



Portishead Neighbourhood Plan

Community Facilities Report

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Introduction

Background

This report forms part of the evidence base for Portishead Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is structured around Portishead Town Council's strategy for 'creating a modern sustainable town of the future'; organised into the three main themes of Wellbeing, Prosperity and Environmental Sustainability. Community Facilities falls under the 'Wellbeing' theme.

When people think about how places affect our wellbeing, we often think about GP surgeries and hospitals. However, in terms of helping people stay happy and well, some of the most important influences are the homes and neighbourhoods in which we live. From our homes, to the streets and open spaces, facilities and services, where we live impacts on how we live. The process of creating a neighbourhood plan provides an important opportunity to ensure that the new development and other changes proposed for the neighbourhood are planned and designed to support people's wellbeing.

Purpose of this report

This report explores:

- How people's wellbeing needs are currently met by existing community facilities, services and assets in Portishead
- What gaps in provision there may be and what is needed going forward to provide for the future community

Please note, this report does not include information on play / recreation areas in Portishead. This is included instead in the **Portishead Green and Blue Infrastructure Report**.

Policy Context

National Planning Policy

The National Planning Policy Framework 2021 (NPPF)¹ defines community facilities as facilities such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship. Policies should plan positively for the provision of these services, to help promote healthy and safe communities (para. 93).

North Somerset Planning Policy

The North Somerset Local Plan is currently being reviewed. The 'Life Prospects' section in the emerging Local Plan (p.134 onwards) includes draft policies on educational, sporting, leisure, cultural, health and community facilities. Land or buildings will fall within the definition of these policies if they are a cultural/community leisure facility and fall under the following use classes, F1 such as schools, museum, library, places of worship and F2 such as community meeting places, local shop, community hall, park or sports pitch (whether or not provided on a commercial basis) Ee) healthcare and childcare facilities; and pubs, cinemas, cemeteries and allotments. Utilities and other telecommunications infrastructure are also included. This definition also includes land or buildings listed as 'community assets' in accordance with the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012.

Relevant emerging draft local plan policies include:

- Policy DP50: New educational, sporting, leisure, health and community facilities
- Policy DP51: Provision of educational, sporting, leisure, cultural, health or community facilities to meet the needs of new development
- Policy DP52: Protection of existing educational, sporting, leisure, cultural health or community facilities.

A summary of the relevant adopted local plan policy is included in Appendix 2.

¹ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1005759/NPPF_July_2021.pdf

Setting the Scene for Community Facilities in Portishead Neighbourhood Plan Area

Community Facilities, Services and Assets in Portishead

Portishead has a vibrant community which is supported by a range of facilities and infrastructure that provide for its health, welfare, social, educational, spiritual, recreational, leisure and cultural needs. The existing community facilities in Portishead are highly valued by the community, and need to be protected.

Community Consultation – Key Findings to Date

In 2019, Portishead Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group undertook a Neighbourhood Area wide survey to inform start of work on the Neighbourhood Plan. Relevant key ideas and issues included:

- A valued ‘good community spirit’ in Portishead that should be maintained into the future
- Support for the skatepark
- Concern over lack of access to health and GP services
- Concern over lack of facilities for young people
- Concern over lack of school places for Portishead children
- Concern over provision of public toilets (not currently enough)
- Concern over the condition of some key town facilities such as Parish Wharf, the Lake Grounds and other open spaces.

During 2021, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group undertook online consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan using the online Commonplace portal.

Overall, there were few relevant negative sentiments received to the Commonplace consultation, with 95 respondents being positive, 90 being neutral, and only 27 being negative. The majority of people who responded positively on this topic felt that Portishead has a good mix of facilities, clubs and activities, and three respondents specifically said that they never have to leave Portishead to take part in any leisure activities.

The overwhelming topic for the negative comments was the perceived lack of activities in the town for older children and young people. This ties in with the high number of people who said they would like to see a skate park and/or bike track in the town. Also, in addition to those shown in the numerical data above, some people mentioned the need for a cinema.

A number of people also mentioned the condition of some of the existing facilities as something that could be improved. These included the lake grounds area, children’s play areas, Portishead Town Football Club facilities and the leisure centre.

