

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 418th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st DECEMBER 2010**

PRESENT: Cllr C Hall – Chairman
 Councillors C. Arnold, C Blades, A. Cotton, C. Francis-Pester, B. Garner, Mrs. L. Knott, Mrs. L. Little, J. Middleton, J Norton-Sealey, D Shopland, G. Watkins, Mrs C. Wring
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk – Mrs Johnson

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**PRAYERS**

Prayers were said by the Chairman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public present

FORMAL BUSINESS**10/70 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor E. Blades (family commitments), J Dagnell (other commitment), P. Ganniclift (illness), P McNeill (Attending another meeting as Town Council observer) T. Morgan (family commitments), G. Morris (illness) and N Pennycott (family commitment)

RESOLVED: Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reason given for absence.

10/71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

10/72 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th October were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

10/73 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**73.1 Civic Service**

The Chairman reminded members that the Civic Service would be held on the following Sunday 5th December.

10/74 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.

DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses. 744, 745, 746, 747,

Diary Dates

12th December 2010 – Salvation Army Festival of Carols [Any Councillor wishing to attend please notify the office before the meeting] – notification already circulated

4th December 2010 – League of Friends Clevedon Hospital reception – notification already circulated

9th December 2010 – Rural Patient Partnership meeting – notification already circulated.

27th November & 2nd December 2010 – switch on of Christmas lights – notice attached

10/75 TO RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**10/75.1 PLANNING – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2010**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by Cllr B Garner, as Vice Chairman of the Committee, to the meeting and **AGREED**. The Part 1 item had previously been ratified on 6th October. In response to a question, members were informed that the part 1 item was included in the minutes as it had been part of the 29th September meeting. A response had been required before the minutes could be placed before the Council for ratification therefore the part 1 item had been placed as a separate agenda item on the 6th October Council meeting; it was ratified under minute no 10/68 with no objections.

Although informed by the Town Clerk that as this item had been ratified on 6th October it could not legally be voted on at this meeting, as it had not been raised with the necessary notice and signatories; Members decided that a vote would be allowed.

Members' main concern was whether funding would be available for this development.

RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL RECOMMEND APPROVAL to the proposed Community Hospital on the Crabtree Retail Park.

The resolution was confirmed by vote 11 for and 3 against.

Cllr Garner invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

10/135 re planning application 10/P/1540/F- Cllr Garner reported that this was going to be recommended for approval to NS Development Control meeting on 2nd December.

10/75.2 PLANNING – 13TH OCTOBER 2010

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by Cllr Garner, as Vice Chairman of the Committee, to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Garner invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none

10/75.3 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY – 20TH OCTOBER 2010

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. Part 1 items

10/82 1r – The Chairman may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote, and in the case of an equality of votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote

The Town Clerk had highlighted the difference between the NALC model and the established current practice, Members accepted the NALC model.

1s – Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on any question shall be by a show of hands. At the request of a Councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each Councillor present and voting gave his vote for or against that question. Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda

The Town Clerk requested the wording of the last sentence be changed to "such requests shall be made before the vote is taken" this was AGREED.

It was discussed and AGREED that a named vote could only be called in a Council Meeting and at the request of a minimum of 5 Councillors; no named votes would be allowed in Committee Meetings.

The old standing orders of 12.3 & 12.4 would not be included in the new standing orders as these were already covered by the Representation of the People Act 1985 s21 and the LGA 1972 s83.4b

*Members **AGREED** that the New Council Standing orders relating to contracts would retain the limit of £50,000 and not the £60,000.*

Proposed, seconded and RECOMMEND that the Council adopt the new standing orders as circulated with the above adjustments.

RESOLVED to agree the standing orders as circulated.

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

10/84 the Town Clerk explained the definition of prejudicial interest when relating to an outside body.

10/75.4 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 27 OCTOBER 2010

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**.

Part 1 items

TH/10/76 bus shelter , Castle Road RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that a new bus shelter is ordered total cost including installation £3,639.70 to be purchased from the committee budget 2010/2011

AGREED

Th/10/77 Highdale Road RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL fund the build out in Highdale Road subject to an assessment by NSC Highway Engineers concerning the exact location due to visibility/sight line constraints. The sum of up to £5,000 to be taken from Council reserves in this financial year. Also to request NSC pursue the extension of the pavement on the north side of the road adjacent to the entrance to Fir Woods.

Members discussed this recommendation at length and queried whether this was the best option to reduce traffic speed in Highdale Road and whether this was the best location. Members agreed by 7 votes to 6, with Chairman's casting vote, to **REJECT** the recommendation and asked the Committee to investigate alternative options with North Somerset Highways Officers including the improvement of the lower way access to the school.

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

10/75.5 PLANNING – 3RD NOVEMBER 2010

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by Cllr Norton-Sealey to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

10/75.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES – 10TH NOVEMBER 2010

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, and **AGREED**.

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items:

10/75.1 Community Centre – in response to a question Cllr Francis-Pester, as North Somerset Council Executive Member for Environment and Asset Management, reported that work had been done to assess the condition of the building and the requirements of its users to ascertain the priority for work to be done. There would be a meeting with the Chairman of the Community Centre Management Team to discuss and agree the priorities and future funding actions.

10/75.7 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY – 17TH NOVEMBER 2010

Minutes of the Environment & Property Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**.

Part 1

*10/78 Proposed seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the Council advertises for ~~employs~~ a Caretaker/Handyman at a rate of £7.20 per hour, 15 hours per week , on a fixed term year contract beginning on 1st April, with an option to renew or convert into employment depending on a Council review 3 months before the end of the contract*

AGREED subject to the word change of “employs” to “advertises for”

*10/79 Herbert Gardens - Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk obtain costs to undertake a full tree survey in Herbert Gardens from 2010/2011 budget for maintenance.*

AGREED

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

10/75.8 ALLOTMENTS 27th SEPTEMBER 2010

Withdrawn, as the papers had not been circulated within the timescale laid out in Standing Orders.

10/76 TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

10/77 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

As this was the last Council meeting before Christmas, the Chairman wished everyone the compliments of the season.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....