

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 474th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th September 2019**

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr D. Shopland

Councillors N. Barton, B. Cherokoff, A. Everitt, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, A. Goodliffe, B. Hatch, G. Hill, T. Morgan, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland, J. West, R. Westwood, H. Young.
Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk, Ms S. Howard
Members of the Public 7,

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

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

The Chairman informed the members of public that although the second meeting of the evening would be considering the motion concerning Brookfield residents request for Village Green, he would allow public comments at this meeting if they wish or they may stay and make comments at the start of the subsequent meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**DRAINS**

A resident of Brookfield Walk complained about the state of the drains in areas of Clevedon and in particular East Clevedon. The lack of clearing the drains is causing major difficulties and flooding when it rains. The subway becomes impassable even in a moderate rain fall. Several drains are supporting considerable growth of weeds and wildflowers.

Application for Village Green.

Headteacher, Bay Tree School gave a detailed explanation on why Bay Tree School needs to extend, and the increasing pressures being put on the school and families by the limited resources in North Somerset. NSC are currently undertaking a consultation on the expansion. Although appreciating the comments made by the adjacent residents, there is a wider issue with many Clevedon children with SEN being transported out of the area to attend school some from as young as 3 year olds; the journeys can be over an hour each way, costing in the region of £180k per child per year. Funding for these children is coming out of the total education budget and has resulted in some schools struggling with reduced budget. If the village green application is successful it will cause a delay of up to 2 years having a major impact on families already struggling with children with SEN, who do not know where their child will be educated nor whether the funding will be available to find them a place within reasonable travelling distance..

FORMAL BUSINESS**19/1122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received from Councillors

19/1123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

19/1124 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: by 14 votes to 0, that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th August 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.

19/1125 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS– FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Chairman had no items of information.

*Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** that Agenda Item no 18 “to receive and discuss the bus link between Clevedon & Yatton” be heard next.*

*Proposed Seconded and **RESOLVED** that the item is heard under 1.2 Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 due to the contractual information. It was further **RESOLVED** to move the meeting under standing orders into the adjacent room to receive the presentation and discuss this item; members of the public remained in the Council Chamber.*

19/1126 RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE BUS SERVICE LINK BETWEEN CLEVEDON, YATTON, CONGRESBURY.

Members received the presentation by Mr C. Nicholson of NSC and Mr Hanson of First Bus and the request for financial support in respect of the bus service. Detail of the discussion with adjacent parishes were given along with further contractual requirements. Following Members questions the meeting returned to the Council Chamber.

*Proposed, Seconded and **RESOLVED** to return to open meeting.*

19/1127 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.

Clerk & Council Direct – September 2019

DIS – Direct Information Service Issues 944,945

Diary Dates

7th November 2019 – YMCA Celebration

10th November 2019 – Council Remembrance Service 2pm

10th November 2019 – RBL Remembrance Service 2.30pm

Correspondence

Clevedon Flower Show – Thank you letter.

Members were informed of the meeting scheduled on the 10th October with PCC Sue Mountstevens.

19/1128 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.

19/1129 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**1129.1 PLANNING 14TH AUGUST 2019**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 12 votes to 0**

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

1129.2 ALLOTMENTS 19TH AUGUST 2019

The Committee chairman requested an amendment to the minutes under public session “the Chairman proffered his apologies to the tenant”; this was **AGREED** by 11 votes to 0

Minutes of the Allotment meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED with the inclusion by 11 votes to 0**

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

1129.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 21ST AUGUST 2019

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED**. By 12 votes to 0

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

1129.4 PROPERTY 28th August 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.

1129.5 PLANNING 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 12 votes to 0**

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

19/P/1953/MMA – concern was expressed at the location of this development; it was noted that this application had already been agreed and the unit installed.

1129.6 FINANCIAL & GENERAL POLICY 11th SEPTEMBER 2019

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 12 votes to 0**

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

1129.7 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 18TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting on 18th September 2019 would be presented to the 27th November 2019 meeting.

19/1130 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

RESOLVED by 12 votes to 0: that the Council approves the accounts for payment, as per the attached lists.

19/1131 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

RESOLVED by 13 votes to 0: that the Council approves the retrospective accounts for payment, as per the attached list

1132 TO DISCUSS WHETHER CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL WISHES TO DECLARE ALL OR ANY OF THE VACANT SEATS ON THE COUNCIL AS CASUAL VACANCIES.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 11 votes to 0** That Clevedon Town Council does not fill any of the current vacancies until the Council deems necessary.

1133 RECEIVE RESPONSE FROM DR LIAM FOX MP RE FRACKING BAN IN THE UK

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 14 votes to 0** to note the response from Dr Fox.

19/1134 RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CCTV WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk informed members that NSC had issued a draft specification for review by the working group; it was arranged to meet after the Council meeting. Members discussed the length of time and process for the tender and evaluation of the returns; the Town Council had been invited to be present for the evaluation.

19/1135 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON CCT

The Town Council representatives had not been present at the last meeting of the Coastal Community Team.

19/1136 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

The Members were informed by the representatives, that the draft Neighbourhood Plan was on the web site <https://www.clevedonplan.uk/> .There will be a public meeting followed by an exhibition before the draft plan is presented to NSC and the Planning Inspector for review, before the referendum. Members questioned Cllr West & Cllr Francis-Pester, who are the formal representatives, as well as the Councillors who are also committee members, Cllr Barton & Cllr Everitt.

19/1137 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON BID

Cllr West explained the current projects being undertaken by Clevedon Bid. It was noted that Clevedon BID have joined the Christmas Lights Sub Committee and are looking at projects for 2020/2021.

19/1138 RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

Cllr Cherokoff reported on the work of the Climate Emergency Working Group. Transition Clevedon is leading on a tree planting programme and around Clevedon. Several of the Schools are actively becoming involved. Members discussed and **AGREED** to support in principle a joint project for long term renewable energy provision, including looking at solar panels on the Town Council roof.

19/1139 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER

There were no questions in according to Standing Order no 8

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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