Creative arts provision was mentioned by some as being lacking in the town, such as studios for music, art, drama and dance, and spaces to showcase these.

There were a number of existing facilities mentioned by one or two respondents as being lacking in the town, which suggests that more work needs to be done to consolidate and then publicise/advertise full details of what is available. Some examples mentioned being: gyms, sports provision and activities specific to improving health.

A full report of the pre-Regulation 14 consultation process and results is included in Appendix 1.

Assets of Community Value

There is currently one registered Asset of Community Value in Portishead, the Town Potager Garden, detailed below.

Asset Details				Dates		Status update	Land Registry Restriction
Reference Number	Date of Nomination	Name of Property	Property Address	Effective Listing Date	Date Listing Expires		
ACV202004	02 December 2020	Town Potager Garden	Land to the North West of Horatio House, Harbour Road, Portishead, BS20 7AL	15 December 2020	14 December 2025	Re-nomination following expiry of original 2015 listing	

(extracted from North Somerset Council Assets of Community Value – Registers²)

Health Care in Portishead

Health care providers in Portishead are identified on Tables 1-10 and Map 1 below.

The North Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018³ assesses pharmaceutical needs of the Clevedon / Portishead Locality Area. The report finds the following:

- 27% of the North Somerset population is registered with GPs in the Clevedon / Portishead Locality Area (57,889 registered patients)
- The health status of people registered with practices living in the Locality Area is good compared to North Somerset Overall and the other Locality Areas within North Somerset. 17% of people in the Clevedon / Portishead Locality Area reported a long-term health problem or disability that limits their day-to-day activities
- The Clevedon / Portishead Locality Area has a rate of 19 dispensing pharmacies per 100,000 people. 100% of the Locality Area is within a 10 minute drive of a pharmacy. 98% are also within a 30 minute journey by public transport at peak times and 84% within a 20 minute walk. There is no gaps in provision nor current need for a new pharmacy in Portishead.

² <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-04/List%20of%20Community%20Nominations%20-%20V47%20accessible%20version.pdf>

³ https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-05/North%20Somerset%20pharmaceutical%20needs%20assessment%202018_0.pdf

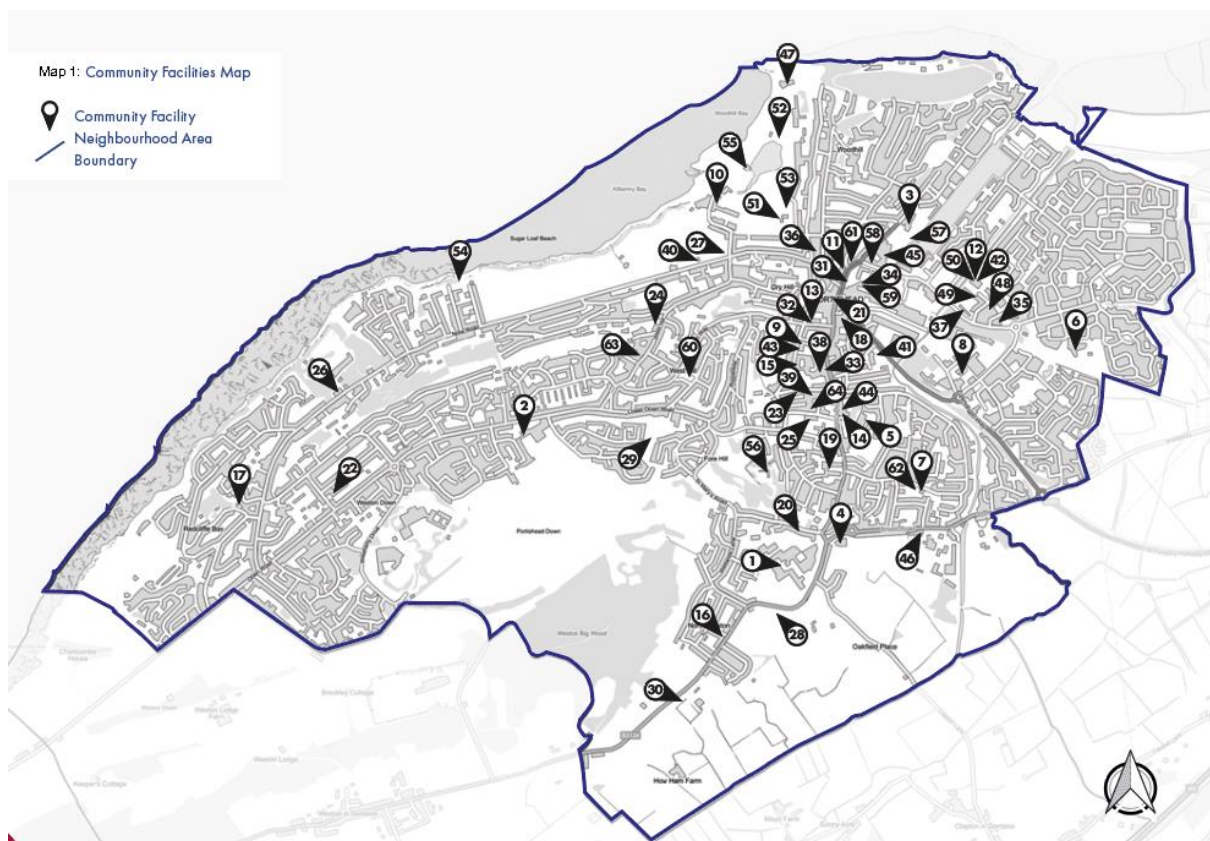
Audit of Existing Community Facilities, Services and Assets in Portishead Neighbourhood Plan Area

