

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
28th MARCH 2018 7.30PM**

- PRESENT:** - Councillor Cameron - in the Chair
- Councillors: - Clark, Cottrell, M. Cruse, R. Cruse, Huffadine-Cooper, Mason, and Mitchell
- Staff: - Jo Duffy – Clerk of the Council
- Public: - There were 12+ members of the public in attendance and one member of the press.

The Clerk opened the meeting and invited the councillors present to nominate a chairman for the meeting in the absence of Cllr. Oyns. Councillor Cottrell proposed Cllr. Cameron chaired the meeting. The proposal was seconded and a vote taken with all in favour.

RW1811 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)

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

Cllr. R. Cruse declared a personal and pecuniary interest with granted dispensation for agenda item .6 as a trustee of Portishead Youth Centre.

*Cllr. Cottrell declared a personal interest in agenda item .5 as her husband is a plot holder at Gertie Gale's allotments.

APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)

Apologies were received from Councillors Burden, Koops, Lord, Oyns, Pasley and Terry.

RW1812 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)

There were 5 members of the public in attendance who wished to address the meeting: -

- Mr. Paul Maltby spoke about Public Spaces Protection Orders. He asked for examples which would satisfy the test outlined in the report, such as detrimental behaviour which has taken place in the Folk Hall or may happen in the future.

- Mrs. Annette Hennessy spoke about Public Spaces Protection Orders. She asked whether the conduct rules that apply to the public also apply to councillors?
- Mrs. Ann Townsend spoke about Public Spaces Protection Orders. She asked who proposed the agenda item? What has changed since the last debate on the subject? What is the relevance to Portishead Town Council of North Somerset Council (NSC) placing the orders on their buildings?
- Mr. Geoff Hardman spoke about a number of subjects including the safety barriers around the Marina and safety measures suggested for Avon Way. Mr. Hardman went on to speak about the recent WASP meeting and asked who owns the grounds next to the Tennis Courts on the Lake Grounds, where the old pitch and putt used to be?
- Mr. Martin Parry spoke about the Public Spaces Protection Orders and asked what or who are the council afraid of that it feels the need to go down the route of pursuing a PSPO?

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

**RW1813 WASP (PORTISHEAD WHEELS AND SKATE PARK GROUP) – UPDATE
(Agenda item .4)**

Cllr. Mitchell briefed the members on the WASP meeting which he attended, highlighting the following points:

- There was no historic debate and it was about looking forward.
- There is, he thinks, intent to support WASP with at least one if not more wheels parks.
- Finance and finding a site are the main issues.
- Sites suggested by NSC (Slade Road and Merlin Park), are unrealistic options.
- The potential site by Majestic Wine (Harbour Road) would present a perfect opportunity as it is not rear residential property and is well overlooked.
- Disappointment was expressed regarding NSC not wishing to consider Kilkenny Fields as a possible site.
- It was acknowledged that the Lake Grounds would require significant pilling as the site contains backfill on marshland.

**RW1814 TO REVIEW QUOTES ON THE TREES AND HEDGES AT GERTIE GALES
AND NORTH WESTON ALLOTMENTS SITES (Agenda item .5)**

**Clerk's note: Cllr. Cottrell declared a personal interest as she is a plot holder at Gertie Gale's allotments.*

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council places an order with the tree surgeon who submitted quote B. to carry out works to trees and hedges at Gertie Gale's and North Weston Allotments at a cost of £1,211 + VAT.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour. Cllr. Cottrell abstained from the vote.

RW1815 TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR THE REPAIRS TO THE FENCING PANELS AT THE PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE MUGA (Agenda item .6)

The Clerk will check the terms of the lease and advise at the full Town Council meeting whether funding is to come from the Youth Centre Restricted Earmarked Reserve or the Amenity Maintenance budget.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council accepts quote B for the value of £587 to replace 1 x MUGA fencing panel at Portishead Youth Centre.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour. Cllr. R. Cruse abstained from the vote.

RW1816 PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS & COMMUNITY PROTECTION POWERS (Agenda item .7)

The meeting discussed the agenda item at length. Points discussed included:

- The reason the item was referred back to committee was because more information was required, namely whether NSC had placed PSPOs on all its public buildings and land including those owned by the Town Council.
- NSC placed PSPOs on libraries, children's Centres, The Town Hall, Castlewood and public spaces.
- Examples of incidents which have occurred within the Town Council's halls, e.g. hirers damaging the building.
- The view that this may be perceived as trying to stifle/stop debate.
- Whether there are any activities of a persistent and continuing nature that the council needs to prevent or stop.
- NSC manages the process and the cost of implementing a PSPO.

It was proposed and seconded that the Town Council does not progress the Public Spaces Protection Order. A vote was taken with two in favour and three against, Cllr. M. Cruse abstained. The recommendation failed. No further proposal was submitted.

RW1817 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE WW1 CENTENARY WORKING PARTY (Agenda item .8)

Cllr. Cameron gave a briefing on the most recent Memorial Working Party meeting, points noted included:

- The possibility of a smaller memorial.
- The Portishead Royal British Legion committee being quite enthusiastic about the idea.
- The possible sites could be either Horatio House or the Precinct.
- The working party investigating whether permission would be granted by NSC and the LCP (owners of the Precinct) for a smaller memorial.
- A smaller memorial could be moved if the land were to be developed at some point in the future.
- Investigating the idea of creating a “virtual” Book of Remembrance.
- The book giving the ability to be searched, contain biographical notes, newspaper articles and be easily added to.

RW1818 TO DISCUSS THE SAFETY BARRIERS AROUND THE MARINA (Agenda item .9)

The meeting discussed the suggestion of introducing safety barriers around the entire length of Portishead Marina. The history of the site was considered, including RoSPA figures on deaths from accidental drowning across the UK and the possible expense of installing more railing.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council takes the matter no further.
--

A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

RW1819 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda item .10)

There were no items submitted for the agenda.

RW1820 HEAVEN’S FIELD – UPDATE (Agenda .11)

The Clerk confirmed that there has been no change.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm.