

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the 475th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**PRESENT:** Chairman – Cllr D. Shopland

**Councillors** N. Barton, C. Blades, 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 2, Invited Guests 3.

**7.30pm      INFORMAL BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The organiser of the St Nicholas Fayre in Hill Road invited all Councillors to attend on 5<sup>th</sup> December between 5pm – 9pm.

A resident of Cambridge Road requested the Council to investigate and resolve the dangerous situation concerning Station Road by the removal of the bollard. There is a traffic order on Station Road preventing vehicle entrance other than delivery vans, but since the last damaged bollard was removed vehicles have been using Station Road as highway. The increased vehicles are endangering pedestrian lives as this is a part pedestrian area and some vehicles are using it as a short cut, or those parking are adjacent to the café street table, inflicting their fumes on customers. It was agreed to request Transport & Highways Committee to chase this with NSC.

**FORMAL BUSINESS**

**19/1147    APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Councillors were present

**19/1148    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**19/1149    RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED: by 16 votes to 0**, that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**19/1150    RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED: by 16 votes to 0**, that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**19/1151    RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED: by 16 votes to 0**, that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**19/1152 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR D. SHOPLAND**

*"That , in view of the fact that there is no outside public Town War Memorial in Clevedon embracing those who gave their lives in all past conflicts, this council investigates the possibility of placing an additional plaque on the 'Railway Stone', to remedy that situation. Possible wording to be "To commemorate All Clevedonians who have died as the result of War" "*

Cllr Shopland spoke to the motion expressing the hope that if agreed, and the investigation shows the plaque to be viable that it is incorporated into the VE Celebrations in May 2020. Proposed, Seconded and **RESOLVED to accept the motion by 16 votes to 0**

**19/1153 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR CHEROKOFF**

*"That Clevedon Town Council*

*(i) acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;*

*(ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;*

*(iii) further recognises*

- *that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,*
- *that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and*
- *that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities*

*(iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and*

*(v) further resolves to*

- *inform the local media of this decision,*
- *write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and*
- *write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing its support.*

Cllr Cherokoff spoke to the motion noting that due to the dissolving of parliament for the general election the bill would need to be re-admitted into the system and that the communication with the local MP will have to wait till after the election. Following a short discussion on the process and conflict with national providers it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to accept the motion by 14 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions.**

**19/1154 TO RECEIVE A MOTION FROM CLLR CHEROKOFF**

*"That Clevedon Town Council, as part of the Councils work to reduce greenhouse gases and to provide sustainable energy, actively investigates costs and viability of the installing of solar panels on all the Town Council owned building, and also obtain permission from North Somerset Council to include the Station Road toilets and Chalet Toilets in the project."*

Cllr Cherokoff spoke to the motion confirming that all buildings owned by Clevedon Town Council would be included and that NSC would be approached concerning the 2 toilet blocks Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to accept the motion by 15 votes to 0**

**19/1155 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR T. MORGAN**

*"That this council has a policy that all large monetary grants made to organisations by the Town Council if they exceed £10000 should be conditional on a Council Representative/Observer appointed to that organisation to ensure continuing involvement*

*between both parties. This would be in line with present Town Council representation on existing large grant payments”*

Cllr Morgan spoke to the motion explaining the reasoning behind the motion. Members expressed concern at the implication of the wording binding the Council to a policy without any consideration of individual circumstances. It was proposed and accepted to amend the wording from ‘should to may’ to read “... £10000 MAY be Conditional ....

In response to a question it was explained that this would not need a change to standing orders, or the Terms of Reference already agreed as it was a change in policy.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to accept the motion by 9 votes to 7**

### **19/1156 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR T. MORGAN**

*“That This Town Council calls on NSDC to urgently investigate the appalling state of the filthy “wet “changing rooms at Strode Road Leisure Centre. The maintenance issues are of real concern to many users and the lack of regular consultation with the Town Council who were the main financiers of this facility is totally unacceptable!”*

Cllr Morgan Spoke to the motion explaining he had been contacted by several residents as there appeared to be no action over the repair/cleaning. The Chairman of Town Events and Amenities explained in detail the discussions and communication with North Somerset Council in respect of the Strode Road Centre over the preceding few years as recorded in the minutes.