Tables 1-10 and Map 1 overleaf identify the existing community facilities in Portishead. The facilities have been identified by the Portishead Neighbourhood Plan Wellbeing Working Group and the list is informed by Community Consultation through Commonplace.

Information has been compiled by the Neighbourhood Plan Wellbeing Working Group and NDP consultants, drawing from Portishead Town Council website⁴ where relevant.

Despite this, the list cannot be said to be exhaustive (there are almost certainly more facilities than those listed below).

Map 1 – Existing Community Facilities in Portishead (see also Tables 1-8)



⁴ <https://www.portishead.gov.uk/Discover-Portishead>

Tables 1 - 8 (overleaf) – Existing Community Facilities in Portishead (see also Map 1)

Please note, the tables below do not include information on open space / play / recreation areas in Portishead. This is included in the **Portishead Green and Blue Infrastructure Evidence Base Report**.

Portishead has a wide range of pubs, social clubs, restaurants and cafes. These act as important community hubs and meeting places for local people. These facilities are not included in detail in the tables below but should be noted as a key part of the fabric of community life in Portishead.

Table 1 - Schools *Maximum school pupil and year 6 pupil numbers based on current maximum numbers (2021)*

Name & Map Ref	Description / Comments
1 Gordano School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by Lighthouse Schools Partnership ● Max. school pupil number 1649 (based on admission numbers from 2016-2020 ranging from 308-361, excluding 6th form) ● Various rooms and halls - hire available ● Gordano School Community Trust Sports Centre is based here (open to the public outside of school hours), with sports halls, gym, outdoor courts and pitches that include a floodlit all weather Astro Turf Pitch ● Gordano Valley Church is also based here ● Gordano Sports Centre is located here
2 High Down School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by Lighthouse Schools Partnership ● Max. school pupil number 630 ● Max. year 6 pupil number 90 ● High Down Nursery also operates from this site ● Hall hire available
3 Portishead Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by Lighthouse Schools Partnership ● Max. school pupil number 420 ● Max year 6 pupil number 60 ● Hall hire available
4 St Joseph's School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton ● Max. school pupil number 210 ● Max year 6 pupil number 30 ● Hall hire available
5 St Peter's School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by Lighthouse Schools Partnership ● Max school pupil number 630 ● Max. year 6 pupil number 90 ● Hall hire available (3 halls)
6 Trinity School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust ● Max school pupil number 420 ● Max year 6 pupil number 60 ● Trinity School Nursery also operates from this site ● Hall hire available

Table 2 - Nurseries / pre-schools / children's centres

Name & Map Ref	Description / Comments
7 Brampton Way Pre-school	Occasional function room hire available
8 Busy Bees Nursery	
9 Honey Tree Nursery	
10 Lakehouse Nursery	
11 Stationhouse Nursery	
12 The Academy Nursery School	
13 The Nursery	

Table 3 - Halls / Community Centres (including some noted in other tables)

Some are already mapped on North Somerset Council's Community Meeting Places map⁵, which includes more detail on venue capacity and the facilities available

Name & Map Ref	Description / Comments
14 The Folk Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Owned by Portishead Town Council● Portishead Town Council office building● Various halls and rooms hire available
15 Jubilee Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Owned by Alliance Homes● Community hall hire available● Valued by older residents
16 North Weston Village Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Owned by Portishead Town Council● Large hall and kitchen facilities hire available
17 Redcliffe Bay Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Owned by Portishead Town Council● Large hall and kitchen facilities hire available
18 Somerset Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Owned by London and Cambridge, leased by North Somerset Council: https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/libraries-leisure-open-spaces/community-venues/somerset-hall● Large venue with hall, bar and facilities hire available
19 Clarence House	Available to hire for events. Offers a function room with its own bar & meeting rooms. Can be hired for corporate promotions, exhibitions, conferences, parties, wedding receptions etc.
58 Portishead Youth Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Owned by Portishead Town Council, managed by Portishead Youth Centre Ltd● Youth centre, music studio● Rooms of various sizes, hire available

⁵ <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/libraries-leisure-open-spaces/community-venues/community-meeting-places>

Table 4 - Places of Worship (see also Halls / Community Centres)

Name & Map Ref	Description / Comments
20 Bristol Quakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owned by Bristol Quakers Friends Meeting House: hall and room hire available
21 Portishead Methodist Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owned by Portishead Methodist Church Wesley Centre church hall hire available
22 Redcliffe Bay Methodist Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owned by Redcliffe Bay Methodist Church Large church hall - hire available 2 meeting / function rooms – hire available
23 Roath Road Chapel	
24 St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church hall and lobby available to hire
25 St Peter's Church	
26 St Nicolas' Church / Portishead United Reformed Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church hall available to hire

Table 5 - Allotments and Community Growing Spaces

Name & Map Ref	Description / Comments
27 Beach Hill Allotments	Managed by Portishead Allotment Association
28 Gertie Gales Allotments	Owned by Portishead Town Council, managed by Gertie Gales
29 Lower Down Road Allotments	Managed by Portishead Allotment Association
30 North Weston Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owned by Portishead Town Council, managed by NWA
31 Town Potager Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden was created by volunteers in 2017. Garden for vegetables and flowers

Table 6 - Health Care Facilities

Name & Map Ref	Description / Comments
32 Combe Road Dental Practice	
33 The Dental Clinic	
34 Evolve Dentistry	
35 Harbourside Surgery	GP services Private healthcare including chiropractic
36 Lime Tree Dental Practice	
37 Living Strong Chiropractic	Private healthcare including chiropractic
38 Moose Hall Chiropractic & Wellness	Private healthcare including chiropractic
39 Portishead Chiropractic Clinic	Private healthcare including chiropractic, sports massage
40 Portishead Dental Practice	
41 Portishead Medical Centre	GP services Including Portishead Physiotherapy and Sports Injury
42 The Reinge Clinic	
43 Walnut Grove	Private healthcare including osteopathy, psychotherapy, physiotherapy, sports rehab, yoga, pilates
44 Woodburn Cottage Dental Clinic	

Table 7 - Leisure & Sports Facilities

Name & Map Ref	Description / Comments
45 Parish Wharf Leisure Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by North Somerset Council, managed by Places for People (Places Leisure) ● Various rooms to hire, only when rooms are not being used by the centre ● Includes a large swimming pool, leisure and play pool, a large sports hall, fully equipped gym, indoor bowls, badminton courts, fitness class studio, a toddlers' fun room and a café area
46 Portishead Town Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by Portishead Town Council, rented by Portishead Town Football Club ● Football club, hall and bar facilities hire available ● Home to a large number of teams, both junior and senior
47 Portishead Open Air Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by North Somerset Council
48 Epic Gym	
49 Pure Results Fitness	
50 The Academy of Gymnastics	
51 Portishead / British Legion Bowls Clubs	
52 Portishead Tennis Club	
53 Portishead Cricket Club	
54 Portishead Sailing Club	
55 Lake Grounds Boat House	
56 Portishead Shooting Club	
57 Portishead Gig Club	

Table 8 – Youth & Other Facilities

Name & Map Ref	Description / Comments
59 Portishead Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by North Somerset Council: https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/libraries-leisure-open-spaces/community-venues/portishead-library-meeting-room ● Library and meeting rooms – room hire available
60 2 nd Portishead Scout Group Headquarters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hall hire available
61 1 st Portishead Scouts	
62 Portishead Air Cadets / Army Cadets	
63 St Barnabas Children’s Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Owned by North Somerset Council and The Church of England ● Pre-school and children’s centre ● Hall / function room hire available
64 Portishead Guides Hut	

Appendix 1 - Community Facilities Data Analysis from Commonplace

Introduction

This document has been written to summarise the findings from the Community Assessts/Facilities survey of the Neighbourhood plan which was part of the Commonplace suite of online surveys. It does not propose *how* to meet the needs of the expressed views.

There were 212 responses to the Community Facilities survey.

It has been compiled from using the data available in the section Contributions/Graphs, which covers off all the questions that have selectable buttons as well as free format comments taken from an excel file provided by Commonplace.

Analysis from numerical data

This is analysis undertaken by the author on the questions where there was specific answers to select.

Question 1: What sports and recreational activities do you or members of your household take part in?

By far the most common answers involved some form of exercise, such as walking, running, cycling etc., but many other recreational activities were mentioned. A few, such as skateboarding, mountain biking etc., had a wholly negative sentiment, as these facilities are not available in Portishead currently.

#	What sports and recreational activities do you or members of your household take part in?	Sentiment
171	Walking (inc dog walking)	
92	Gardening (inc allotments)	
86	Cycling	
71	Running or jogging	
69	Keep fit	
68	Music and performing arts	
66	Childrens play	
44	Community clubs	
41	Other individual activities	
40	Visual arts or crafts	
37	Football	
20	Cricket	
18	Rugby	

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15	Fishing	
14	Other team activities	
11	Horse riding	
8	Hockey	
8	Netball	
5	Swimming	
2	Tennis	
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1	Activities on the marina.. SUP / Rowing	
1	Faith community	
1	Mtb, skateboarding	
1	Walking dog	
1	EPiC Gym	
1	Walking dog	
1	EPiC Gym	
1	walking	
1	Swimming	
1	Ice skating, dancing	
1	Cinema, pitch and put,	
1	Skateboarding, scooting, basketball	
1	Dance	
1	Girlguiding, yoga	
1	swimming	
1	Rowing	
1	Mountain biking and Motorsports	
1	riding scooters and skateboards	
1	Marshal arts	
1	Open air pool, reading	
1	Gig Rowing & Paddle Boarding	
1	None	
1	skate boarding	
1	Bowls	
1	Scooting and skateboarding	
1	by Speaking to people !	
1	Dancing	

Question 2: Which types of existing Portishead Community Facilities do you use/ and or value the most?

Open Spaces had an overwhelming number of positive responses, closely followed, interestingly, by GP surgeries. Again, a real mix of responses.

#	Which types of existing Portishead Community Facilities do you use/ and or value the most?	Sentiment
187	Open spaces	
159	GP Surgeries	
101	Leisure centre	
87	Schools	
84	Sports facilities	
45	Community centres	
24	Places of worship	
2	Library	
1	Woods and Green areas	
1	Toilets	
1	Public toilets	
1	Play grounds	
1	Hall hire	
1	Lido.	
1	Cadet Centre	
1	Why isn't the library or children's centre on this list?	
1	Marina	
1	The Marina (water based activities)	
1	Library meeting room	
1	Gym (not the leisure centre, outdoor pool.	
1	Nature Reserve, local walks like the Gordano Round, Cadbury Camp	
1	Parks	

Question 3: Which types of recreational or community facilities do you think there is greatest need for in the future?

