

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
26th JULY 2017 7.30PM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Oyns - in the Chair

Councillors: - Cottrell, M. Cruse, R. Cruse, Mason, Mitchell, Lord & Pasley

Staff: - Jo Duffy – Clerk of the Council

Public: - There was 9 member of the public in attendance

RW1719 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)

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

Cllr. Oyns and Pasley stated that any views 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 right to reconsider the matter afresh when the matter went before North Somerset Council.

Cllrs. Lord, R. Cruse, M. Cruse declared a personal interests in agenda item .5 as a member of Portishead Twinning Association.

APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)

Apologies were received from Councillors Burden, Koops, Clark and Cameron

RW1720 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)

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

- A member of the public spoke about sites for a skate park and also about the lack of police in Portishead.

- A member of the public spoke about a Portishead skate park and the various sites that have been looked at. She asked several questions: “One, where are the new and alternative locations that David Oyns and David Pasley promised where available? The ball is in the Town Council’s court with regard to the next step. Two, so what action is the

Town Council taking on progressing the skate park and fulfilling the promise for a large central facility? Three, will the Town Council agree to forming a new leading group to liaise with the residents and work together for the good of the town, ensuring that David Oyns and David Pasley and Arthur Terry are excluded based on their previous unsuccessful involvement?"

- A member of the public spoke about a Portishead Skate park on the Lake Grounds, also about a communications document.
- A member of the public spoke about North Somerset Council, also about a skate park.

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

SKATE/WHEELS PARK (Agenda item .4)

The Clerk read out a letter from Cllr. Bryant regarding a skate park.

Clerk's note at 7.55pm the meeting was temporarily closed.

Clerk's note: The meeting was reconvened at 8.06pm. It was agreed that agenda item .4 would be placed at the end of the agenda.

RW1721 TO DISCUSS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM FRANK DERRICK OF PORTISHEAD SENIORS FORUM (Agenda item .5)

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council advises these three groups that they will be charged the going rate but can submit a grant application to cover their hire costs if they wish. A period of notice should be given (1 st January 2018), before the introduction of the full hire fees, to allow assistance with any grant application.
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A vote was taken with all in favour.

RW1722 TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST FOR A REDUCED HIRE FEE FROM THE ORGANISER OF THE REDCLIFFE BAY HALL BEER FESTIVAL (Agenda item .6)

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council turns down the request for discounted hire fees for the Redcliffe Bay Hall Beer Festival.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

RW1723 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE PILL PARK CONSULTATION (Agenda item .7)

The Clerk confirmed that as soon as North Somerset Council (NSC) has more information on Pill Park they will attend a council meeting and provide a briefing.

RW1724 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE AVON WAY HALL CONSULTATION (Agenda item .8)

The Clerk read out an email from NSC. "We have assessed and scored the submission and undertaken interviews. A preferred group to transfer the hall to has been selected. The group scored very well in all areas of the assessment. We are just waiting for Executive Member sign off before releasing details of the transfer and undertaking all of the necessary legal processes."

The meeting noted the email.

RW1725 FOLK HALL OFFICE UPGRADE AND DISABLED ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS (Agenda item .9)

The Clerk has passed the office requirements to the architects and will report back as and when she has information.

RW1726 TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST FROM PORTISHEAD IN BLOOM TO TURN THE FLOWER BEDS IN THE FOLK HALL CAR PARK INTO RAISED BEDS (Agenda .10)

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council seeks quotes for the cost of raising the flowerbeds in the Folk Hall car park with a suitable material, for example railway sleepers.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

RW1727 TO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF AN OUTSIDE TAP FOR THE TOWN ORDERLY (Agenda item .11)

This item was deferred until the August meeting.

RW1728 SKATE/WHEELS PARK (Agenda item .4)

The Committee discussed the skatepark at length.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council will encourage a group of people to get together, form a company limited by guarantee and become a registered charity. The Council will finance reasonably the cost of said company/charity. It will be up to this dedicated group to find a site. The group will come back to the Town Council with their findings and the Council will provide the group with seed funding.

A vote was taken with all in favour.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council wishes to let it be known to a skate park group that the land (Slade Road Play Area) in their ownership does not need planning permission, because it already has the use of a play area and will be prepared to allow its use for a skate park.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

RW1729 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda item .12)

1. To discuss a request from North Somerset Council to fund the replacement of a climbing frame at Brockend/Nightingale Rise play area.
2. To receive any updates on the Cabstand/Brunel Court improvement works
3. To receive a report from the Social Media Working Party
4. To discuss the installation of an outside tap for the town orderly
5. Pill Park update
6. Avon Way Hall update

RW1730 HEAVEN'S FIELD – UPDATE (Agenda .13)

There was nothing to report.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08pm.