

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 438th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th January 2014**

PRESENT: Chairman – P McNeill
 Councillors C Bussey, C. Francis-Pester, B. Garner, J Geldart, A Giles-Townsend, C. Hall, B. Hatch, G Hill, L. Little, J. Middleton, T. Morgan, J. Norton-Sealey, N. Pennycott, A. Shopland, D. Shopland G. Watkins, C. Wring
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath;

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**Prayers**

Voluntary Prayers were said by Captain Michael Eden.

FORMAL BUSINESS**14/393 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors C. Blades, A Cotton, L Knott (family commitments)

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

14/394 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

14/395 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30th October 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to a couple of typing error changes.

14/396 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**14/396.1 Community Hospital Meeting**

Members had been circulated information on a meeting to be held at Community Centre on 30th January in respect of Clevedon Community Hospital titled "saving the beds". Members were reminded that the CCG had still not published their options for the future of the hospital.

14/396.2 First Aid Training

Members were informed that training sessions had been organised by Clevedon Lions and would include defibrillator training on 16th January and 11th February 2014.

14/397 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses, 821,822,823,824 ,

DIARY DATES

15th January 2014 – deadline for ordering a copy of the Council Photograph
 Concern was expressed over the cost of the copies of the photographs.

14/398 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**14/398.1 PLANNING 23RD OCTOBER 2013**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Chairman, and **AGREED**.

There were no Part 1 items. The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none.

14/398.2 PLANNING 6TH NOVEMBER 2013

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Chairman, and **AGREED**.

There were no Part 1 items. The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none

14/398.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS – 13TH NOVEMBER 2013

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED**. Subject to addition of Cllr Hatch as an attendee

Part 1

(362.1 OLD STREET ZEBRA CROSSING ADJACENT TO VILLAGE HALL

RESOLVED: 1. To arrange a demonstration of the proposed belisha beacon and allocate £4,000 in the Committee budget for 2014/15 to upgrade the beacons.

2. To write to First Bus concerning the bus stop on Old Street near the zebra crossing requesting all bus drivers to pull their vehicles into the allocated area at the kerbside.)

AGREED

(362.2 MOOR LANE PEDESTRIAN REFUGE/REFUGES

RESOLVED: 1. To allocate £10,000 for crossing 1 in the Committee budget for 2013/14.

2. To consider allocating funding for crossing 2 when the budget is set for 2015/16 next year.)

AGREED – members noted that the budget allocation was £9000

(362.3 ADDITIONAL BUS SHELTER

RESOLVED: To consider new bus shelters next to the Little Harp and adjacent to Salthouse Fields in the next financial year. A replacement bus shelter at Albert Road Sixways should this be necessary to be considered in 2015/16.)

AGREED

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

14/398.4 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 20TH NOVEMBER 2013

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented to the meeting by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED**.

*13/384 (Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** that the repayment should be over 7 years, the life of the initial contract)*

AGREED

*13/384 (Proposed, Seconded and **RECOMMENDED** by 11 votes to 0 with no abstentions, that this Council seeks a Public Works Loan for the balance of £80,000 paid back over 7 years; the loan to be reviewed annual to establish if early repayment was possible) The Motion was put to Council and **RATIFIED***

The Committee Chairman invited questions on part 2
13/384 Public Conveniences - Following a question the Committee Chairman confirmed that the contract was being managed and signed off for the renovation work. Members expressed that the need to increase the amount of toilets available in the town centre.

14/398.5 PLANNING 27TH NOVEMBER 2013

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

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

14/398.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 4TH DECEMBER 2013

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

Part 1

TEA/13/290 RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that;

1. Up to £1,500 to be earmarked in the 2013/14 TEA Committee budget previously allocated for children's events for the production of a Clevedon map to be used at this production and for tourism purposes promoting Clevedon. This is subject to details and costing.
2. Cllr Geldart to liaise with Theatre Orchard and progress the map design. An editorial committee to include The Town Clerk, Cllrs Pennycott, Knott, Watkins and McNeill.
3. To invite representatives of Theatre Orchard to the February TEA Committee.)

AGREED by 14 votes to 0 subject to Cllr Little being added to the editorial team.

Following a discussion it was agreed to take each part of the following recommendation separately

TEA/13/291 RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that;

1. (A Tourist Information Centre be included in the Queens Square toilet block, subject to detailed plans and costing.)

Members discussed at length the current provision at Station Road and agreed that the Councils aspiration was to increase the provision.

The recommendation **FAILED** by 7 votes for to 8 against

2. (The Town Council to liaise with Clevedon Pier regarding the ongoing cleaning/provision of the existing toilets in Pier Copse prior to the Pier development).

AGREED

3. (To write to NSC asking that the provision of public toilets at Pier Copse be included on the section 106 wish list to include monies accrued from the Clevedon Hall development.)

AGREED with the additional provision that NSC be requested to reserve the site for Public Toilet provision should the current toilets close and are demolished

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

14/398.7 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY 11TH DECEMBER 2013

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

Part 1,

EP 13/340 *Proposed, seconded, and RECOMMENDED to Council that: as Herbert Gardens Trustees, they consider allocating a sum of £3500 from the Councils 2014/2015 budget for the purchase and installation of a fence in Herbert Gardens.*

Members discussed at great length the problem with dog fouling and antisocial behaviour by dogs and their owners. Members acknowledged that this was a town wide problem with many people walking more than one dog, often without due control. It was noted that the trust for these gardens was for an informal pleasure gardens.

AGREED by 12 votes to 5 to place the money into the budget for 2014/2015; A decision on whether to obtain any quotes would be made after the evaluation of the effectiveness of the signs below.

Proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED to Council that: as Herbert Gardens Trustees they purchase from the 2013/2014 budget 3 signs and posts stating all dogs to be kept on leads.

AGREED by 14 votes to 0

EP 13/341 *Proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED to Council, by 6 votes to 0, that: as the trustees of the Village Hall, the Council negotiate the renewing of the Lease with CAB on the same terms and conditions with a 5% rise taking the annual rent to £7875.*

AGREED by 14 votes to 3 against

Members were reminded that the motion was to negotiate the lease and any discussion on the future of the building should be by way of a motion to Council. The Committee Chairman reported that a report on the hole in the rear wall of the Village Hall would be made to the next E & P Committee on 26th February.

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; 13/343 & 13/344 members noted that the work had been carried out.

14/398.8 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 16th DECEMBER 2013

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented to the meeting by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED**.

There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions on part 2

14/398.9 PLANNING 18TH DECEMBER 2013

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

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

14/398.10 ALLOTMENTS – 25TH NOVEMBER 2013

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, and **AGREED**.

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

14/399 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

14/400 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

14/401 RECEIVE THE AMENDED STANDING ORDERS AS AGREED AND RECOMMENDED AT 20TH NOVEMBER 2013 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY MEETING.

Copy of the amended standing orders that had been agreed at the 20th November Finance & General Policy Meeting had been circulated to all members.

Amendment proposed 14(b) add wording “one of whom must be the Chairman” the Town Clerk pointed out this could be restricting if the Chairman was unavailable.
Amendment **AGREED** 16 votes to 0

Amendment Proposed 19(d) to add the words “written or” before the word electronic.
Amendment **AGREED** 15 votes to 0

The Standing orders with the above amendments was **RATIFIED** by 15 votes to 1

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....