



**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 2024 IN THE EVE WIGAN ROOM, THE FOLK
HALL, 95 HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD, BS20 6PR**

This was a hybrid meeting to enable community participation

Members present:

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| Councillor R Whitfield (Chairman) | Councillor M Johnston (Vice Chairman) |
| Councillor E Blackmore | Councillor Bob Cartwright |
| Councillor Janet Davey | Councillor Martin Dowling |
| Councillor J Eastman | Councillor David Gunnell |
| Councillor Mike Johnston | Councillor Tim Snaden (Arrived at 7.11pm) |

North Somerset Councillors Present:

None

Officers present:

Mrs W Coulter-Woodman – Town Clerk (Clerk & minutes, IT and cameras)

Members of the public present:

There were no members of the public present in the meeting.
One attended online.

TC141/05/2024 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors John Davey and Alan George.

TC142/05/2024 Declaration of Councillors' interests and requests for dispensations

There were no declarations of interests or requests for dispensations from Members of the Town Council.

TC143/05/2024 Approval of Tender Submission

Members were asked to approve the recommendation of the Halls Refurbishment Working Group for the Tender Submission to appoint a Project Management Company a report and conclusions of the working Group were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor J Eastman and seconded by Councillor Janet Davey that the Council engage Bidder D as project manager for the halls repair project at a cost of £32,500 and that the Clerk be instructed to proceed accordingly and that day-to-day contact with bidder D and subsequent contractors be dealt with by the working group consisting of

- Town Clerk - Wendy Coulter-Woodman
- Halls Manager - Mike McDonald
- Cllr Jenie Eastman
- Cllr Mike Johnston
- Cllr John Davey

A vote was taken which was unanimous in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Council engage Bidder D as project manager for the halls repair project at a cost of £32,500 and that the Clerk be instructed to proceed accordingly and that day-to-day contact with bidder D and subsequent contractors be dealt with by the working group consisting of

- Town Clerk - Wendy Coulter-Woodman
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TC144/05/2024 Parking Charges – Additional Submission

Members were asked to approve an additional submission from the Council with regard to the recent Parking Charges Consultation issued by North Somerset Council.

Councillor R Whitfield withdrew from the meeting whilst the Portishead Town Council debated the motion.

Motion, proposed by Councillor D Gunnell and seconded by Councillor Janet Davey:

“Portishead Town Council agrees that charging for parking both on street and in car parks does not benefit the residents, businesses or voluntary organisations, in fact these charges are damaging to the community fabric of Portishead.

We resolve to write to the chief executive and executive members of North Somerset Council expressing the shortsightedness of these plans and asking them to recognise the damage that these proposals would do to our town”.

Councillor T Snaden joined the meeting.

A vote was taken to debate the motion. It was unanimous in favour.

The Members noted that a petition of over 4,700 against the car parking charges had been submitted to North Somerset Council. Councillor D Gunnell offered to draft a letter to send to North Somerset Council objecting to any car parking charges.

It was proposed by Councillor J Davey and seconded by Councillor B Cartwright that a letter be drafted, approved by all Town Council Members and then sent to North Somerset Council to express the shortsightedness of the proposals to charge for parking and ask them to recognise the damage that these proposals would do to Portishead.

A vote was taken which was unanimous in favour.

RESOLVED: That a letter be drafted, approved by all Town Council Members and then sent to North Somerset Council to express the shortsightedness of the proposals to charge for parking and ask them to recognise the damage that these proposals would do to Portishead.

TC145/05/2024 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

TC146/05/24 Date of the next meeting

The meeting noted the date of the next meeting of the Town Council - Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 19:17.

Signed, Chairman:

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Dated: 19/06/24