

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 414th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st April 2010**

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

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

PRAYERS were said by Major William Slade of the Salvation Army

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public present

2. **NORTH SOMERSET'S LIAISON OFFICER - Mrs Thompson was not present****FORMAL BUSINESS****10/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor E Blades (illness), J. Norton-Sealey (other commitment), N. Pennycott (illness),

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

10/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda given at the start of the meeting.

10/14 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th February 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

10/15 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**10/15.1 Finance & General Policy Meeting**

The Town Clerk informed members that the FGP Committee meeting had been changed from 5th May to 10th May due to Members being committed elsewhere that evening. Proposed by Cllr Shopland, Seconded by Cllr Morgan that the Committee Meeting should remain on the 5th May – Vote 6 for 7 against on the Chairman's casting vote.

10/16 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**10/16.1 Newsletter and reports –**

The following newsletters and reports have been received and are available from the office
 ALCA- newsletters issues Mar
 LCR – Spring 2010

10/16.2 DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses.

10/16.3 NALC Briefing Notes – Copies available from the office

Legal Briefing L07-07 – The Local Authorities (model code of conduct) order 2007 – re issue

10/17 TO RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**10/17.1 PLANNING – 3RD MARCH 2010**

Cllr Shopland left the room during the following item due to prejudicial interest

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

Cllr Shopland returned

10/17.2 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY – 10TH MARCH 2010

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

Part 1 items

FGP 10/21 GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2010/2011

*Members discussed the application from NSC Rangers for “family fun days” and “bandstand” .It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMEND** that the Town Council award a grant of £3000 to the NSC Rangers towards the cost of both projects.*

AGREED

FGP 10/22 [FGP10/13] REVIEW STANDING ORDERS.

The following RECOMMENDATIONS were made,

*1.2 The wording “or in any Council premises” be amended to “or its committees”
43 the wording “non-voting” be amended to “voting”*

AGREED

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

FGP10/23 Twinning

Cllr Hall informed members that the anniversary of the twinning of Clevedon with the 3 twinned towns (Ettlingen 30 yrs, Eperney 20 yrs, Middelkerke 20yrs) will be celebrated in 2010/2011. To reciprocate the welcome and celebrations held when Clevedon visit the town he proposed that the Council organises a joint dinner with the civic dignitaries of the towns to commemorate the anniversaries.

Proposed by Cllr Hall and **AGREED** by 12 votes to 0 that the Finance & General Policy Committee discuss the funding for the event and to work with Cllr Hall on the organisation of any celebration.

10/17.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 17TH MARCH 2010

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

Part 1 items

TH/10/15 REPLACEMENT OF TOWN SIGNS

RESOLVED: *TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL accept quotation B 2 in the sum of £1782.19 as this includes the cost of installation. To be funded from the sum allocated in the 2010/11 Transport & Highways Committee budget.*

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

Th10/16.1 Holly Lane

Members were informed that the School had no responsibility for participants and the parking for events out of school hours, this came under the responsibility of the Centre Manager.

The Centre Manager had provided posters and written to regular hirers informing them that there was parking available within the school grounds; the situation would be monitored.

TH16.2 Traffic Review

It was reported that the press who had been present had included this in an article. In response to a question concerning the potholes in Clevedon, Cllr Francis-Pester as a North Somerset Council explained that North Somerset had diverted funds internally to pay for the filling of the potholes with 16 teams out each day working in the district. It was also felt that constant monitoring would be needed by both North Somerset and Clevedon Town Council to ensure the most cost effective use of any available funds to improve the road infrastructure and safety measures.

10/17.4 PLANNING – 24TH MARCH 2010

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

10/17.5 ALLOTMENTS – 29TH MARCH 2010

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

AL10/08 Allotment Association - The Chairman informed Members that a full report would be made to council once the responses had been received.

AL10/06 Church Hill Wall – concern was raised as to the quality of the work being carried out to North Somerset Councils wall; It was explained that the wall was the responsibility of North Somerset Council and they were responsible for overseeing the work.

10/17.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES – 31ST MARCH 2010

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, were **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items:

TEA19.8 It was noted that the area in and around the Pill Box was still covered in litter and glass.

TEA19.4 Queen Square electric points – the Committee Chairman in response to a question confirmed the grey feeder boxes were owned by North Somerset Council and it was their responsibility to ensure they were working. There had been some suggestion that Clevedon Town Council take responsibility but there had been no formal discussion or agreement; The Committee Chairman would discuss the maintenance of the feeder posts with North Somerset Officers.

TEA19.1 Sea Front fencing – in response to a question the Committee Chairman explained that it was hoped that the work would be completed by the end of May. Cllr Knott as Clevedon Town Council representative to the Sailing Club reminded members of the Lifeboat celebrations taking place on the beach on 23rd May; the Committee Chairman would pass this information on to the contractors.

19.10 Sercombe Park – it was reported that the posts had been removed and the area made good.

10/17.7 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY – 7TH APRIL 2010

Minutes of the Environment & Property Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. Part 1 items

EP 10/19 THE RECOMMENDATION FROM FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY

*Proposed seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that as a policy no 42 Old Street is not sold and all future requests refused.*

AGREED

EP10/20 DETAILS OF REPAIR TO SKATEPARK

*Proposed seconded and **RECOMMENDED** (under financial regulation 3.8) that the quotation for the maintenance repairs and repainting of the surfaces of the ramps at a cost of £1780 be accepted*

Members commented on the artwork to the skate park panels, which Members felt was a great improvement; the work had been done with the Clevedon Town Council grant to the Police. The Town Clerk to check with the contractors to ensure that there is no damage to the artwork during the repairs.

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

10/18 TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

10/19 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

10/20 DISCUSS AND MAKE COMMENT ON THE “THE NORTH SOMERSET TOWN & PARISH CHARTER”

Members discussed the charter at great length and made the following comments

- Members welcomed the continuing commitment to the Parish Liaison Officer but felt that NSC should monitor closely the work and effectiveness of individuals
- Members noted the inclusion of the Power of Well being

The Town Clerk explained the power of Well-being and the controls that have to be in place before a council can work with this power. It was felt that the power of well being was not appropriate for Clevedon now but would be reviewed at some future date.

- Members felt that the Charter was not required by Clevedon as they were already working with North Somerset Council, and that the money could have been better spent.

The Town Clerk explained that the Charter covered all parish and Town Councils some of whom did not have a close working relationship

- Members welcomed the inclusion of training for Councillors and hoped to see this implemented soon.

Meeting closed at 8.39 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....