equipment.

Royal British Legion Annual Remembrance Service – 10.50am, 10th November 2002 at St Peters Church

Highways Matters – further information requested ref. Bristol Road/Clevedon Road (ref. St Joseph's School); Harbour Road – objection to closure of "drop-off" zone submitted.

Development of Ashlands – meeting to be arranged with NSC Executive.

Portishead Music Festival – 9th November 2002

NSC Jubilee Service – 20th October 2002

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – No common land or open countryside within Portishead boundary.

The following items were circulated for information –

NSC Highways Services Newsletter – August 2002

Town Council's Forum – 2.9.02

North Somerset NHS Primary Care Trust – reply from Jane Corke

Portishead Partnership – 23.9.02

Public Rights of Way Forum – 10.9.02

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

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6th November 2002