

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 432nd meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd January 2012**

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr J Middleton
 Councillors C Blades, C Bussey, C. Francis-Pester, B. Garner, J Geldart, A. Giles-Townsend, B Hatch, G. Hill, , L. Little, P. McNeill, T Morgan J. Norton-Sealey, N Pennycott, A. Shopland, G Watkins, C Wring
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk – Mrs Johnson

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

PRAYERS: Voluntary prayers were said before the start of the meeting by Rev K Hector.

13/289 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from C. Hall, L. Knott (family commitment), and D Shopland (Illness)

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

Members asked Cllr A Shopland to pass on their best wishes to Cllr D Shopland and hope that he would make a swift return to health.

13/290 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

13/291 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 28th November 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to 12/279 being amended to a vote of 16-2 (the original vote per the Town Clerks notes)

13/292 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairmen's items of information

13/293 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

Members noted the Town Clerks report as circulated with the agenda.

Newsletter and reports –

The following newsletters and reports have been received and are available from the office.

LGR – winter 2012

DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses, 798,799,800

13/294 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**13/294.1 PLANNING 21ST NOVEMBER 2012**

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

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

13/294.2 PLANNING 10TH DECEMBER 2012

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

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

13/294.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 12TH DECEMBER 2012

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the Vice Chairman and **AGREED**. There were no Part 1 items. The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

13294.4 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY – 19TH DECEMBER 2012

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. The Chairman invited questions on part 2 there were none.

13/294.5 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY – 7TH JANUARY 2013

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. The Chairman invited questions on part 2 there were none.

The Chairman explained that the budget and precept would be going to the Precept meeting following, so were not a part 1 item.

13/294.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES – 9TH JANUARY 2013

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

204.2 Bandstand - vote was requested to be changed to 9 – 2 (original vote per the Deputy Clerks Notes)

The Chairman confirmed that this was still being pursued by the TEA Committee with NSC and was aware of the urgency of the project.

In respect of the funding it was the Committee's decision as to the allocation of the jubilee funding to the bandstand renovation with a plaque. The Jubilee Committee as a sub-committee of TEA had not identified a project with matched funding, should a project be identified in the future funding would be discussed taking into consideration the Councils budgetary controls.

13/294 7 PLANNING – 14TH JANUARY 2013

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, and **AGREED**. The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

457.2 – Cllr Watkins explained that he had not been able to attend the meeting.

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13/294.8 ALLOTMENTS – 26TH NOVEMBER 2012 2012

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

13/295 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

13/296 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

13/297 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR D SHOPLAND

“That this Council urgently consider and investigate the possibility of purchasing the North Field at Clevedon Hall as a public recreation and amenity area”

DEFERRED until Cllr Shopland is able to present this motion

13/298 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR GELDART

“That the Council discuss the possibility of opening a shared representative office in Queens Square and that this 'Community Office' allows access to members of the public to the Police, the Town and District Council and other Clevedon organisations”.

The Members discussed at length the presentation made by Cllr Geldart on the motion. It was noted that this concept had been discussed at length by the Council prior to the purchase of the Council Offices and at that time felt not to be feasible. Since then the Town Council offices have opened adjacent to the Town Centre, North Somerset Council has opened its offices in Old Street with Police and PCT. concern was expressed at the lack of research and costing on the proposal. Also as to whether the expertise was available in the volunteers to provide the community support outlined in the proposal. The police had indicated they may be willing to participate but clarification of funding availability was needed.

Cllr Geldart agreed to withdraw the motion pending further research. Any Councillor able to help was requested to contact Cllr Geldart.

13/299 NOTIFICATION FROM BOUNDARY COMMISSION RE CHANGES TO NORTH SOMERSET AND TO RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE SIZE OF COUNCIL OPTION

Members discussed the documentation that had been circulated with the agenda from the Boundary Commission. Members agreed that the viability and effectiveness of North Somerset Council would not be served by a reduction of numbers especially as in the Boundary Commissions own documentation 36% of the wards is above the average electoral variance

Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** by 17 votes to 0 that this Council responds to the Boundary Commission consultation stating we do not want a reduction in the number of Councillors at North Somerset Council

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

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