Proposed, Seconded and **Resolved that the motion failed by 8 votes to 3**

*Proposed, seconded and AGREED to suspend Standing order to enable the Invited Guest Mr A. Pegg from Wessex Investment to address the Council*

Mr Pegg, Wessex Investment Ltd, brought the Triangle Centre (B & M around to Boots). As developers they are looking into options for the centre with a mix of retail and residential, funding for the project would come from South Africa. Mr Pegg explained he had been talking to Clevedon BID and Clevedon Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman of the Chamber being one of the tenants. There is a time constraint on the company to get a viable planning application in place in order to facilitate discussions with all the lease holders within the complex. There are constraints on the site, as well as sitting tenants, there is a main sewer and the underground conduit of the river crossing the site. The current thoughts are to convert the B & M store into 2 retail units with a gym on the first floor and possible residential units in part of the car park; this would be phase one. Phase two would look at the retail and offices from Superdrug to Boots with possible mix of retail/residential/office and hotel. The Pre-Application talks will be held over the next few months; Clevedon Town Council to be included.

*Proposed, seconded and AGREED to reinstate Standing order*

### **19/1157 RECEIVE & DISCUSS ANY ITEMS RAISED BY MR PEGG IN THE PUBLIC**

#### **SESSION**

In response to questions raised during the above session Mr Pegg explained

- There would be a third phase looking at the surrounding area in conjunction with North Somerset Council as part of a Town Centre Master Plan.
- The Master Plan would include discussions on the cultural quarter centred around the library.
- The car park which is part of the B&M Lease would continue with parking restrictions.

- There would be a reduced amount of parking on site, but the Master Plan would look at improving the surrounding parking or look at alternative travel arrangements.
- The phase 2/3 would look at the re-locating of the public toilets
- The Neighbourhood Plan includes policies concerning the town centre and these would be taken into consideration.
- Wessex Investments had initial talks with Lidl

#### **19/1158 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR T MORGAN**

Cllr Barton declared a pecuniary interest as an alderman of Bristol City Council and took no part in the discussion or vote.

*Following Bristol City's Council decision to ban all private diesel vehicles from a large central part of Bristol between the hours of 7am-3.00pm daily from 2021, what assistance will be made to residents of Clevedon and North Somerset who need to access health services at central Bristol hospitals (BRI, Children's Hospital, Oncology, Eye and Dental) most of which are in or are accessed from this prohibited zone? Traffic will no longer be able to cross the Cumberland Basin nor enter Bristol via the Portway if they are private diesel vehicles! Also, Health professionals who work at these establishments will not be able to get to work if they have a diesel car. What provision will be made for disabled drivers, blue badge holders those needing cancer treatments if their only form of transport is a diesel vehicle? Residents will also experience difficulty reaching Temple Meads Station and the Central Bus station as the routes to these also fall within the zone. Using public transport is not an option for many people and the current service is nowhere near levels found in major cities such as London Manchester etc. This decision will have damaging outcomes for our community. I would ask this council to voice our concerns to Bristol City Council and our local MP.*

Cllr Morgan spoke to the motion explaining that the proposed restrictions would have a major impact on Clevedon Residents, who drive diesel cars, who wish to access the centre of Bristol. Members discussed the motion in detail especially in respect of the emissions from the newer diesel cars and the impact on the climate.

Proposed, seconded an amendment to refer this motion to the Transport & Highways Committee for a full discussion this was **defeated by 8 votes to 7 with the Chairman's casting vote.**

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to accept the motion by 12 votes to 2

#### **19/1159 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS- FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Chairman had no items of information.

#### **19/1160 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.  
Council & Clerks Direct- Issue 126 November 2019

NALC – DIS No's 949,950,951

The Town Clerk requested volunteers for the Christmas Lights switch on to assist with barrier, crowd control, collecting, setting up and clear down.

**19/1161 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.

**19/1162 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1162.1 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

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

**1162.2 PLANNING 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

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

**1162.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

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

TH19/1020 Traffic Lights at Mill Cross – in response to a question it was explained that NSC had decided to put on hold the removal of the traffic lights following complaints from the Community. The minute wording was explained that the Committee would monitor the situation until a formal response was received from NSC.

