

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 448th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th August 2015**

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr G. Watkins
 Councillors N Barton, C. Blades, D. Flint, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, A. Giles-Townsend, S. Hale, C. Hall, M. Harriott, B. Hatch, G. Hill, L. Little, J. Middleton, T. Morgan, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland (7.40), D Shopland (7.40) J. West.
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk – Mrs I Johnson
 Invited guests 3 (Tidal Lagoon Power Ltd)
 Members of the Public 40; Press 2

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

Prayers: Voluntary Prayers were said by Rev Noel Hector

Public Session**Public Toilets – Alexandra Road**

A request was made that the Town Council works to take over the toilets at Alexandra Road once the Pier had ceased maintaining them at the end of the year. A petition was handed to the Chairman reportedly containing over 1500 signatures.

3 Members of the public spoke in respect of the petition and on behalf of the members of the public attending.

- The petition had been collected over the summer on the sea front.
- Toilets at that part of the town are vital for visitors and for residents especially for those with medical conditions.
- It was felt that the lack of statutory duty by NSC to maintain public toilets should not prevent them from actually maintaining them.
- It was mentioned that there is an appreciation that there may need to be a charge for the toilets to cover the cost of maintenance
- At the ATM in 2013 there was a large attendance of the public to keep the toilets open, with a large attendance to today demonstrates a public need..

Art Project

Karen Pike – Director of Youth Work in Clevedon reported on a project in conjunction with the Police, youth services and residents to create a mural on the “back wall” adjacent to Clevedon Rugby Club in Coleridge Vale. The project is being funded by the Police commissioner and youth services, and has the backing of local residents.

Proposal for Station Road Toilets

Mr G Peacock and Mr D Tomlinson from the Andrew House Charity spoke to the proposition to Council on the PTWG minutes of 13th July. They explained the background to the project, and how it would help those who are on the margins of society to work and develop. The project would be in association with Andrew House aiming to create an income source to keep this facility open and running. The takeaway will be serving fresh local produced and sourced food.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending explaining that the Council appreciates that the toilets are extremely important, explaining briefly the position of

Clevedon Town Council following the proposed closure of the toilets by NSC in 2013. This is an ongoing process and the Council will look again at the provision.

The Members of the public left

Tidal Lagoon Power Ltd

Following the agreement of the Council under min no. 15/528 Tidal Lagoon Power Ltd were invited to attend the Council meeting to talk about the Swansea lagoon, The proposed lagoons at Cardiff and Newport and future plans for other Lagoons in the Bristol Channel and Severn Estuary.

Members watched a short film on the Swansea project followed by a slide presentation on the project and the proposed lagoon at Cardiff. It was explained that tidal lagoons are classed as 'offshore generating stations' and as such, is considered a 'nationally significant infrastructure project' (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008.. NSIPs are planned under a different system to that managed by local authorities, being managed instead by the UK's Planning Inspectorate. Local authorities are key consultees throughout the planning process, but the final decision to grant a 'Development Consent Order' (DCO) for the Project will rest with the UK's Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. – for the Swansea lagoon This was received on 9th June 2015

As the project lies in Welsh waters, a marine license is also required under the Marine & Coastal Access Act 2009. Marine license applications are determined by the Welsh Government. This is expected in the autumn.

Building for Swansea is expected to start in 2016 and should go 'live' in 2020. The intention is to source the construction and manufacturing from the UK and provide thousands of new jobs for the UK market.

Swansea will be the flag ship development with a further 15 sites identified although only 6 are being considered at this moment in time:- Swansea, Cardiff, Newport, Colwyn Bay, Cumbria, & Bridgwater.

Cardiff is at the very beginning of the process with an approximate 'go live' date of 2023. Due to the planning process as outlined above all the discussions and consultation's take place before the bid is submitted to the Secretary of State. Tidal Lagoon Power Ltd Cardiff will be working with all stakeholders to ensure all aspects are covered in the application. One major concern is the environmental impact and the investigation work for this has only just begun.

Members were invited to ask questions seeking factual clarification

- The colour of the water is a well-known feature of the channel caused by the constant movement of the silt – How will this be affected by the proposed lagoons?
- Currently the channel is regularly dredged and the sea lanes kept open – will this continue?

It was explained that the Environment Assessment will look at the tidal and silt movements and how these will be affected by the proposed lagoons.

- Why use the lagoon technology? In the past a scheme to create a barrier across the whole of the channel to create power failed.

It was explained that the lagoons do not create a barrier and allows continued use by shipping and marine life

- Why not use turbines anchored to the sea bed?

It was explained there are technical engineering problems with this and a full answer will be sent to the Council.