Responses to this very much tied in with the previous question, with the majority of people saying the greatest need in the town is for open spaces, followed by GP surgeries. There were many responses to this question, some of which, along with responses to the free format questions analysed later in this report, suggest that more work is required to publicise existing facilities.

Some negative sentiments for such things as a skate park and cinema again, as these are not available in Portishead currently.

#	Which types of recreational or community facilities do you think there is greatest need for in the future?	Sentiment
110	Open spaces	
70	GP surgeries	
66	Sports facilities	
56	Leisure centres	
46	Schools	
44	Community centres	
10	None - we are already well provided for	
4	Skate park	
4	Cinema	
1	Children's play areas for a broad age range	
1	Updated and revamped play parks	
1	Access to none sports groups	
1	Accessible recreational areas with adequate parking given the absence of any public transport	
1	Cinema, trains	
1	Play area for teenagers	
1	Meeting rooms, large and small	
1	Toilets, outdoor areas for personal fitness like jogging	
1	Arts & Craft Centre	
1	Skate park/bike park	
1	Play parks	
1	Ramp Park	
1	Older kids play equipment and parks	
1	Public toilets & skateboard park	
1	I think it would be good to encourage a stationery shop into the High Street like WH Smith's . The current provision for such goods is piecemeal and not very good.	
1	Soft play and skate park	

1	Playground	Yellow
1	more extensive leisure centre	Green
1	Indoor bowls, cinema	Red
1	Play equipment. Around the marina is very poor	Yellow
1	Non standard facilities eg skatepark	Red
1	Doggy daycare and restaurants and bars	Yellow
1	More activities based around our position next to the water.	Green
1	skatepark or bike facilities	Red
1	Arts/ performance centre	Yellow
1	skatepark	Yellow
1	Skate parks	Green
1	Library	Green
1	Cinema/Bowling	Red
1	Cinema Ten pin bowling	Red
1	Skate Park	Green
1	All weather football pitches	Red
1	skate board park, velodrome or bike track	Red
1	Creative and performing arts venues	Yellow
1	Creative and performing arts	Yellow
1	Really well-designed and built skateboard/BMX tracks for teenagers	Green
1	Playgrounds for kids aged 0-12	Green
1	Train station	Yellow
1	Skate park and railway	Yellow
1	SEN-school	Green
1	Places of worship	Green

1. Summary analysis from comments:

There were few negative sentiments overall, in respect of Community Assets, with 95 respondents being positive, 90 being neutral, and only 27 being negative. The overwhelming topic for the negative comments was the perceived lack of activities in the town for older children and young people. This ties in with the high number of people who said they would like to see a skate park and/or bike track in the town. Also, in addition to those shown in the numerical data above, some people mentioned the need for a cinema in the free form comments.

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Appendix 1.1

Some other, previously unmentioned, community facilities were included in the question below, although some of these were actually included in the Commonplace map:

Are there any other community facilities you know of in Portishead? If so, please name them and tell us where they are.
Jubilee Park amphitheatre - this is great theatrical/concert space and designed as such.
The Portishead coast path Portishead yacht and sailing club at the end of Belton road The windmill pub on Nore Road and the adjacent open space (the old golf course) Battery point nature reserve
Black Nore Light House .Should be used to educate our school children : History of our River /trade etc/wartime Chemistry ? Painting ? Maintenance ?All skills will be useful to their futures .
We have some good facilities but they are not always well looked after e.g. The Lake Grounds
Running club Hut on lake Grounfd
Safe cycle spaces
Portishead Open Air Pool and Cafe Lido (at the Battery Point end of the Lake Grounds) are well-known and well-used local community facilities and should be included in the plan.
Library Youth centre Children's centre Lido Water slipways Beaches Portbury Wharf Nature reserve
library
www.portisheadcycling.com
Lido
Rodmore Gardens
halls - folk hall somerset hall jubilee hall parks - Portishead marina area
The fields around Weston Big Wood - much loved for walking, and providing wildlife corridors for the wood.
Youth facilities: Scouts, Guides, Cadets, Youth Clubs...
i don't know but make portishead better for teens we haven't got anything to do
Would be good to see the Pier reopened for photography, painting and general well-being
Open air pool
Open air pool

