

Portishead Town Council Summons & Notice: Community Matters Committee
19.30 Thursday 10th February 2022



This was a hybrid meeting

Committee Members:

- Councillor Ben Aldridge (Chair)
- Councillor Paul Gardner (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Caroline Goddard
- Councillor Janet Davey
- Councillor Patricia Sterndale
- Councillor Polly Shepperdson
- Councillor Sue Mason
- Councillor Tina Mason

CM2315: Apologies:

- Councillor Paul Gardner (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Tina Mason

CM2316: Committee Members present:

- Councillor Ben Aldridge (Chair)
- Councillor Janet Davey
- Councillor Patricia Sterndale
- Councillor Polly Shepperdson (online)
- Councillor Sue Mason

CM2317: Other Councillors present

- Councillor Paul Churchill (online)

CM2318: Declaration of Councillors' interests and requests for dispensations (Chair)

- Councillor Sterndale: CM2325 (will abstain from vote)
- Chair: CM2319 (but it's only an information item)

CM2319: Chair's verbal report:

- Portishead Wheels & Skate Park update:
 - Held consultation on 1st design, then Maverick redesigned, then consulted again at the user group meeting.
 - The design is very popular.
 - A fundraising webpage will go live next week, where people can purchase items e.g., hoodies to arrive at the end of year.
 - A match funding proposal will be brought to Full Council in March.
 - A presentation / launch event is planned for 12th March at Portishead Youth Centre.
 - The banners have been delivered; the Chair will seek permission from North Somerset Council to display them around the town.
 - The Council Officers and Councillor are in discussion with North Somerset Council about the lease for the land. Heads of terms will be brought to the March Full Council meeting with a resolution.
 - A planning application will be submitted by Maverick on behalf of the Council and WASP by the end of March.
- Proposed Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:
 - On the weekend of 2nd to 5th June there are 2 Bank Holidays to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
 - A group of Councillors has been discussing ideas.
 - They have requested use of the Show Field for a free entry family event with music, craft stalls, family entertainment etc.
 - Stall holders were asked to get in touch with the Councillors (there will be no charge)
 - The plan is to spend from the Council's event budget.
 - Also, the Scouts are planning to light the Beacon and asked the Council for help.
 - Councillor Mason: any people planning street parties need to consult with North Somerset Council ASAP.
- Merlin Park Pump Track consultation response update:
 - Consultation closes at the end of February.
 - So far 300+ varied responses.
 - Urged residents to complete the survey online.

- Once consultation ends, responses will be analysed, then discussed with North Somerset Council (landowners).
- Some responses have asked for other location options, Councillors are not aware of any suitable available.
- Government legislation governing online voting at Council meetings:
 - If joining online, Councillors cannot vote in Committee meetings.
 - The Councillors do not agree with the legislation, they would rather meet face to face but cannot always make it into the Hall.
 - In Wales, the legislation different.
 - Lots of Councils are lobbying against the legislation.
 - The Clerk has information from some sources and has passed it on to Councillors.
- Folk Hall Heritage Centre opening 18th February 2022:
 - The opening of the Sandy Tebbutt Heritage Centre is planned for 18th February.
 - A cake has been ordered and Champagne and glasses have been donated by Councillors.
 - They have invited 30-40 people who helped create Heritage Centre and Sandy's daughter.
 - Photos will be provided to media outlets after the low-key event.
 - The Councillors would like to then invite residents in to see the Centre.

CM2320: Public participation:

- None received

CM2321: Information item: Verbal update on the Portishead Wellness Partnership (PWP) (Councillor Polly Shepperdson)

- The Community Hub (next item) is a project from the PWP.
- PWP meetings started in 2021, with multi agencies working together to reduce healthcare demands by promoting wellbeing services.
- A representative from the Woodspring Integrated Partnership, Harbourside is involved in assessing trends in residents' health, looking at people not patients, overall needs e.g., green spaces, the 3 overriding issues are:
 - Young peoples' mental health including eating disorders
 - A lack of wellbeing facilities
 - Chronic pain.
- PWP Partners have discussed each theme, understanding what's happening already and looking at gaps.
- The Council's Project Team and some Councillors are coordinating PWP activity.
- Partners include Citizens Advice North Somerset, Portishead Youth Centre, Curo, etc.
- Next theme is social prescribing (mapping destinations for health and social care and making services more visible).
- Also, planning to look at the local volunteer network development as a follow up to COVID-19 activity, with advice from Voluntary Action North Somerset.