- Bristol Port relies on the access and keeping the sea lanes open – this project could close the port?

It was explained that the lagoons do not go across the shipping lanes. One of the key stakeholders that have been involved with discussion from the start is the Bristol Port Authorities.

- What evidence is there that this project will be delivered within the budget?

It was explained that the project would be tendered on a fixed price

- What evidence is there concerning the on-cost and that the level of the on-costs being maintained?

It was explained that the future maintenance was being factored into the costing of the project and that funding from the major providers was dependant on a sustainable future management of the project which will have a life of 120 years minimum. Details of the finances of the project are available on the web site. When more details are available these will be given to the Council.

The Tidal Lagoon Power Ltd undertook to keep the Council informed and asked to come back to update the Council as the project progresses.

The guests left the meeting

FORMAL BUSINESS 8.35pm

15/564 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

15/565 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of disclosable or personal interests on items on the agenda

15/566 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th June 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15/567 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Chairman had no items for information

15/568 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, 862, 863, 864, 865

DIARY DATES

18th September – Twinning reception at Clevedon Town Council Offices

Advance Notice

April 24th 2016 Civic Service at St Mary's Church Walton St. Mary.

15/568.2 Photograph –

Members were reminded that there would be a Council photograph taken prior to the next Council meeting on 21st October; members were asked to arrive by 6.50pm on that night.

15/568.3 SLCC – NEC Representative

The Town Clerk informed member that she had been appointed as the Somerset branch representative on the National Executive Council of the Society of Local Council Clerks; members congratulated the Clerk

15/569 REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM CLEVEDON NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS OF URGENCY ONLY

There were no reports or information of an urgent nature raised by Clevedon north Somerset Councillors

15/570 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**15/570.1 PLANNING 1ST JULY 2015**

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

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

15/570.2 PLANNING 8TH JULY 2015

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

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items
P/15/1024.1 22 Marine Parade - Cllr Hall as the North Somerset District Councillor was asked to update the Council on the calling in of this application. Mr Hall explained that he had requested this application to be called in but an administration error at NSC had meant that this application had been decided before the call in. Cllr Hall explained that he has requested the calling in of the s106 agreement on this development.

15/570.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 15TH JULY 2015

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

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

15/544 – Closure of Highdale Road

Members were informed that there had been an accident at Chapel Hill during the school holidays. It was felt that this junction should be considered by the committee in conjunction with a town wide traffic management plan

15/548.2 Pedestrian signs on Ettlingen Way

A councillor advised caution that the solution proposed does not create another problem. There are examples across the town where changes in traffic flow have generated different problems over the years; any solution needs to take into account the wider picture.

15/549 – Crossing on Strode Road

Concern was raised by a Councillor that this should have been paid for by the supermarket when they took over the former DIY store.

15/554 – Planter in Old Street

Members were informed that a shop keeper in Old Street had offered to pay, install and maintain the planter within the criteria agreed with the NSC Highways department; the shopkeeper would remove the planter if the business moves.

15/555 Drain in Old Street

In view of the recent flash floods members asked that an update on the gully clearing, and frequency be obtained from NSC in time for the next committee meeting

Members were reminded that the Area Officer from NSC would be holding a public surgery on Friday 28th August

15/570.4 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 22ND JULY 2015

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

Part 1

FGP 15/514 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS;

*Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL** the Financial Regulations as circulated with the agenda with no amendments.*

AGREED

FGP 15/515 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENTS

*Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL** the Financial Risk Assessments as circulated with the agenda with no amendments.*

AGREED

FGP 15/516 REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT PROCEDURES

*Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL** the Internal Audit Procedures as circulated with the agenda with no amendments.*

AGREED

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

15/570.5 PLANNING 29TH JULY 2015

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

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

15/570.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 5TH AUGUST 2015

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

The Committee Chairman invited questions on Part 2 items;

15/466.2 Strode Road Leisure Centre

It was queried when the Users Group would meet and felt that the user group should have been consulted prior to the work being done. It was reported that NSC were facilitating the calling of a user group meeting. It was agreed to place this on a future agenda

15/467 Town Crier

A member sought confirmation on the interaction between the Town Crier and the Council. It was explained that the contract for the Town Crier was available on the DMEvents.org web site as this was the organisation that had conceived the idea and was running the competition. The Committee had been given the details prior to the meeting to check the terms and conditions for their information. The Town Crier would not be “employed” by the Council nor would they be incorporated on the Town Councils insurance although the Town Council could request their attendance at official functions.