Cycle path
The Nature Reserve (which has been poorly managed during the pandemic - locking gates to bird hides is not management Numerous footpaths around Portishead including the one alongside the 'cut' between the estuary front and Wyndham Way.
Existing sports centre is disgusting and Needs massive improvement
Churches, children's center, youth center.... Etc
Cinema
The cafe at the lakegrounds park is looking very run down and in need of investment. It's such a shame as so many people use the lakegrounds and a nice cafe would be a real asset to the area and the community.
Community support is second to none in our town.
Leisure centre

Appendix 1.2.

There is some duplication here, but all comments included.

Any other comment?
Why are there inadequate pavements along Down, Nore and Valley Roads? People need to be safe whilst walking.
I think there should be courts built on merlin park with both goals and basketball nets to allow for easy access to sport as there is space for facilities there.
The facilities at the lake ground could be vastly improved to cater for the growing population. The cricket pavilion is desperately in need of modernising and could be used as another area to supply refreshments and central meeting point.
Some of our parks could really do with an upgrade but it's greatest need is a special educational needs school. A lot of children commute to sen-schools because there isn't one in the town they live in.
Would like to see a Cinema and Skate park
Nature reserve.also ...
Expansion of Portishead Youth Centre to be able to offer more activities/room hire during the day and evenings
More family fun at the lakegrounds
The Leisure centre is too small and not suitable for a town of this size and potential.
There is an increasing demand for public toilets especially for pregnant women and the elderly - there have also been a lot of complaints about teenagers using the toilets in cafes and restaurants due to their not being any public toilets.
Upkeep of assets is as important as provision. Portishead is a lovely place to live but keeping open areas clean and safe will encourage use.
We need more gyms!
Too much talk, too many "consultations" and not enough action.
Would be amazing to get a splash park at the lake grounds for the many children living in portishead
We want cricket to continue at the lake grounds

we could do with a community centre with a cafe / library / info centre that is open and accessible
Need a skate park like Clevedon and Nailsea
We need to preserve our open spaces for the benefit of the whole community
Need all weather sports pitches like the rest of Bristol and Weston
make Portishead better for teens we haven't got anything to do
Portishead needs to sort itself out, become a community again and have new comers understand this is a community and that acting like they are of another class is not acceptable.
The lack of Portishead's facilities lies solely with the council insistant on keeping it in the past
Steps up to Raleigh Rise from Nore Road are a trip hazard and need repair.
Make extra effort to consult marginalised groups - BEYOND this survey.
Our town would really open up with a railway. I also feel much more needs to be done to improve the Lake Grounds area. The buildings are an embarrassment.
We need a train station
Cycle tracks through Weston woods would be great.
There is a lot to do to make the town carbon neutral and many of the existing facilities will need replacement or massive fundamental changes
There need to be more leisure facilities for teenagers and under 30's including late night venues.
Need more areas with cover that have bins and seats that young people can spend time in. If you give us a space then we'll use it
Do we have adequate facilities for families with children - do families get enough support in bringing their children up? Not everyone is well off financially and young children should have opportunities to socialise with other children.
With lots of children living in apartments the marina hasn't made any provision for the younger
Access to open spaces. Seating to enjoy the view in some of the other spaces in and around the area for all ages. Information about the spaces, nature, history. Handel's for steep steps & slopes!
Athletics track. Cycling track. Olympic size swimming pool.
Need outdoor play facilities for older children. Need a climbing wall
The loss of the pitch and putt golf course on the coast road was a real shame, would be great to get this back.
As well as more public toilets, there is a desperate need to install safety railings around the marina waterfront area.
I believe that there should be more provision to music making, particularly youth ensembles of a good standard in Portishead.
My fear is that Portishead becomes over developed and loses its small town charm. I also strongly feel we should protect and enhance our green spaces for our enjoyment and for nature.
A skate park in the Lake Grounds would destroy the unique nature of the Lake Grounds
Please improve wheelchair accessibility especially on coast path and more clubs for disabled would be great.

