

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the 472nd meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th June 2019

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr D. Shopland

Councillors N. Barton, C. Blades, B. Cherokoff, A. Everitt, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, B. Hatch, G. Hill, T. Morgan, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland, J. West, R. Westwood, H. Young.
Town Clerk - Ms P Heath;
Members of the Public 29,
NSC – Cllr M. Crosby

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Shopland welcomed the members of public present and explained that the Council will be reverting to the original practice as specified in Standing Orders that no response to points raised by members of the public will be made by Councillors. If required the Chairman will respond, indicate an individual Councillor to respond or request the Town Clerk to provide a written response.

Land to the rear of Brookfield Walk

4 residents of Brookfield Walk are spoke expressing concern at the survey being undertaken by North Somerset Council and the letter received by residents adjacent to the land explaining that a report was being presented to NSC Scrutiny Committee requesting permission to consult with residents about a proposal to build a school on the site.

Issues raised by the residents

- The site is in the green belt
- It is situated close to the motorway, poor air quality for those attending the school.
- The access is via a residential estate, residents are already experiencing problems with traffic flow that will increase with school traffic.
- The site is a green open space area enjoyed by many residents.
- Any development will affect wildlife in the area, including protected species.
- The area is important to the mental health of the residents.
- The area is well used by local dog owners.
- There are better sites owned by NSC that could be used to build the school.
- Why wasn't this made public prior to local elections.

A letter from another resident was given to some of the Councillors.

Drains

A resident from Brookfield Walk raised concern again about the state of the drains in Clevedon, many are blocked causing flooding during and after rainstorms, causing problems to pedestrians and road users alike. Some large puddles block the footpath forcing pedestrians out into the road to pass or dodge the muddy spray from passing vehicles. Areas mentioned, by Proper Job, By St Marys Church, the Triangle.

Climate Change and Climate Emergency

3 Clevedon residents spoke to the Motion on the agenda relating to Climate Change and Climate Emergency.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has released a report stating that changes need to be made within the next 12 years. Transition Clevedon are looking to work with other Organisations to make a change in Clevedon. They were pleased to see the Motion on the Councils agenda pointing out that North Somerset Council, and the Government along with many Town & Parish Councils have declared a Climate Emergency and are looking at ways to reduce the carbon footprint. One speaker likened it to the mentality of the people during the second world war when everyone did their bit no matter how small. Another resident spoke as a concerned individual and looked to the Council including all aspects of the Community in their discussion as it is an inclusive problem affecting everyone.

FORMAL BUSINESS

The Chairman thanked the residents for attending. He spoke to all councillors asking that the Council works together in an atmosphere of trust, leaving all disagreements within the Council Chamber. The Chairman explained that the Council will observe Standing Orders and only be allowed to speak once in any debate.

19/1067 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors A. Goodliffe, no reason given **RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

19/1068 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D & A Shopland declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the Strawberry Line as they own land adjacent to the proposed route. Cllr H. Young declared a personal interest in respect of the Clevedon BID due to a family connection with a Director of the BID

19/1069 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th April 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19/1070 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL STATURORY MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual Statutory meeting held on 15th May were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the inclusion of Cllr A. Shopland to the attendees.

19/1071 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS- FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Chairman informed members that he wasn't wearing the Chain as it was being sent away to be repaired. In response to a question it was explained that the enamel on the badge had been damaged, as had been shown to the FGP committee on 29th May 2019 Min No. 19/899.2

19/1072 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 – March 2019

Diary Dates

30th June 2019 Armed Forces Day Drumhead Services. Royal British Legion.

A list of proposed additional meetings was circulated at the meeting.

19/1073 RECIEVE MOTION FROM CLLR B. CHEROKOFF.

1. Declares a 'Climate Emergency';
2. Pledges to do whatever is in its power to make the town of Clevedon carbon neutral by 2030, considering both production and consumption emissions.
3. Will, as a first step, initiate and support a Clevedon working group/citizens assembly to investigate possible local responses and make recommendations for actions to council.
4. Will work with North Somerset Council, other local authorities, neighbouring local councils, appropriate government departments and other organisations to determine, implement and deliver best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
5. Will place this issue on Council's Committee agendas to agree strategies and action plans and regularly review progress.
6. Will, within six months and at regular intervals, thereafter, consider and take action on recommendations to address this emergency."
7. Provide adequate staff time, and leadership, to prepare a report within six months to establish how Clevedon Town Council, can sufficiently reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency, low-carbon fuels and investment in renewable energy and other Council strategies, plans within a timescale which is consistent with an ambition to restrain Global Warming to 1.5°C. This will draw together the actions Clevedon Town Council is already, and will continue to take; and where possible, outline partners' commitments to move towards a carbon neutral town by 2030."

Proposed by Cllr Shopland and seconded that this motion and discussion is deferred to a special council meeting scheduled for 24th June 2019.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Young, and seconded that this motion is discussed and voted on at this meeting

A further amendment was proposed by Cllr Francis-Pester, and seconded that this Council receives, accepts and welcomes the motion and that it is carried forward to the 24th June Council meeting for discussion to agree how to enact it. **AGREED** by 13 votes - 0

Members discussed at length the wording of the two amendments. Members agreed that a detailed discussion on the Climate Change agenda should be held involving different stakeholders in the town. It was noted that section 1 of the motion was the actual declaration and section 2 – 7 was the discussion and methodology of the motion.

