

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

**PRESENT:** - Councillor Koops - in the Chair  
Councillors: - Clark, M. Cruse, R. Cruse, Lord and Mason  
Staff: - Jo Duffy – Clerk of the Council  
Public: - There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

**RW1841 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)**

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

Councillors R. Cruse and Lord declared personal and pecuniary interests with granted dispensation for agenda items .6 and .7 as trustees of Portishead Youth Centre.

**APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)**

Apologies were received from Councillors: Burden, Cameron, Cottrell, Mitchell and Pasley.

*Clerk's note: Councillor Lord later gave apologies for Councillor Clark.*

**RW1842 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)**

There were 2 members of the public in attendance who addressed the meeting: -

- Mrs. Janet Davey spoke about the lack of free activities for older children in Portishead and her disappointment that North Somerset Council's Executive has prevented the building of a skate park. She also spoke about the lack of bicycle racks in Portishead.

*A member of the public advised that there are bicycle racks in the Precinct and the Clerk informed Mrs Davey that there are also bicycle racks in the Folk Hall car park.*

*Cllr. R. Cruse pointed out that Portishead Youth Club is free to use during the summer holidays in the evening.*

- Mr. Geoff Hardman spoke about the condition of the Lake at the Lake Grounds. He said the shallow section by the bridge is filled with smelly mud, lots of litter, branches, bottles and feathers.

*The Clerk explained that there is a Management Committee for the Lake Grounds which is made up of various organisations and has representatives from the Town Council on it. The Clerk offered to report the condition of the lake to North Somerset Council.*

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

**RW1843 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE WW1 CENTENARY WORKING PARTY (Agenda item .4)**

This item was deferred to August Town Council as Cllr. Cameron was not present.

**RW1844 TO DISCUSS THE CLIMBING BOULDER AT PARISH WHARF (Agenda item .5)**

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council approves the multi play unit, design B. To be installed on the grassed area at Parish Wharf, with safety surfacing and fencing at a cost of £14,500 + VAT.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

**RW1845 TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST FROM PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE TO ALLOW HONEY TREE NURSERY TO USE THE YOUTH CENTRE IN THE EVENT OF AN EVACUATION (Agenda item .6)**

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council is to grant landlords consent for the Youth Centre to be used by Honey Tree Nursery as an emergency meeting point, in the unlikely event of a fire or other emergency necessitating the evacuation of their building.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour. Councillors R. Cruse and Lord abstained from the vote.

**RW1846 TO RECEIVE THE PLAY AREA ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT. (Agenda item .7)**

The following recommendation was made:

The office is to action all repairs highlighted.

Portishead Town Council notes the Annual Play Area Inspections reports.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour. Councillors R. Cruse and Lord abstained from the vote.

**RW1847 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE LAND AT HORATIO HOUSE (Agenda item .8)**

The Councillors explained to the members of the public present that Horatio House is located near the Town Garden is on Station Road, in front of the library.

It was agreed that this item should be added to future Recreation and Works Committee agendas to ensure that if North Somerset Council makes a decision on the lands future the Town Council can act swiftly.

**RW1848 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda item .9)**

1. Public green spaces in Portishead.
2. To receive an update on the land at Horatio House.

**RW1849 HEAVEN'S FIELD – UPDATE (Agenda .10)**

The Clerk confirmed that she has visited the site today and everything is in order.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.51pm.