

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the 473rd meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th August 2019

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr D. Shopland

Councillors N. Barton, C. Blades, B. Cherokoff, A. Everitt, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, B. Hatch, G. Hill, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland, J. West, R. Westwood, H. Young.
Town Clerk - Ms P Heath;
Members of the Public 4,
NSC – Cllr G. Richardson

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

Prayers: Prayers were said by Mrs Jean Balcombe the Chairman's Chaplain.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Young Secretary of Clevedon Men Shed, spoke of the work of the group giving a brief history and the plans. The Council provided a grant in 2018 towards the fitting out of the new shed; a new grant had been applied for to landscape the adjacent land and make it accessible for those with mobility problems.

FORMAL BUSINESS

19/1100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors A. Goodliffe, (illness) Mr T. Morgan (family commitment) **RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

19/1101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

19/1102 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: by 14 votes to 0, that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th June 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

In response to a question the Chairman confirmed that he had not met with NSTimes to discuss the distribution in Clevedon.

19/1103 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: by 14 votes to 0 that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th June 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19/1104 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: by 13 votes to 0 that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 31st July 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19/1105 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS- FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Chairman reminded members that the Council will be holding its normal Remembrance Day service at 2pm on 10th November at Queen Square, prior to the Royal British Legion parade and service.

19/1106 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.

Clerks & Council Direct - July Issue

DIS No 941, 942, 943

Diary Dates

10th November – RBL - Remembrance Parade

Avon Local Council Association AGM on 5th October 2019 -emailed 5th Aug 2019

19/1107 RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR N. BARTON

“That this Council resolves-

- 1)To declare Clevedon a Frack Free zone.*
- 2)To oppose unconventional onshore and offshore oil and gas exploration and development activities on any land that we own or have an interest in.*
- 3) Not to invest in any companies which are involved in fracking, including other methods of unconventional onshore or offshore oil and gas production.*
- 4)To call on North Somerset District Council to pass similar motions and to put planning policies in place to implement a presumption against all applications for unconventional oil and gas exploration and production in North Somerset, including fracking, following the example of the ten borough councils in Greater Manchester and the new draft London Plan*
- 5)To write to the MP for Clevedon to convey the concerns of Clevedon Town Council, in this matter.*
- 6)To convey our opposition to fracking, and to urge our MP to lobby Government to ban unconventional onshore oil and gas development permanently and to request that he writes back indicating whether he is supporting Clevedon Town Council in this matter.*

Cllr Barton presented the motion and explained the reasoning behind it, and that one of the licences covers a small area of Clevedon. The motion was seconded by Cllr Young.

Members discussed at length the issue of fracking, renewable energy and the disputed 'facts' around fracking. It was noted that there was a lot of contradictory evidence concerning the effect fracking has on the environment, health and ground stability. There was a sub discussion whether this was a politically motivated motion.

Proposed, seconded and agreed to amend the above motion at points 1 and 3 to read

- 1)To declare our opposition to any fracking in Clevedon.*
- 3) Not knowingly to invest in any companies which are involved in fracking, including other methods of unconventional onshore or offshore oil and gas production.*

Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED by 9 votes to 3 with 1 abstention to AGREE** the motion as amended.

19/1108 RECEIVE REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM CLEVEDON NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS, ON MATTERS OF URGENCY ONLY, AND RELATING DIRECTLY TO CLEVEDON, AT THE AGREEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no reports or information from Clevedon's North Somerset Councillors.

19/1109 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**1109.1 PLANNING 22ND MAY 2019**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, these had been referred to the committee for amendment and **RESOLVED**.

It was noted that the amendment had been recorded on the planning minutes of 17th June 2019.

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

1109.2 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 5TH JUNE 2019

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED**:

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

TEA 19/852 Wheelchair access, -Poets walk, St Andrews church entrance; - This was raised at the meeting on 24th July and will be referred to NSC.

1109.3 PLANNING 17TH JUNE 2019

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

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

19/1864 P/4165/Ful – a question was raised as to the latest update on this planning application.

*Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to suspend standing orders to enable Cllr G. Richardson, of NSC, to address the Council with and update.*

Cllr Richardson informed members that the gate had been installed for a trial period, NSC were withholding the granting of permission pending the results of the trial. Additional signs had been put up in Victoria Road as vehicle sat nav's were sending them to that entrance and not the main entrance on Elton Road.

*Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to reinstate standing orders*

1109.4 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 26TH JUNE 2019

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented by the Vice Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED**.

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

1109.5 ALLOTMENTS 1ST JULY 2019

Minutes of the Allotment meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**

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

1109.6 PROPERTY 3RD JULY 2019

Minutes of the Property meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**

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

1109.7 PLANNING 10TH JULY 2019

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

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

1109.8 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 17TH JULY 2019

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

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

19/903 the Terms of Reference had been presented to the Working Group for amendment see minute no 1110.5

1109.9 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 24TH JULY 2019

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED**:

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

19/1110 RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES FOR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORTING DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL – ALL ITEMS ARE CLASSED AS PART 1**19/1110.1 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE 8TH JULY 2019**

Minutes of the Community Resilience sub-committee meeting were accepted; the meeting was not quorate.

*Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** by the council to discuss agenda item 14 concerning the Community Resilience subcommittee be heard next*

19/1110.2 DISCUSS THE DISSOLVING OF THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SUB-COMMITTEE AND INSTEAD NOMINATE A TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO NORTH SOMERSET COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TEAM

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 14 votes to 0** to dissolve the Community Resilience Sub Committee due to the lack of attendance, over the last several attempts to hold a meeting.

Proposed, Seconded and **RESOLVED by 14 votes to 0** to request a Town Council representative on the North Somerset Community Resilience Team.

Proposed, seconded, and **AGREED** that Cllr N. Barton would be the Town Council representative

19/1110.3 SOUTH CLEVEDON PLAYING FIELDS 22ND JULY 2019

Minutes of the South Clevedon Playing Fields sub-committee meeting were accepted; the meeting was not quorate

19/1110.4 YOUTH PROVISION IN THE COMMUNITY 29TH JULY 2019

Minutes of the Youth Provision in the Community Sub Committee were presented by the Chairman and **RESOLVED**

19/1110.5 CLEVEDON CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP DATED 30TH JULY 2019

Minutes of the Clevedon Climate Emergency Working Group were presented by the Chairman and **RESOLVED**

19/111 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

19/1112 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

19/1113 AGREE THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE FORUM MEETING CALLED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that the Clevedon Town Council representatives would be Cllr B. Cherokoff & Cllr A. Everitt.

19/1114 AGREE VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE STAND AT THE FLOWER SHOW.

Council were asked to volunteer to assist on the Clevedon Town Council stand at the Bank Holiday Flower show; some members volunteered.

19/1115 CONFIRM THE TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PIER TRUST FOLLOWING LETTER TO SAY ONLY 1 REPRESENTATIVE.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that Cllr Francis-Pester would continue as the Town Council representative.

19/1116 RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CCTV WORKING GROUP

Members received a brief verbal update. NSC were currently re-looking at the specification for CCTV, prior to it going out to tender. The 4 main Town Councils have been informed they will be sent a copy of the specification prior to it being released for comment.

19/1117 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON CCT

There had been no meeting of the Clevedon Coastal Community Team

19/1118 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

Cllr Francis-Pester updated members on the Neighbourhood Plan. The draft document was receiving its final read through and amendments by all the Committee members, before being presented to the public for discussion. It is planned that the final draft document will be presented to the Council for information at the beginning of September, then a public meeting will be held prior to an exhibition over a weekend for the public to see and comment on the document. The document will be checked by NSC in respect of the planning requirements, before going out for a public referendum. It was confirmed that there was a paragraph concerning the creation of a master plan for the Town Centre. It was noted several organisations had proposed ideas, some in conflict with others. The draft document is available on www.clevedonplan.co.uk

19/1119 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON BID

Cllr West updated the members following the Council meeting on 31st July 2019. Concern was expressed at the continuing inclusion of the skyline walk, in respect of Dial Hill, in the plans of the BID. Members are opposed to the cutting down and removal of healthy trees on Dial Hill.

19/1120 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER

There were no questions in according to Standing Order no 8

The following item will be heard under section 1 (2) Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business. All members of the public left the room.

19/1121 RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE STAFFING COMMITTEE.

Members were updated by the Chairman of the Staffing Committee on the current position concerning the Caretaker.

Meeting closed at 9.04 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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