15/472 S106 funding

A member asked about the use of s106 funding for toilets. The Committee Chairman explained that, as explained in detail at the meeting, s106 can only be used to mitigate effects of the development and cannot be used to deal with existing problems. When introduced the CIL could be used for the toilets.

15/570.7 PROPERTY 12th August 2015

Minutes of the Property committee were presented to the meeting by the Chairman of the Committee and **AGREED**

Part 1

PR 15/28 BOUNDARY WALL

*Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL** that 1) the Council allocates from reserves a sum to rebuild/repair and repoint the sections of the boundary wall from the picket fence at no 42 around to where it abuts the rear of the Town Council offices; The work to be done prior to the winter storms.*

2) The budget being the agreed quote of £4920 plus an agreed contingency sum pending issues arising during the work, subject to confirmation that the wall is in the Councils ownership and not a party wall.

3) That the contingency sum only is released under the authorisation of the Chairman of Property, Chairman of Finance and Chairman of the Council.

4) That all the stones removed from the walls are either reused within the wall or retained by the Council for future repairs.

AGREED

Following a discussion on the need and merit of a contingency budget it was proposed, seconded it was **RESOLVED** by 9 votes to 6 with 5 abstentions that the Council allocates a contingency budget of £1000 under the above motion clause 2 the expenditure of which is under clause 3

PR 15/29 RECEIVE DETAILS OF VALUATION OF CUPS AND SHIELDS

*Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL** that the Council agrees to the large cup donated by the Mercury newspaper is returned to them and all the other cups are either given to a charity shop or disposed of. The shields are retained by the Council for future reuse.*

AGREED

The Vice Chairman would try to establish the last winners of the cups and offer them to the families.

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

15/32 Herbert Gardens

Cllr Middleton asked that the Council minutes record that he voted against the motion to take no action; this was **AGREED**

15/570.8 ALLOTMENTS 20TH JULY 2015

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting were presented to the meeting by the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED**;

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

15/563 Holding Deposits

A Councillor asked that this was returned to the committee as the proposed amount was too high. It was explained that the deposit was to cover the cost of clearing and reinstating the plot when a tenant leaves, the deposit can be refunded if this is not required.

The Members noted that the setting of the amounts is within the Committees Terms of Reference and refused the Councillors request.

15/571 RECEIVE MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTING DIRECT TO COUNCIL

For the clarification to Members as these are sub committees reporting direct to council therefor all items are part 1.

15/571.1 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE DATED 6TH JULY 2015

Minutes of the Community Resilience Committee meeting were presented to the meeting by the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED**

The committee Chairman explained that this meeting had been inquorate. A new meeting would be called later in September.

15/571.2 PUBLIC TOILETS WORKING GROUP DATED 13TH JULY 2015

Minutes of the Public Toilets Working Group meeting were presented to the meeting by the Committee Chairman, who requested the Members NOTE the minutes but that the discussions and decisions are deferred till the next meeting of the Council. This will enable new councillors to read the draft report on the members page of the web site and understand the issues. Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** by 16 votes to 1 that the Council defers accepting these minutes till 21st October on the understanding that the PTWG would present to the members at that meeting detailed costings, where available, and options for consideration by the Council

15/572 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

15/573 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

15/574 DISCUSS THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE TIDAL LAGOON POWER LTD CONCERNING THE TIDAL LAGOONS AND AGREE FUTURE ACTION AND INVOLVEMENT.

Members requested that the discussion on the presentation is deferred to 21st October meeting to enable members to study the information provided at the meeting and on the web site; Any Councillor wishing specific information to inform the office. A copy of the presentation slides will be obtained and circulated to members.

Members were interested in the presentation and requested that all future presentations by Tidal Lagoon Power Ltd be at a special meeting to enable a more in-depth discussion.

15/575 TO SELECT A TEAM OF COUNCILLORS TO PLAY BOWLS ON 25TH SEPTEMBER AT 2PM

The Council had been requested to provide a bowls team from Councillors, Partners and those associated with the Council to play in a challenge tournament between the Clevedon Promenade Bowl Club and Marine Lake Contractors plus associated organisations including NSC and Marlens; Members wishing to play to inform the Town Clerk.

15/576 TO AGREE COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT THE SEVERN ESTUARY FORUM 29TH SEPT AS PER CIRCULATED INFORMATION.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to agree the attendance of Cllr Watkins, Cllr Hatch and the Town Clerk at the Severn Estuary Forum Meeting on 29th September.

15/577 TO CONFIRM THE REQUEST FROM CLLR HILL TO BE APPOINTED TO THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hill joins the Property Committee.

15/578 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 8

There were no questions asked under Standing Order No 8

Meeting closed at 10.01 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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