Need for a structured navigation system to access support for mainly social isolation and mental health support.

A space for a running track and athletics club would be a great asset

As a non driver, there is only easy access to 2 places - Clevedon and Bristol

I would like access to community cinema we don't have a car. Also need more bins for dog waste

We desperately need to protect our open green spaces and to provide a good sized skate and wheels park. Portishead is sadly lacking in this regard.

****Author note – although Portbury Wharf nature reserve is not in Portishead, it is widely used by Portishead residents, so all comments relating to it have been included in the analysis****

Appendix 2: Summary of adopted North Somerset Council Policy

The current adopted North Somerset Core Strategy⁶ defines community facilities as ‘facilities that provide for the health, welfare, social, educational, spiritual, recreational, leisure and cultural needs of the community’ (para. 3.329). It states that with the expanding population of North Somerset, it is ‘imperative that these facilities are provided to meet this demand’ (para. 3.329). Summaries of relevant planning policies include:

- **Policy CS26: Supporting healthy living and the provision of health care facilities**
 - Programs and strategies that increase and improve health services throughout the district, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce health inequalities will be supported. For example:
 - Existing health services will be protected and maintained and where provision of services is insufficient to support an increased population arising from large scale new residential development additional health facilities will be sought to meet any identified shortfall;
 - Promoting healthy lifestyles by addressing existing deficiencies in provision, and aiming to improve the quality and quantity of sports facilities, playing pitches and children’s play spaces throughout the district and access to them;
 - Encouraging development which incorporates, or is within walking distance, from attractive, usable green public open space and contributes to enhancing the green infrastructure network;
 - Recognising and safeguarding the role of allotments, small scale agriculture and farmers markets in providing access to healthy, affordable, locally produced food options.

- **Policy CS27: Sport, recreation and community facilities**
 - Existing facilities will be safeguarded from alternative use unless suitable alternative facilities can be made available or the existing facilities are surplus to requirements.
 - Where the local provision of sport, recreation, children’s play and other community facilities arising from new residential development are inadequate to meet projected needs and standards, additional provision in safe and accessible locations will be sought to meet any identified shortfall. The provision may be in the form of on site provision or the enhancement / improved access to existing facilities.

- **Policy CS31: Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead**
 - Portishead will maintain and enhance its role in providing facilities. Services and community facilities will be encouraged within the urban area of Portishead, in locations accessible to the community which they are intended to serve.

⁶ <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-07/core%20strategy.pdf>

The Sites and Policies Plan Part 1 Development Management Policies⁷ document is also part of the adopted Local Plan. Summaries of relevant policies include:

- **Policy DM68: Protection of Sporting, Cultural and Community Facilities**
 - Land and buildings in existing use, last used for, or proposed for use for a sporting, cultural or community facility are protected for that purpose unless the land is allocated for another purpose in another planning document.
 - The policy outlines the criteria for circumstances when development to change the land use from the above may be permitted.
 - *'Land or buildings will fall within the definition of this policy if they are a cultural or community leisure facility (whether or not provided on a commercial basis) and which fall within use class D1 and D2, such as libraries, arts and entertainment facilities (such as museums and cinemas), public and private open space and other outdoor or indoor sports facilities, youth centres, places of worship, schools, health care facilities, cemeteries and allotments. It also includes pubs which fall within class A4, but excludes other A4 uses. Theatres, utilities and telecommunications infrastructure are also included. This definition also includes land or buildings listed as "community assets" in accordance with the Assets of community value (England) Regulations 2012.'* (Sites and Policies Plan Part 1 Development Management Policies document, p153)

- **Policy DM69: Location of Sporting, Cultural and Community Facilities**
 - Proposals for new sporting, cultural and community facilities within settlement boundaries will be permitted provided that the site is well related to the relevant community, in a sustainable location, designed and laid-out to facilitate meeting other community needs and not negatively impact neighbouring amenity.

⁷ <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-04/sites%20and%20policies%20plan%20part%201%20development%20management%20policies%20July%202016.pdf>