**1162.4 PROPERTY 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

Minutes of the Property meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

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

**1162.5 PLANNING 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

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

**1162.6 SPECIAL FINANCIAL & GENERAL POLICY 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minutes of the Special Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

Cllr Young declared a personal interest as her husband is a non-remunerated trustee of the Curzon.

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

**1162.7 FINANCIAL & GENERAL POLICY 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0** with amendment on min no FGP 19/940 from October to November

Cllr Young declared a personal interest as her husband is a non-remunerated trustee of the Curzon.

Part 1 items

**FGP 19/940 RECEIVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING WITH CURZON CINEMA ON 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019.**

Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that this council pledges £25k grant to Curzon Cinema towards the roof replacement project, **AGREED by 9 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions.**

Members discussed the recommendation which had originally been made at the 4<sup>th</sup> November Meeting, confirmed and agreed on 6<sup>th</sup> November meeting as a recommendation to Council. Concern was raised by a member as to the lack of insulation under the tiles, it was explained that following the discussions and information received at the FGP Meetings the insulation would form part of the next phase of work on the cinema.

Proposed, seconded to amend the resolution to defer to the Precept meeting in January. Following reminders that the decision was time constraint and that the funding was needed to unlock all the pledged funding the amendment was **defeated by 12 votes to 3**

**RESOLVED:** to accept the resolution **by 13 votes to 0**

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

**1162.8 ALLOTMENTS 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

As the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> November meeting, which had been deferred from the 11<sup>th</sup> November, had not been circulated it was agreed to defer to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 council meeting

**1162.9 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

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

TEA 19/898 – in response to a question it was reported that the information requested from NSC in the minutes had been circulated on 22<sup>nd</sup> November to all members; it would be discussed in detail at 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 meeting.

**19/1163 RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES FOR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORTING DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL – ALL ITEMS ARE CLASSED AS PART 1****19/1163.1 YOUTH PROVISION IN THE COMMUNITY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

Minutes of the inquorate Youth Provision in the Community Sub Committee meeting were presented by the Chairman and **RESOLVED to accept the recommendation therein by 15 votes to 0.** Therefore, the Youth Provision in the Community is dissolved, and the Council will look to hold a youth forum in 2020

**19/1164 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

**RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0:** that the Council approves the accounts for payment, as per the attached lists.

**19/1165 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

**RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0:** that the Council approves the retrospective accounts for payment, as per the attached list

**19/1166 TO RECEIVE THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT FOR 2018/2019 ACCOUNTS.**

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0** to accept the external auditors report and note the comments contained.

**19/1167 RECEIVE, DISCUSS AND AGREE RESPONSE TO THE VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION INCLUDING LAND OWNED BY CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL.**

It was explained to members by the Town Clerk that the application for the village green included land owned by Clevedon Town Council and therefore a formal resolution was needed by the Council.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 14 votes to 0 with 1 abstention by Cllr Westwood**, to support the application for the village green that included the Millennium Orchard which is owned by Clevedon Town Council.

**19/1168 RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CCTV WORKING GROUP**

A report on the meeting held with NSC to discuss the future CCTV provision had been circulated with the agenda. In response to a question it was explained that the budget figures included were an estimation based on advice to NSC and still awaited the tender response figures.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 14 votes to 0** to note the report and **AGREED** to have a full discussion once the actual figures are received

**19/1169 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON CCT**

The last meeting of the Clevedon CCT had been deferred to January 2020.

**19/1170 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP**

Members were informed of the public presentation made over the last few weeks on the Neighbourhood Plan. It is hoped to undertake the Regulation 14 consultation in January, it would then go to NSC for adoption followed by the independent examination and referendum in July.

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

Members were updated on the latest BID projects, and prospective projects

**19/1138 RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP**

Members were informed that the CEWG were looking to challenge individuals, business, and organisation to pledge to adjust their behaviour. The pledge form would be sent to all Councillors in the following week.

The Town Clerk explained the Council had started its contribution with the installation of a smart meter in the building.

**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 9.44pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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