

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 460th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd August 2017**

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr L. Little
 Councillors C. Blades, L. Fone, C. Francis-Pester, A. Giles-Townsend, S. Hale, B. Hatch, G. Hill, J. Middleton, T. Morgan, J. Norton-Sealey, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, C. Starr, G. Watkins, J. West.
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs I. Johnson
 Members of the Public 9, Press 1

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

Prayers: Voluntary Prayers were said by Rev. T. Cranshaw.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Hurley – Requested that the Council looks to the repair of the Disabled Toilet unit at the Chalet Toilets as it had been out of order during a recent visit to the sea front.

Mrs Hurley – raised concern for the safety of swimmers off Clevedon beach due to irresponsible boats coming through the arches of the Pier at speed with no regard to the swimmers or canoeists in the water.

FORMAL BUSINESS**17/796 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors N. Barton (family commitment), J. Geldart (family commitment), C. Hall (illness), K. O'Brien (family commitment) **RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

17/797 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Watkins declared a personal interest as a director of Low Carbon Gordano in agenda item 10. There were no other declarations of interest made.

17/798 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th June 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17/799 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS- FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Chairman asked members who had not responded to the invitation for the Civic night to do so before the deadline date as the correct numbers were needed for catering..

17/800 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

DIARY DATES

15th April 2018 – Civic Service

Due to the damage to tables members of the Property Committee were asked to have a quick emergency meeting after the Council meeting had finished.

17/801 REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM CLEVEDON'S NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS OF URGENCY ONLY

There were no items raised by NSC Councillors

17/802 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

17/802.1 PLANNING 31ST MAY 2017

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

Part 1

***P/17/1541 RESOLVED:** TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that Cllr J Norton-Sealey become a member of the Planning Committee*

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

17/802.2 PLANNING 14TH JUNE 2017

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

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

17/802.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 21ST JUNE 2017

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

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

17/802.4 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 28TH JUNE 2017

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

Part 1

***FGP 17/711** Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL** by 10 votes to 0 that the Town Council provides a grant of up to £4000 to match fund the amounts raised by NSC & Clevedon Civic Society, for the renovation and improvement of the area at the base of Pier Copse.*

Following a short discussion it was **AGREED** by 12 votes to 3

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

17/802.5 PLANNING 5TH JULY 2017

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

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

17/802.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITY 12TH JULY 2017

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

The Committee Chairman invited questions on Part 2 items.

17/687 – Twinning Association – members were informed that the Erasmus funding had been secured.

17/678 – Strode Playing Field – Members expressed concern that the continuing delay in securing the perimeter had resulted in another visit by travellers. Members requested that NSC Councillors and the Town Council increase the pressure on NSC to get the fencing replaced and the area made secure.

17/678 – Seafront Railings – concern was expressed that due to lack of budget the renovation of Clevedon seafront was being given a low priority by NSC. The Chairman of NSC had suggested that the Committee and council draw up a priority list of projects to enable NSC to know the Towns wishes and also to assist in obtaining outside funding for those projects.

17/678 – Jet ski signs – Members were concerned about the problems of boats going under the Pier, a suggestion had been made to the Pier to install “no entry” signs to prevent boats, but there is problems in respect of the high tides.

17/802.7 PROPERTY 17th July 2017

Minutes of the Property Committee were presented by Cllr Francis-Pester in the absence of the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED**.

There being no part 1 items Cllr Francis-Pester invited questions on Part 2 items

17/193 a question was raised re the inclusion of a shelter adjacent to the skatepark, This had been raised in the meeting but comments back from the youth workers had been that the preference was for the revamp of the skatepark. The Youth in the Community subcommittee could include this request in their review of the youth provision.

17/802.8 ALLOTMENTS 12TH JUNE 2017

Minutes of the Allotments Committee were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED**. Being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions on Part 2 items

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17/802.9 ALLOTMENTS 12th July 2017

Minutes of the Allotments Committee were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **NOTED** as the meeting had been non quorate

17/803 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

17/804 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

17/805 [17/787] TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM CLLR WATKINS ON THE NORTH**SOMERSET CLIMATE COALITION**

Cllr Watkins explained that there were no directors of North Somerset Climate Coalition but that 2 directors of Low Carbon Gordano, a company that Cllr Watkins in a director, had been involved with the setting up of the Coalition. Members expressed concern at the lack of information on the financial and governance control of the organisation and also on how they intended to achieve their goals. Members supported the ideals of the organisation but without the necessary information did not feel the Council could commit tax payer's money. Cllr Francis Pester agreed to obtain the information requested by the Council.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 8 votes to 0**, to defer the decision on joining the North Somerset Climate Coalition for one more cycle pending the investigation and report by Cllr Francis –Pester on the Financial and Governance control of the organisation plus details of the action plan to achieve the ambitions.

