

Portishead Town Council

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Wednesday 23rd June 2022: 7.30pm Folk Hall

Minute of a meeting of The Community Matters Committee



This was a hybrid meeting to enable community participation

Members present:

- Councillor Ben Aldridge, (Chairman)
- Councillor Paul Churchill (Vice Chairman)
- Councillor Janet Davey
- Councillor Tim Snaden
- Councillor Patricia Sterndale
- Councillor Paul Gardner

Officers present: Ron Spurs, Locum Clerk and Technical Officer.

Others present: Residents 2.

Welcome by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed members of the public and Councillors to the meeting.

CM2357 Apologies for absence (Town Clerk).

Cllr Slatter and Cllr Cartwright.

CM2358 Declaration of Councillor's interests and requests for dispensations.

None.

CM2359 To Receive the Chairman's Verbal Update Report.

The Chairman provided a report on the Jubilee events supported by the Council. He emphasised the success of the community events held over the Platinum Jubilee weekend and expressed his thanks to all those involved.

- The Scouts assisted immensely with the Event and thanks were given to Nicky and Paddy.
- The Jubilee Party on the 3rd June was very successful, great feedback from residents and stall holders, some of whom sold out of their goods during the afternoon.
- There was strong support from the Committee to hold a similar event in 2023. A full report will be given to Council on 13th July 2022.

CM2360 Public Participation in relation to meeting agenda items.

A member of the public queried the Grant application form the Rugby Club in relation to whether it had obtained Planning Permission for the new pitch. Assurance was provided that Planning Permission had been obtained.

CM2361 To consider and Approve the minutes of the last meeting.

The Committee Approved the minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2022 and that the Chairman should sign them.

Proposed by Cllr Aldridge and seconded by Cllr Churchil.

The Chairman decided to move item 9 on the Agenda, Grant Application Gordano Rugby Football Club to be the next item to be considered.

CM2362 Grant Application Gordano Rugby Football Club.

- The Committee received the report from the Grant Working Party which met on 30th May 2022. The Working Party recommended that the Council agrees to award £10,000 to the project provided evidence to Portishead Town Council is received that it has reached its target funding of £390,000.
- The representative from the Rugby Club provided information regarding the Project and how it will be funded.
- It was proposed by Cllr Gardner and seconded by Cllr Aldridge that the grant of £10,000 should be approved without any pre-conditions.

CM2363 Portishead Woodland, Slade Road – Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA).

- The report was introduced by Cllr Snaden. The additional report from the Deputy Clerk outlining the Project timeline was discussed.
- There was a consensus that the Project should be delivered much more quickly than the proposal. It was agreed that the Project should be completed by December 2022.
- Proposed by Cllr Aldridge and seconded by Cllr Snaden.
Approved.

CM2364 Memorial Bench- Heron Gardens Land.

- There was a consensus that the Council needed a Bench policy.
- It was agreed that the matter should be deferred until the next meeting – 28th July 2022.

CM2365 Lake Ground upgrades proposed by North Somerset Council.

- North Somerset Council (NSC), has suggested several improvement proposals for the Portishead Lake grounds to come out of the NSC “Great Lakes Funding”.
- Concern was expressed by Cllr Aldridge regarding the temporary wooden bollards replacement, this should be funded outside of the Project.
- Concern was raised about the length of grass growing under trees which made it difficult for families to enjoy the outdoor areas.
- Proposed by Cllr Aldridge and seconded by Cllr Gardner.

Approved with exceptions outlined above.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.