

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
27th JUNE 2018 7.30PM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Koops - in the Chair

Councillors: - Cameron, Clark, Cottrell, M. Cruse, R. Cruse, Mason and Mitchell

Staff: - Jo Duffy – Clerk of the Council

Public: - There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

RW1827 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)

There was one declaration of interest recorded in the Declarations of Interest Register.

Councillor R. Cruse declared a personal and pecuniary interest with granted dispensation for agenda item .5 as a trustee of Portishead Youth Centre.

APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)

Apologies were received from Councillor Lord.

RW1828 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)

There were 4 members of the public and one councillor in attendance who wished to address the meeting: -

- Mr. Charles Murphy spoke about the Pill Park design. He said that North Somerset Council (NSC) are refusing to accept that deficiencies exist in their plan and evaluate his proposal of a 'Ramp to Lower Operating Area'. He ran through the issues with NSC's design and explained the benefits of his. He suggested that the Town Council asks NSC to evaluate his design.
- Mrs. Janet Davey spoke about a Facebook page called 'Real Portishead Politics' and called its content tone deaf, tosh. She referred to the inaccurate posts within the page.

Cllr. Cottrell addressed Mrs Davey about the Real Portishead Politics Facebook page. She said that as far as she is aware the Facebook page has nothing to do with the Town Council and pointed out that whoever has set up the page has used the Town Council logo without permission.

Cllr. Clark confirmed that he has disassociated himself from the comments made on the page and described the site as very shoddy.

- Mrs Hennessy spoke about how the Council should go about gathering names for inclusion in working parties. She went on to speak about litter bins and suggested that more could be done to recycle the waste and install bins that prevent wildlife accessing the contents. She supports Mr. Murphy designs for Pill Park and questioned the lack of a public consultation. Finally, she requested that a wider consultation is undertaken with regard to the climbing wall replacement and that further consideration is given to Kilkenny Fields as a location for a skate park.
- Mr. Ian Slater referred to a vote taken at the PRAM meeting with regard to the development of Bristol Road playing fields and the progress made with regard to evidencing what sporting facilities are required by the town, also whether sources of funding are available for the project.

Cllr. Mitchell assured Mr. Slater that at this point in time there is no proposal or plan and the public will be consulted.

- Cllr. R. Cruse spoke about how wonderful both the Portishead Open Gardens Weekend and the Portishead Arts Trail were this year.

These minutes summarise what was said during public participation and were views expressed by the speaker, not the Town Council.

RW1829 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE WW1 CENTENARY WORKING PARTY (Agenda item .4)

The meeting was briefed on the latest activities of the WW1 Centenary Working Party. The following items were raised:

- The Book of Remembrance is now on the website.
- The public have offered further information and corrections to the book.
- A hard copy of the Book of Remembrance is still under consideration, which would include traditional binding, a price is being sought.
- Portishead Library have said that they would like to hold a hard copy Book of Remembrance in the library. Consideration must be given to how it is stored.
- A stone memorial is still under consideration.

Clerk's note: Standing orders were suspended to allow Mr. Steve Gill to address the committee.

Mr. Gill explained that he has been seeking quotations on behalf of the Working Party for a Memorial Stone. The stone would be a piece of grey granite 48" high by 20" across the base. It would be freestanding and weigh approximately 1.5 tons. He invited 16 companies to quote, 6 declined and he received 4 quotes. Issues arising include the origin of

the stone with English granite being more expensive. The stone would have a machined face on to which a bronze plaque could be placed. Quotes range from £1,800 to £7,000, the cost of the bronze plaque would be in the region of £1,000.

Clerk's note: Standing orders were resumed.

Cllr. Cameron thanked Mr Gill for his work.

- A decision must be reached imminently with regard to the stone memorial in order to complete the project before November.
- Memorial sites have been narrowed down to the garden at the junction of Brampton Way/High Street and the Piazza, however this site does not have permission as yet.
- The working party will be meeting on 6th July.

RW1830 TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FROM THE YOUTH CENTRE EARMARKED RESERVE FOR WORKS TO PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE EMERGENCY LIGHT FITTINGS (Agenda item .5)

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council replaces the existing bulk head light in the boiler room, plus 4 light fittings and the emergency lighting battery packs in the Nautical Room at Portishead Youth Centre. The cost of these works is to be covered from the Youth Centre Building Contingency Restricted Earmarked Reserve. The cost of the works is £1,097.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

RW1831 TO DISCUSS LITTER AND DOG BINS IN PORTISHEAD (Agenda item .6)

The meeting discussed the subject at length.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council installs three litter bins at a cost of £75 per bin with emptying costs of £4.07 per bin, per week. A bin is to be installed at Spring Rise/Capenor Close under the direction of Cllr. Burden, a bin at Mendip Road under the direction of Cllr. Jolley and one to be installed at Parish Wharf in the vicinity of Portishead Primary School.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour and one abstention.

RW1832 PUBLIC GREEN SPACES – CLLR. COTTRELL (Agenda item .7)

It was agreed to deferred this item until the next meeting.

RW1833 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PILL PARK/PARISH WHARF PROJECT (Agenda item .8)

The meeting discussed the designs for the Pill Park/Parish Wharf project and concerns about the suitability of the proposed design and the ability to get all parties to agree on one design. Subject to costings for materials and engineering it is envisaged that the work will start in September 2018. It was noted that to date there has been no public consultation by North Somerset Council.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council notes the Pill Park/Parish Wharf launch/recovery area design provided by North Somerset Council.
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A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

RW1834 TO DISCUSS THE CLIMBING BOULDER AT PILL PARK AND THE CLIMBING FRAME AT NIGHTINGALE RISE/BROCK END (Agenda item .9)

Cllr. Koops briefed the meeting. It was agreed that she will work with the Clerk to pursue options for a piece of play equipment at the Parish Wharf site and will bring proposals forward to a future meeting.

RW1835 TO DISCUSS THE CONVERSION OF THE NORTH WESTON TELEPHONE BOX TO HOUSE A DEFIBRILLATOR (Agenda item .10)

The meeting discussed the condition of the North Weston bus shelter. It was agreed that the shelter and phone box should be refurbished. The meeting also discussed which budget head the funding for the defibrillator should come from.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council refurbishes its bus shelter and phone box on Clevedon Road, Portishead and purchases a defibrillator with storage cabinet, for installation in the redundant phone box, at a cost of £2,500. The costs are to include installation and the running costs for the first year.
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A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

RW1836 TO DISCUSS THE TERMINATION OF ARTS TRAIL WEBSITE (Agenda item .11)

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council requests that Net-Digital clones/copies the visible content pages/text/images of the Arts Trail website at a cost of £140 for the copying and £199 per annum of the hosting.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

RW1837 TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS – CLLR. MASON (Agenda item .12)

Cllr. Mason spoke about the report and the existing methods of communication used by the Council. The meeting discussed the subject at length, including the security of social media accounts.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council agrees to instigate its own Twitter account and ensure that both the Facebook and Twitter accounts are secure.

A vote was taken with all in favour.

RW1838 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM WASP ON THE SKATE PARK PROJECT (Agenda item .13)

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council notes the report.

RW1839 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda item .14)

1. Public green spaces in Portishead.
2. Proposals for the Pill Park play area
3. The Old Mill public house (Town Council)

RW1840 HEAVEN'S FIELD – UPDATE (Agenda .15)

There was nothing to report.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18pm.