17/806 DISCUSS THE 2018 COMMEMORATION AND DECIDED IF CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL WISHES TO PURCHASE AND LIGHT A BEACON.

Members were informed that NSC had not yet decided on their commemorations for 2018 but had scheduled to discuss this in September. Proposed, seconded and **AGREED by 15 votes to 0**, to defer this item to the next meeting pending the meeting by NSC.

17/807 DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE ON THE SPECIAL EXPENSES REVIEW AS PER THE LETTER DATED 19.06.2017

Members discuss the letter from NSC in respect of a Special Expenses review. There were differing points of view expressed with concerns over the maintenance of the areas and contract control. A view was expressed that if the Council had these items directly billed to the Town Council, to include in the precept, then the Council could refuse to pay the bill if the work had not been undertaken to the Town Councils standard. Also a view was expressed that these areas included in Special Expenses were used by non-Clevedon residents so the cost should be borne by the whole district and not just Clevedon residents. Members did not wish to be included in a 4 town meeting to discuss and review the Special Expenses; that any meeting should be for Clevedon alone.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**, That Clevedon Town Council wishes to continue with the current system of Special Expenses.

A Councillor asked if a response had been received on the long term future of the swimming pool; this would be chased.

17/808 DISCUSS AND VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR FOR WEST WARD

*Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to enable each of the candidates to speak.*

The Chairman invited each of the 5 candidates to speak to their application: Mrs Emma Binding, Ms Katherine Bright, Mr Barry Cherokoff, D. Harris, Mr Eddie Littler.

*Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders.*

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the vote should be by ballot.

Result: – Barry Cherokoff 6; Emma Binding 4; David Harris 3; Eddie Littler 3; Katherine Bright 0.

17/809 AGREE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE YOUTH PROVISION IN THE COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0** to approve the Terms of Reference for the Youth Provision in the Community sub-committee as circulated prior to the meeting.

Members agreed to the membership of the Committee as 7 Councillors including the Chairman of the Council, Chairman of Finance & General Policy, Chairman of Town Events and Amenities & Chairman of Property. As a councillor currently holds 2 of the posts 4 ordinary members were agreed as Cllr D. Shopland, Cllr Giles-Townsend, Cllr Fone & Cllr Middleton.

17/810 AGREE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FGP SUB-COMMITTEE FOR IT AS PER FGP17/718

Member's queried why this was on the Councils agenda. The Committee Chairman read the relevant minute 17/718.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 16 votes to 0** that this should be decided by the Finance & General Policy Committee.

17/811 AGREE 3 REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE MEETING WITH DWP RE THE CO-LOCATION OF THE JOB CENTRE @ CASTLEWOOD.

It was agreed that Cllr Little, Cllr Hatch and Cllr Shopland should represent the Council at the meeting with DWP and NSC.

17/812 CONFIRM ATTENDEES AT THE S106 MEETING ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017@ TO BE CONFIRMED

Members were asked to confirm who would be attending the meeting with NSC to discuss s106 at the meeting requested by the Town Council; Cllr Francis-Pester, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Starr and Cllr Hill indicated they would attend.

17/813 RECEIVE RESPONSE FROM NSC RE MILLCROSS RIGHT TO BID.

The Town Clerk read the response from NSC. Members discussed the response and the criteria attached.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** by 13 votes to 0 that Clevedon Town Council should write to NSC Legal Officer and request:

- 1, a detailed response on which aspect of the criteria the application failed on and the reasoning.
2. a copy of the government guidelines as issued to and used by NSC to make their decisions
3. a copy of the exemptions as used by NSC

A view was expressed that the Council should write to the MP to request a review of the 12 months community use rule, as this land had been made inadmissible as community land by the failed hospital bid; no decision was taken.

17/814 DISCUSS THE SITUATION CONCERNING CLLR HALL FOLLOWING 17/789

Members discussed at length the continued absence of Cllr Hall. Members were sympathetic to the reason for his long term absence. The Town Clerk explained the legalities in respect of approving apologies and the 6 month rule.

Member **AGREED by 15 votes to 0**, to accept his apologies and hoped that he would be able to attend a meeting soon.

17/815 RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON CLEVEDON CCT

Cllr Watkins as Chairman of CCT updated members on the BID.

17/816 RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

Cllr West as the liaison Representative presented the Neighbourhood Plan report that had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions and members **AGREED** to note the report.

17/817 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 8

There were no questions raised under Standing order no 8.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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