

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL  
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018 7.30PM**

- PRESENT:** - Councillor Oyns - in the Chair
- Councillors: - Cameron, Cottrell, M. Cruse, R. Cruse, Koops, Lord, Mason, Pasley
- Staff: - Jo Duffy – Clerk of the Council
- Public: - There were 4 members of the public in attendance and one member of the press.

**RW1821 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)**

There were four declarations of interest recorded in the Declarations of Interest Register.

Councillors Pasley and Oyns stated that any views they expressed on matters to also be considered at North Somerset Council would be provisional and based on the facts currently known. They would be exercising their rights to reconsider the matter afresh when the matter went before North Somerset Council.

Councillors Lord and Oyns declared personal interests on agenda item .4 should the Lake Grounds be discussed, as they are residents of the Lake Grounds.

**APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mitchell and Clark.

**RW1822 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)**

There were 2 members of the public in attendance who wished to address the meeting: -

- Mr. Paul Maltby spoke about the offer of financial help from a Clevedon resident with regard to the Portishead War Memorial. He felt Portishead should fund its own memorial.

*Cllr. Cameron responded, saying that he appreciates and understands Mr. Maltby's feeling but Cllr Shopland, when he visited the working party he did say that the reason for helping was a long-standing family association with Portishead.*

- Mrs. Annette Hennessy spoke about locations for a Portishead Bandstand with regard to previous skate/wheel park sites.

*Cllr Pasley responded to Mrs Hennessy commenting that at the beginning of the NSC Planning Meeting where the Lake Grounds was to be discussed, the Leader of the Council invited the Skate Park Group to withdraw their planning application until such time as they had landlord's permission. It was felt that this would save them money on the planning application, they declined and continued.*

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

**RW1823 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 virtual book of Remembrance is almost complete. Sandy Tebbutt has contributed.
- The Rector of the Church has supplied a contact who has provided some wonderful information which has improved the content.
- Radio Bristol has been in contact regarding the Council's plans.
- The bandstand could be a memorial or conceived as a standalone project.

*Clerk's note: The meeting agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr. Steve Gill from the Working Party to address the meeting.*

Mr. Gill explained that the public have been invited to offer suggestions to the Working Party and one of those suggestions was that Portishead deserved a community bandstand. There are over 35 potential organisations that may be attracted to the concept of a bandstand and the working party has set about consulting with them and collating this comment. The meeting reviewed photos of the original Portishead bandstand, the Clevedon bandstand and two modern bandstands in North and West Yorkshire. Estimates for a brand-new bandstand are coming in around £50k.

*Clerk's note: Standing orders were re-convened.*

The meeting continued to discuss the bandstand, including designs produced by Johnnie Johnson some years ago and the idea of establishing whether it would be possible to close all shops on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to mark Remembrance Day. Finally, the meeting was briefed on the concert provisionally planned for 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The concert will consist of a talk by Sandy Tebbutt with a number of other musical contributors. Portishead Choral Society will also be

hosting a concert to commemorate the ending of World War 1 in Portishead Methodist Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**RW1824 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE OFFICE REFIT (Agenda item .5)**

The meeting received a verbal update from the Town Clerk.

**RW1825 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda item .6)**

1. Update on litter and dog bins
2. WW1 Memorial Working Party
3. Clerk to contact WASP to see if they wish to make a written report on the skate park project at the next Recreation and Works Meeting.

**RW1826 HEAVEN'S FIELD – UPDATE (Agenda .7)**

The Clerk confirmed that there has been no change.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.04pm.