



Portishead Town Council

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Summons & Notice for the Community Matters Committee 19.30 Thursday 23rd June 2022

Friday 17th June 2022

To: All Members of the Portishead Town Council Community Matters Committee

Councillors Ben Aldridge (Chair), Churchill (Vice-Chair), Cartwright, Davey, Snaden, Slatter, Sterndale, Gardner.

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to a meeting of the Portishead Town Council Community Matters Committee at The Folk Hall, 95 High Street, on Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 7.30pm. The meeting will consider the items set out below.

Yours sincerely

S. Sherborne

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Deputy Clerk

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Agenda:

1. **Chairmans Welcome** (Chairman)
2. **Apologies for absence** (Deputy Clerk)
3. **Declaration of Councillors' interests and requests for dispensations** (Chairman)
Members declare any disclosable pecuniary (financial) and other interests re. items on the agenda as required by the council's Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, and Localism Act 2011.
4. **To receive the Chairman's verbal update report:**
Jubilee celebrations 2022
5. **Public participation relating to meeting agenda items**
If you would prefer to submit questions in advance, please email enquiries@portishead.gov.uk
6. **To Consider and approve the minutes to the last meeting (Chairman):**
 - 7.1 Recommendation: for members to consider and approve the Minutes of the committee meeting held on 14th April 2022 as a true record – attached.
 - 7.2 Recommendation: for the Chairman to sign the Minutes.
7. **Portishead Woodland, Slade Road – Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA):**
The former now redundant play area on Slade Road has recently been assessed following a consultation that Portishead Town Council ran back in November 2021. A total of 306 residents completed the survey and responses received identified that 97.4% of respondents wanted the land kept as a public amenity. A feasibility study was commissioned to construct a nature-based leisure facility on the land – attached. It is expected that the project will not commence until August 2022

Recommendation:

To accept the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal report and carry out the recommendations in collaboration with the local community.

8. **Memorial Bench – Heron Gardens Land:**

Several requests have been received for the installation of memorial benches around the town. There are several memorial benches around the town some maintained by North Somerset Council and some by Portishead Town Council. North Somerset Council introduced a 10-year lease program for memorial benches charged at £950 per bench, which included a refurbishment at around 5 years. Prior to any installation landowner consent for the bench site is required. Several years ago, two memorial benches were installed at a site near to the footbridge over the Rhyne by Heron Gardens and whilst the Town Council facilitated the organisation of the installation, the requestor purchased the memorial benches. The Town Council has received a request from a local resident for the supply and installation of an additional bench as the existing ones are constantly in use. It is believed that the site is owned by North Somerset Council.

Recommendation:

To consider authorising the Deputy Clerk to establish and approach the current landowner with a view to seeking permission to site a further suitable memorial bench and provide a report back to the Community Matters Committee along with costs for purchasing and installing a new bench.

9. Grants – Gordano Rugby Football Club:

To consider a grant application made by Gordano Rugby Football Club totalling £10,000k (ten thousand pounds) to help with the purchase and installation of a world rugby regulation 22 compliant 3g pitch costing £400,000k (four hundred thousand pounds) - attached. Some members of the Grant Working Party met on 30th May 2022 to consider the application. The working party recommends that the Town Council agrees to award £10,000k (ten thousand pounds) towards the project on the condition that the funds are not released to Gordano Rugby Football Club until it has provided evidence to Portishead Town Council that it has reached its target funding of £390,000k (three hundred and ninety thousand pounds).

Recommendation:

To approve the recommendation received from the Grants Working Party to award £10,000k (ten thousand pounds) towards the Gordano Rugby Football Club 3g pitch project on the condition that the funds are not released to the club until it has provided evidence that it has reached its target funding of £390,000k (three hundred and ninety thousand pounds).

10. Lake Ground – upgrades proposed by North Somerset Council:

North Somerset Council (NSC) has suggested to the Town Council several improvement proposals for the Portishead Lake Grounds, to come out of the NSC "Great Lakes Funding". This is in addition to the latest new road markings:

A site meeting was held on 26th May between Councillor Gardner, the Portishead Deputy Clerk and officers from North Somerset Council to obtain additional information to inform the Committees considerations. In addition to drainage works to eliminate the flooding by the café/gate the following improvements have been proposed:

- dropped kerbs in several places along the Esplanade Road to aid wheelchair access
- repainting of benches (existing colour) facing the sea on Esplanade Road
- introduction of some accessible (flat) benches on Esplanade Road
- demolish concrete picnic benches by the Lido as they are falling apart and replace with 5 new picnic benches (recycled plastic: blue or black)
- old mini golf course: 3 sets of picnic benches (recycled plastic black/brown wood effect) to blend in with the orchard area
- add some local orchard trees with some tall grass (as has been done around the corner behind the running club hut
- new improved accessible pathway from Esplanade Road into the picnic area
- replacement of the wooden temporary bollards with conical style bollards in Portishead Blue

Recommendation:

To consider and agree the proposed improvement plans that have been made to the Town Council by North Somerset Council.

11. Date of the next meeting: 28th July 2022.