CM2322: Information item: Verbal update on the Community Hub pilot project (Councillor Paul Churchill)

- Reminder that the Council has funding for a feasibility study for a Community Hub, working with PWP partners until the end of June 2022.
- Actions to date: a location has been found in the Methodist Church-owned Beacon Hub, in a newly refurbished space. Using part of the café and meeting rooms.
- The café is not yet open to the public.
- On 1st February, the Council's Project Team invited 7 delivery partners to look around; very positive feedback was received, and several partners are now booking space.
- Once set up, residents and community groups will be offered access.
- The next open day will be for community groups and people thinking of starting a group.
- The Hub will be part of a group of Hubs in the North Somerset project.

CM2323: Decision item: Recommendation to approve £1,333.33 & VAT contribution from the 22-23 budget for pre-application costs for the proposed Community Sports Hub, Bristol Road (Chair):

- This contribution represents one third of the total cost and other equal funders are Portishead Town Football Club (PTFC) and Enjoy Church.
- Councillors have been working with PTFC to develop sports facilities, and also looking for larger event space.
- PTFC is 1 of largest clubs in Somerset, and needs a better clubhouse, changing facilities etc. It has funding for a 4G pitch and wants to upgrade facilities accordingly.
- Plans are for 2 buildings PTFC facilities and a Community Hub.
- The Council owns the land in question, PTFC is the lessee, and Enjoy Church the possible developer.
- Getting ready for a pre application to understand North Somerset Council's response and any issues with the site.
- The Chair knows it is on a flood plain and in the Green Belt, plus there are parking and traffic issues and the pre app will uncover the extent of this.
- Councillor discussion:
 - Councillor Sue Mason:
 - Will plans be drawn up, if so, can the Councillors and team see them?
 - Also, asked the Clerk for the difference in the contribution approved at January Community Matters. The Clerk responded: these are separate costs, February was for architects' fees to create the pre application, this request is for planning application costs.
 - Chair: Pre application documents and plans will be sent to Councillors for comment.
 - Councillor Sterndale:
 - What happens if the planning application comes to the Council's Planning Advisory Group? Chair: asked the Clerk to obtain advice.
 - Councillor Sue Mason: This has come up in the past, and Councillors didn't comment.
 - Councillor Davey:
 - Is it a grant request? Chair: no, as the Council will be applying for the planning permission. If full planning permission is to be applied, a request for permission must be taken to Full Council via this Committee.
- Vote on the recommendation
 - All approved

CM2324: Decision item: Recommendation to approve £200 & VAT contribution from the 22-23 budget for a pre-application advice meeting with North Somerset Council if required for the proposed Community Sports Hub, Bristol Road (Chair):

- This contribution represents one third of the total cost and other equal funders are Portishead Town Football Club (PTFC) and Enjoy Church.
- The contribution would be required if an advice meeting with Planning Officer was requested.
- Vote on the recommendation
 - All approved

CM2325: Decision item: Recommendation to approve a Community Grant of £4,000 from the 22-23 budget with the following conditions, to the Gordano Civic Society for the Lorymers Park Restoration Project and delegate the Deputy Clerk to make the payment (Grants Working Party):

- Conditions of award: prior to payment, the Gordano Civic Society must provide evidence that grant applications have also been submitted to:
 - Alliance Homes
 - Avon Local History and Archaeological Society
 - Persimmon Homes
 - The National Grid
- This grant application was received before the 21/22 application window closed
- The Working Party discussed the application twice, the original application was higher but considered too high.
- The total project cost is £12,000.
- The Gordano Civic Society is also contributing.
- The Chair thanked North Somerset Council Officers for support.

- The group had already applied for and been approved for a grant from Alliance Homes for £1,000.
- The project is in Sandy Tebbutt's memory.
- Vote on the recommendation
 - Councillor Sterndale abstained
 - All others approved

CM2326: Decision item: Recommendation to approve correction of a text error in 16th December 2021 Community Matters Committee minutes to correctly reflect the grant to be awarded to the Portishead Gig Club of £2,650 not £100 as written (Chair)

- The Clerk apologised for the text error, but the video truly represents that £2,650 was awarded at the meeting.
- Vote on the recommendation
 - All approved

CM2327: Approval item: Minutes of the last meeting from 13th January 2022

- Vote on the recommendation
 - All approved

Date of the next meeting: 10th March 2022