

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the 431st meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th November 2012

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr J Middleton
 Councillors, A Cotton, C Blades, C Bussey, C. Francis-Pester, B. Garner, A. Giles-Townsend, B Hatch, C. Hall, G. Hill, L. Knott, L. Little, P. McNeill, T Morgan
 J. Norton-Sealey, 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 Major William Slade.

12/276 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr J Geldart (family commitment), N. Pennycott (illness), and D Shopland (Illness)

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

12/277 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

12/278 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd October 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

12/279 THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Special Town Council meeting held on 19th November 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
 Were agreed by 17 votes to 1

12/280 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Office Closure

The Chairman requested Council authority to close the Town Council office on 24th May 2013 as the Town Clerk was getting married that day; this was agreed and the Council congratulated the Town Clerk on her engagement.

12/281 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.

DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses, 794,795,796,797,

DIARY DATES

9th December 2012 Annual Festival of Carols & Christmas Music **reminder**

12/282 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**12/282.1 PLANNING 26TH SEPTEMBER 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.

The Chairman wished his and the Committees appreciation of the former Planning Chairman Cllr Norton-Sealey to be recorded.

Clevedon Hall - In response to a question on the effect any development would have on the water levels in Old Church Road, the Chairman referred to points raised in the minutes which include the Councils concern about the displaced water and the effect on surrounding premises.

12/282.2 PLANNING 10TH OCTOBER 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

The wording of the standard declaration of District Councillors made at planning meeting is to be checked to ensure continued compliance under Localism Act 2011.

12/282.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 17TH OCTOBER 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.

Members were informed that the Rights of Way meeting on 6th November had agreed that both paths should be continued to be classified under Rights of Way

12/282.4 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY – 24TH OCTOBER 2012

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

Part 1

(FGP 12/285 “that this Council decide that all small grants shall not exceed £250.”

*Following a discussion in with minute No FGP 12/294 the Motion **FAILED** by 2 votes to 5)*

(FGP 12/286 1bb Meetings shall not exceed a period of 2 hours. All business not transacted in this time shall be deferred until the next meeting of the committee unless the Chairman Members shall deem that a short extension will conclude the business agenda. Any extension so given shall not be longer than FIFTEEN MINUTES

*Proposed seconded and **AGREED** by 5 votes to 3 to add “or on conclusion of the item under discussion”*

AGREED

(FGP 12/287 c) That having been voted upon under ‘b’ above the proposed amendments to standing orders A motion to permanently add to or to vary or to revoke one or more of the Council’s standing orders not mandatory by law shall stand, without discussion, for the period from that meeting until the next Full Council meeting before being discussed, voted and ratified).”

AGREED

The Chairman invited questions on part 2 there were none.

12/282.5 PLANNING – 31ST OCTOBER 2012

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

Part 1

*P/12/413 **RESOLVED:** TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that Cllr Graham Watkins be co-opted onto the Planning Committee for the remainder of the Council year 2012/13.*

AGREED

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

12/282.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES – 7TH NOVEMBER 2012

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;

Seafront

In response to a question it was confirmed that no response had been received from NSC but it was understood that the Tennis Courts formed part of a separate concession. Concern was expressed about the state of the bandstand which had deteriorated in the last few weeks and was now cordoned off. Members were informed that problems between the Historic Buildings Officer, The Access Officer and English Heritage over the plans had resulted in losing grant funding to restore the bandstand earlier in the year

Strode Road

Members were informed that a meeting of the Strode Users Group was being chased by the West Ward District Councillor.

195.8 Twinning

The Town Councils representative reported that it had been a successful evening at Clevedon Court and he would report, when known, the amount raised.

12/282.7 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY – 14TH NOVEMBER 2012

Minutes of the Environment & Property Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, and **AGREED**.

Part 1

*(EP 12/267 Proposed, Seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the Council should accept the second quotation for the replacement of the Control Panel at a cost of £3530 to be paid from Council reserves.)*

AGREED

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

12/270 Land at Highdale – the Town Clerk confirmed that no response had been received from the YMCA

In response to a question the Town Clerk confirmed that the Office was aware of the filming on the Skate Park by the “Broadchurch” production and had agreed the visual alteration undertaken for the filming only.

12/282.8 ALLOTMENTS – 8TH OCTOBER 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.

12/282.9 ALLOTMENTS TENANTS MEETING – 15TH OCTOBER 2012

Members noted the minutes which had been circulated for information only

12/283 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

12/284 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

12/285 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 to the next Council meeting at the request of Cllr Shopland

12/286 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”.

DEFERRED to the next Council meeting at the request of Cllr Geldart

12/287 TO AGREED OFFICE CLOSING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS BEING 2PM ON 21ST DECEMBER TO 9AM ON 2ND JANUARY

RESOLVED that the office shall close from 2pm on 21st December 2012 to 9am on 2nd January

With the agreement of the Chairman and Council the following item was raised as an urgent item.

12/288 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – CLEVEDON FLOOD DEFENCES

Following the recent bad weather and the flooding through the area by run off as well as rising river and sea levels, members agreed that a letter should be sent to the Environment Agency requesting the following information as a matter of urgency as it is predicted that the recent level of rainfall may continue into 2013, and flood occurrences increase.

1. What is the schedule of maintenance for rivers, streams & culverts and how are they liaising with farmers and other landowners to achieve it for the mitigation of risk
2. How would the EA seek to assure us that their adopted, additional intention of flooding wetlands for wildlife is not running contrary to their other objectives?
3. What are the current obligations to central government regarding reporting to assist the Governments negotiations with insurers on cover for properties in flood plains

Meeting closed at 8.12 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....