

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 465th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd May 2018**

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr L. Little
 Councillors N. Barton, C. Blades, B. Cherokoff, L. Fone, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, A. Giles-Townsend, S. Hale, B. Hatch, G. Hill, J. Middleton, T. Morgan, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland (7.40pm), D. Shopland (7.40pm), C. Starr, G. Watkins, J. West.
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs S. Howard
 Members of the Public 1, Press 1, NSC Cllr Garner

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

Prayers: The Chairman read St. Francis Prayer

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**A resident of Cambridge Road**

Raised concern as to the representation of Clevedon at District Council level following the lack of North Somerset Councillors at the recent Town Meeting, feeling that the Clevedon District Councillors are not representing the Town in the current time.

Old Park Road- This had been raised in February with the NSC Officer and had been told that it would be 2019/2020 before any work would be done, this has now been amended to 2022/2023. This road is used by Clevedon residents as an access from the upper Clevedon to the schools and town centre, its not acceptable that the road is left in a bad state; asked the NS Councillors to fight to get Clevedon roads repaired.

Dog Bins – the resident had a response from North Somerset to his complaints concerning the removal of litter and dog bins in Clevedon; a copy would be left with the Clerk.

FORMAL BUSINESS**18/904 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr J. Norton-Sealey (illness) **RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

18/905 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There no declaration of interest for items on the agenda

18/906 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th March 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18/907 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS- FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Chairman thanked all those Councillors who attended the Civic Service of the Council.

The Chairman read a thankyou note from Isabel Johnson for her retirement gift, explaining that she had enjoyed working for the Council especially the last 10 years and hoped that the Council would continue to work in a harmonious way for the benefit of Clevedon.

The Chairman congratulated Sue Howard on her promotion to Deputy Town Clerk and welcomed Mrs Cathy Boundy as the Administration Officer.

18/908 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

Newsletter and reports –

The following newsletters and reports have been received and are available from the office.

NALC – LCR Spring 2018

DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses

925, 926

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report of the meeting held on 1st May with NSC Officers.

Town Plan/Vision – The proposal was to form a strategic group made up of 5 Town Councillors and say 3 District Councillors to formulate the Vision Statement; this group would be set up at the ASM.

A copy of the responses to the questions asked by Councillors was circulated at the meeting. Members noted the responses.

Dog & Litter Bins - The Town Clerk explained that following the discussions at TEA and the comments made at the joint meeting with NSC a letter had been sent to Cllr. Peter Bryant Executive officer of Waste Management expressing the Councils concerns and requesting a meeting. Cllr Blades as West Ward District Councillor explained he had been following this up with Officers and executive members.

As the following two motions are to amend standing orders they shall stand without discussion till the next Council meeting on 27th June 2018 S/O 32 (b) & 32 (c)

18/909 RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR D. SHOPLAND TO CREATE NEW STANDING ORDER

“So that every Councillor shall have an opportunity to learn and take part in all aspects of Council procedures and activities, no Councillor shall be Chairman of more than one of the Councils standing or permanent Committee at any one time, neither shall any Chairman of a standing Committee be the Vice Chairman of another”

18/910 RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR D. SHOPLAND TO CREATE NEW STANDING ORDER

“That no Chairman of a Council standing, or permanent Committee shall serve in that position for more than four consecutive years.”

In response to a question it was explained that motions are logged in a file, this is not a public document but available to Councillors as per Standing Order 4g

18/911 REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM CLEVEDON'S NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS OF URGENCY ONLY

There were no questions from the District Councillors

18/912 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

18/912.1 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 12TH MARCH 2018

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED by 17 votes 0.**

There being no part 1 items, the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on part 2

Members noted that the Cherry Avenue development were now using the Moor Lane entrance.

18/912.2 PLANNING 14TH MARCH 2018

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED**, by **17 votes to 0**

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none.

18/912.3 PROPERTY 4th April 2018

Minutes of the Property Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED** by **17 votes to 0**

Being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on part 2 items there were none

18/255.2 – members were informed that the situation is being monitored but due to legal reasons the details of the debt could not be revealed in open meeting.

18/912.4 PLANNING 11TH APRIL 2018

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED** by **17 votes 0**.

Being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on part 2 items there were none.

18/912.5 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 18TH APRIL 2018,

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED** by **18 votes - 0**.

Being no Part 1 items, the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

751.1 Dog & Waste Bins. Members discussed at length the concerns over the removal of the bins in Clevedon. It has been reported that there are 60 bins removed in the district with approximately 30 of them in Clevedon. There had been an increase in complaints concerning litter and waste in the town, it was appreciated that NSC had to save money on the service, £150,000, but the methodology raised concerns. Comment was made that should the Town Council take over and raise the precept to cover the service that NSC should be providing, would they reduce their precept, or would it be double taxation. Members demanded to know why the Town Council had not been consulted or notified and why the NS Councillors had not been consulted or notified; member reiterated the call for a meeting with NSC to discuss this issue in detail. Concern was expressed at the change in NSC policy to allow dog waste to be deposited in open topped waste bin giving rise to concerns about potential health hazards in hot weather. Cllr Blades as the West Ward District Councillor had discussed the issue with Cllr Bryant & Cllr Ashton also with officers from the relevant department, this had also been raised at the joint meeting held on 1st May. It had been made clear that the action had not been agreed by the Executive. A meeting will be held with the relevant officers to discuss and agree a way forward.

A member raised the option to employ Town Orderlies; this will be discussed at the next FGP Committee.

18/912.6 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 23RD APRIL 2018

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED** by **17 votes to 0**,

There being no part 1 items, the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none.

18/912.7 ALLOTMENTS 5th March 2018

Minutes of the Allotment Committee were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED** by **17 votes - 0**.

The part 1 item had been agreed at the last Council meeting. The Committee Chairman invited questions on Part 2 items; there were none.

18/913 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

RESOLVED: that the Council approves the accounts for payment, as per the attached lists.

18/914 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

RESOLVED: that the Council approves the retrospective accounts for payment, as per the attached list.

18/915 RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON CLEVEDON

CCT

Cllr Watkins reported on the last meeting providing the information to the Council on the Curzon Cinema grant application to the Coastal Community Fund in respect of the Library building. This had been discussed at the joint Library meeting held on 19th April 2018

18/916 RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

Cllr J West as the designated liaison with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gave a short update to the Council. The latest community consultation had highlighted the lack of response from the younger residents. The Neighbourhood Plan steering group would be investigating ways to reach the targeted age groups.

18/917 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 8

There were no questions raised under Standing order no 8.

Proposed, Seconded and **AGREED** by 17 votes to 0 to go into closed session under *section 1 (2) Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in regard to a Councillor.*

18/918 Statement by Cllr C. Francis -Pester

Members received a verbal statement by Cllr C. Francis-Pester concerning a legal issue.

18/919 McCarthy & Stone

With the permission of the Chairman the Chairman of Planning informed Members that the developers McCarthy and Stone would be invited to a future planning meeting as it was not advisable for Councillors to attend the one to one sessions proposed by the company.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....
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