Following the discussion, the further amendment was put to the vote and **AGREED** by 11 votes to 1

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** by 13 Votes to 0 that this Council receives, accepts and welcomes the motion and that it is carried forward to the 24th June Council meeting for discussion to agree how to enact it.

19/1074 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.

With the permission of the Chairman, Cllr M. Crosby, North Somerset Council South Ward, updated members on the Kenn Road McCarthy Stone application, this has been withdrawn and a fresh application made.

19/1075 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**1075.1 PLANNING 17TH APRIL 2019**

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

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

1075.2 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 24TH APRIL 2019

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED**.

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

19/967 in response to a question it was confirmed that no update had been received from NSC in respect of the proposed removal of the traffic lights at Millcross, which member opposed.

19/971 Members were asked to note that any vehicle taxed, and insured is legally able to park on the public highway not covered by parking restriction.

1075.3 ALLOTMENTS 20TH MAY 2019

Minutes of the Allotment meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED by 12 votes to 0**

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

1075.4 PLANNING 22ND MAY 2019

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, following a detailed discussion, it was proposed, seconded and AGREED to return the minutes to the Committee to amend minute no 19/1857 in include the motion proposed by Cllr Shopland. Concern had been expressed by a councillor that this should be discussed by Council. The Members were reminded that they can attend any meeting and vote on items in their ward. If the planning application is external to Clevedon, then all Councillors attending can speak and vote.

1075.5 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 29TH MAY 2019

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED**.

There being no part 1 items, the Chairman invited questions or comments on the part 2 items;

19/895 Station Road Toilets – A suggestion was made could this be offered to the police as a location for a help desk; members felt there were other options that could be offered.

1075.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 5TH JUNE 2019 PART 1 ITEMS ONLY

There were no part 1 items, the minutes would be presented to 7th August 2019 meeting.

19/1076 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

19/1077 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

19/1078 RECEIVE AND AGREE THE PART 1 GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018/19

Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Clevedon Town Council accepts and approves the Part 1 Governance Statement for the financial year 2018/2019.

19/1079 RECEIVE AND AGREE THE PART 2 ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2018/2019

Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Clevedon Town Council accepts and approves the Part 2 Accounting Statement for the financial year 2018/2019.

Cllr D. & A. Shopland having declared a pecuniary interest in the following item withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion or vote.

Cllr J. Geldart as Vice Chairman took over as the Chairman of the meeting for this agenda item.

19/1080 AGREE REPRESENTATIVE FOR STRAWBERRY LINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Cllr R. Westwood would represent the Town Council on the Strawberry Line Management Committee.

Cllr D. Shopland resumed as Chairman of the Meeting

19/1081 RECEIVE THE OPEN LETTER -EMAIL ON 27TH MAY 2019- TO COUNCIL ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND DECIDE IF TO REQUEST THE GROUP TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL EITHER AT A SPECIAL MEETING OR AT 7TH AUGUST MEETING

Members agreed to invite the signatories to the meeting on the 24th June 2019.

19/1082 AGREE TO REQUEST CLEVEDON BID TO MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THE 7TH AUGUST MEETING ON THEIR CURRENT PROJECTS AND FUTURE PLANS.

Members were keen to interact with Clevedon Bid and confirmed the proposal by the Chairman that a special meeting of the Council should be held, and the BID Directors invited. Meeting confirmed as 31st July 2019

19/1083 RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CCTV WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk and Cllr Westwood informed members that the tender processes required to get the costings needed, in respect of the upgrades, had been suspended by NSC. NSC have been asked to review and reactivate the tender.

19/1084 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON CCT

Cllr Francis-Pester gave an update from the recent meeting, including details of the Pier copse gardens steps and the revised Economic Plan work.

19/1085 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

Cllr West gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. The writing group have neared completion of the draft document, awaiting policy and documentation from NSC. Members expressed concern that the NSTimes, which is used for the Council's newsletter is not being delivered to large parts of the Town.

Cllr D. Shopland explained that he has a meeting scheduled with Argent about the distribution of the Times and asked Councillors to give him details of delivery or non-delivery at their addresses.

19/1086 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON BID

Cllr Geldart confirmed she had not attended the last meeting. Members noted the email circulated from the Clevedon BID with details of their plans and the AGM. It was confirmed that Clevedon Town Council is part of the BID area and pays a levy.

19/1087 CONFIRM THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND VICE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CLEVEDON BID BOARD.

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Clevedon Town Council representatives will be Cllr J. West and Cllr N. Barton.

It was felt that terms of references for the Town Council liaison representatives would be of benefit for all Councillors action as liaisons between outside bodies and the Council.

19/1088 AGREE REDUCED REPRESENTATIVES AS PER ASM 19/1060 – CLEVEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

Communication had been received from Clevedon Community Association stating that they would only accept two representatives from the Town Council. Cllr A. Shopland agreed to stand down leaving Cllr Francis-Pester and Cllr Geldart as the representatives.

19/1089 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER

There were no questions in according to Standing Order no 8

Meeting closed at 9.02 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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