

**MINUTES OF THE 13TH ANNUAL MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD AND NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT
THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY 2005, FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Lord – Presiding

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Brown, J H Clark, J S Clark, Mrs Cruse,
Fowles, Gething, Miss Griffiths, Johnston, Mrs Mason, A McMurray, J
McMurray, Miers, Pasley, Rigby, Walters

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillor Terry

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brown

- Personal interest in the Annual Subscription payable to Avon Wildlife Trust
Reason – Member of the Trust

Councillor J S Clark

- Personal interest in the Annual Subscription payable to Avon Wildlife Trust
Reason – Member of the Trust

Councillor Gething

- Personal interest in the Annual Subscription payable to Avon Wildlife Trust
Reason – Member of the Trust

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2005/2006

Councillor Mrs Cruse proposed, Councillor Johnston seconded, the motion that Councillor Mrs Lord be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations it was therefore **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs Lord be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 2005/2006.

The Clerk, acting as the Proper Officer of the Council, then received the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

In her address to the Council, Councillor Mrs Lord stated that she was very honoured and touched to be re-elected as Chairman and thanked the Council for having the confidence in her. She intended to repay that confidence by working hard for the people of the Town.

In referring to the new developments, Councillor Mrs Lord stated that it was very important that new residents were integrated into the established community and the Council need to play a pivotal role in ensuring that we did not end up with an "old" and "new" Portishead. It was also important that the Council review its own structure and administration to ensure that we are in a position to cope with the requirements of an increased population.

Councillor Mrs Lord also pointed that if the Council were to have the co-operation and confidence of residents they needed to communicate with them. She hoped that the Council would take the opportunity during the year to investigate ways of improving communications and publicising the Council's work.

In bringing her address to a close, Councillor Mrs Lord stated that she was looking forward to the year ahead, during which she hoped the Council would work together to be productive and constructive.

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2005/2006

Councillor Mrs Bickley proposed, Councillor Rigby seconded, the motion that Councillor Miers be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations it was therefore RESOLVED that Councillor Miers be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 2005/2006.

The Clerk, acting as the Proper Officer of the Council, then received the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Miers thanked the Council for their confidence in re-electing him Vice-Chairman. He endorsed the comments made by the Chairman and pledged to support her and the community to the best of his ability in the coming year.

Councillor Miers also reminded members that the Portishead in Bloom Committee were aiming for a Gold Medal this year and he hoped the Committee could count on the Council's full support.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES FOR THE YEAR 2005/2006

Planning Committee

It was RESOLVED to appoint the following core members to the Planning Committee –

Chairman of the Council	ex-officio
Vice-Chairman of the Council	ex-officio
Councillor Miss Griffiths	Central Ward
Councillor Walters	Coast Ward
Councillor Mrs Bickley	East Ward
Councillor J S Clark	Redcliffe Bay Ward
Councillor Johnston	South and North Weston Ward
Councillor Mrs Mason	West Ward

It was further RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Bickley be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Recreation and Works Committee

It was RESOLVED to appoint the following core members to the Recreation and Works Committee –

Chairman of the Council	ex-officio and representing East Ward
Vice-Chairman of the Council	ex-officio
Councillor J McMurray	Central Ward
Councillor Rigby	Coast Ward
Councillor Fowles	Redcliffe Bay Ward
Councillor A McMurray	South and North Weston Ward
Councillor Mrs Cruse	West Ward

It was further RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Cruse be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Councillors were reminded that membership of both Committees was open to all councillors who wished to attend the meetings and the core members named constituted the minimum membership only.

Working Parties

It was RESOLVED that the following working parties continue to work on specific projects –

- (a) Traffic – Councillors Rigby, A McMurray, J S Clark, Pasley
- (b) North Weston Village Hall Replacement – Councillors A McMurray, Johnston, Mrs Cruse
- (c) Play Areas – Councillors Johnston, J S Clark, Miers
- (d) Staff Conditions of Service – Councillors Mrs Lord, Miers, Mrs Bickley, Mrs Cruse

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES FOR THE EYAR 2005/2006

It was RESOLVED to appoint the following representatives on outside bodies –

Twinning Association	Chairman – ex-officio Vacancy
Portishead Youth Centre	Councillor Mrs Cruse
ALCA	Councillor Mrs Bickley Councillor J McMurray Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council
Bristol Road Playing Field	Councillor Terry

Management Committee	Councillor A McMurray
North Weston Allotments	Portishead South and N.Weston Ward Councillors
North Somerset Environment Group	Councillor Gething
Tree Warden	Councillor Gething
Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee	Councillor J S Clark Councillor Mrs Mason Councillor Miers
Bristol Transport Forum	Councillor Miers Councillor Mrs Lord – substitute
Conservation Area Advisory Cttee	Councillor Gething Councillor Pasley
Portishead Quays Public Art Strategy	Councillor Walters
Gordano Councils Transport Group	Councillor Mrs Bickley Councillor Pasley Councillor Miers – substitute
Community Safety Local Action Team	Councillor J McMurray Councillor Miers Councillor Walters – substitute
Portishead Networking Group	Councillor Mrs Bickley
North Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor Pasley
Town Councils Forum	Chairman – ex-officio Vice-Chairman – ex-officio Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council
Portishead Tourism Group	Councillor Fowles
Nailsea Community Transport	Councillor Mrs Lord Councillor Miers – substitute

APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chairman of the Recreation and Works Committee and Clerk be designated as authorised cheque signatories.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2005/2006

The calendar of meetings for 2005/2006 was APPROVED.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was RESOLVED to pay the following annual subscriptions

- (a) Avon Local Councils Association - £1, 967
- (b) Avon Wildlife Trust – Friends of Weston Big Wood - £36
- (c) Community Action - £20
- (d) Society of Local Council Clerks - £150 (approx. – actual figure to be confirmed January 2006)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm