

**MINUTES OF THE 182<sup>ND</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF  
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD  
ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

**PRESENT** Councillor Walters – in the Chair

Councillors Cruse, Mrs Cruse, Hazelton, Howells, Mrs Knight, Mrs Lord, Mrs Mason, Parker, Pasley, Miss Stanley, Terry, Way

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

**APOLOGIES** Councillors Cameron, McMurray, Miers, Wright

**1564 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hazelton

- Personal interest in Planning Application No. 08/P/1166/F Lakeside Café, Lake Road, Portishead – Provision of decking area  
Reason – Acquainted with applicant by virtue of membership of Tourism Committee

**Declaration by members who serve on both the Town Council and District Council**

Councillors Mrs Knight and Pasley stated that any views they expressed on matters to also be considered at North Somerset Council would be provisional and based on the facts known. They would be exercising their rights to reconsider the matter afresh when the matter went before North Somerset Council.

**1565 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillor Mrs Mason, speaking as a member of the public, enquired if the Amenity Working Party, which had been established by the Council in June 2007, had met and when they would be in a position to report back to the Council.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Mason for her comments.

Mr Tony Mosely, representing Portishead Skatepark Project, informed the Council that the Executive Member for Strategic Planning, Highways and Economic Development, had turned down the request for the Skatepark to be located at Kilkenny Fields and had suggested that a site to the rear of the open-air pool at Battery Point could be suitable. Mr Mosely asked if the Executive Member had consulted with the Town Council before making his decision and if the Town Council would reaffirm their support for the proposed location at Kilkenny Fields.

In reply, the Chairman confirmed that the matter would be referred back to the Recreation and Works Committee for further consideration.

Mr John Clark, a resident of 3 Glenwood Rise, Portishead, referred to the comments he had made at the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 meeting of the Town Council and informed members that he had been in contact with the owners of the console in Cornwall and discovered that it had been dismantled and would require a fair amount of restoration. He was confident, however, that local people who were employed at the former Portishead Radio station, would be able to help. In the meantime, he was seeking a temporary home for the console and expressed the hope that in the long-term it could be displayed in the new library/heritage centre.

The Chairman thanked Mr Clark for reporting back to the Council and confirmed that the matter would be referred to the Recreation and Works Committee for consideration.

The Chairman then introduced Police Sergeant Terry Scoble to the meeting and invited him to update the Council on local policing matters.

Sergeant Scoble informed the Council that the Police, in conjunction with North Somerset Council and Portishead Primary School, had recently launched the Portishead Pace Car Scheme and Pledge. The scheme, which had originally been developed by communities in Australia and America, aimed to make neighbourhoods a safer place to walk, drive and cycle. The scheme encouraged car drivers to sign a pledge to drive safely within the speed limit, pay attention to pedestrians and cyclists, park and drive considerately, and display a Pace Car Sticker in their vehicles. Copies of the Pledge and Car Sticker were circulated.

In answering questions from councillors, Sergeant Scoble confirmed that

- The complement of Portishead-based PCSO's was currently one short. He anticipated that an additional PCSO would be starting in July.
- The crime rate in Portishead had dropped considerably and it had been reported to him that Portishead currently had the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest crime rate in the whole of England, for similar sized towns.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Scoble for attending the meeting.

#### **1566 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 181<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 be confirmed as correct.

#### **1567 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION/CASH STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2008**

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments and Bank Reconciliation/Cash Statement for the month of May 2008 be APPROVED.

## **1568 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs Knight presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

RESOLVED that the report and recommendations thereon be APPROVED, subject to the following –

### **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS – PLANNING ADMINISTRATION**

A lengthy discussion ensued on this matter with the following comments being made –

- Ward councillors must be more involved and take more interest in the plans within their own wards.
- If no responses are received from councillors a “no objection” comment would be submitted to North Somerset Council.
- What would happen if a councillor was away on holiday or sick and missed the response deadline? It was pointed out that there are three councillors in each ward and one of them was a designated core member of the Planning Committee so this should not be a problem.
- Would large applications, which affect the whole town not just individual wards, and which should be seen as a special case, still be referred to the Planning Committee for consideration?
- It was acknowledged that the workload of the Planning Chairman needed to be reduced.

RESOLVED that

1. The Planning Chairman noted the comments made by the Council. Councillor Parker suggested that all Councillors should be circulated with full details of the revised planning process. The Planning Chairman said she would consider this suggestion.
2. The new system, which had been introduced in May, would be trialled for two months.

The report of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

## **1569 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Harbour Road, Portishead – Formal crossing point scheduled for completion within current financial year (Minute No. RW781 refers).

NSC Play Provision Policy – NSC Officers and Members to meet with Executive Member to clarify position shortly. (Minute No. RW779 refers).

Portishead Carnival – Judges required for Carnival procession Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

New Portishead Library – Stopping-up Order confirmed by Secretary of State.  
Enabling works to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October, contractors on site January 2009,  
completion expected Summer 2010.

The following reports were circulated for information –

- NSC Streetscene – May 2008
- Portishead Skatepark Newsletter – April 2008
- CCTV Log – March 2008

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

..... Chairman

9<sup>th</sup> July 2008