

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the 471st meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**PRESENT:** Chairman – Cllr J. West  
 Councillors C. Blades, B. Cherokoff, C. Francis-Pester, S. Hale, B. Hatch, G. Hill, L. Little, J. Middleton, S. Moores, T. Morgan, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, G. Watkins.  
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs S. Howard  
 Members of the Public 0,

**7.30pm      INFORMAL BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present

**FORMAL BUSINESS**

**19/1033    APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors L. Fone (illness), J. Geldart (via Cllr Little, family commitments) and J. Norton-Sealey (illness) **RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

**19/1034    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was no declaration of interest for items on the agenda

**19/1035    RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** by **16 votes to 0**, that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**19/1036    RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS- FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Cllrs were reminded that they were invited to join the Chairman following the meeting to say farewell to those Councillors not standing.

**19/1037    THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

1037.1. Elections

The Town Clerk gave members a report on the Councillors standing, those for election and the number of vacancies as well as what the position of the Council would be in respect of filling the vacancies either by co-option or requesting another election.

The Town Clerk on behalf of all staff members past and present thanked the Councillors for their support and assistance and look forward to welcoming the new Councillors.

Members asked that their appreciation is forwarded to the retiring Councillors and it was **AGREED** to include a thank you in the April Newsletter.

1037.2 Sailing Club

Members who had not informed the office of their attendance were asked to respond by the end of the meeting as the Club needed to know numbers for catering purposes.

**19/1038 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 had been no requests to the Chairman for District Councillors to speak

**19/1039 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1039.1 PLANNING 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by 14 votes to 0.

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

**1039.2 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **13 votes to 0**.

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

**TH19/955** a request was made and agreed to clarify that the old Stadden's timber yard was in Parnell Road.

**TH 19/1033** Cllr Hill was added to the names of the apologies

**1039.3 PROPERTY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

Minutes of the Property Committee meeting were presented by the Vice Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **14 votes to 0**.

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

Cllr Little asked permission of the Chairman, which was given, to thank all the Councillors stating that it had been a pleasure to serve on the Council, and that she would miss the banter and jokes especially about the "arc welder".

**1039.4 PLANNING 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **13 votes to 0**.

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

**1039.5 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **14 votes to 0**.

Part 1

**FGP 19/880 RECEIVE DETAILS FROM CLEVEDON FLOWER SHOW CONCERNING REQUEST FOR FUNDING.**

*A copy of the letter of request had been circulated with the agenda. Members discussed at length the request, the lack of financial detail on the letter and the future event in 2019. Members were supportive of the event, which attracts visitors to the town, and run by a small body of volunteers.*

*Proposed seconded and **RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL** that a grant of £2500 is made to Clevedon Flower Show for their 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations towards the cost of a marquee, from 2019/2020 reserves, subject to full accounts being provided prior to discussions and decision at the Council meeting which will ratify these minutes.*

The Accounts having been received and circulated, **AGREED 14 votes to 0** Subject to it being made clear that this is a one-off grant in respect of the 2019, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show only.

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

**FGP19/880. Flower Show**

Members expressed concern at the Comments made by the NSC East Ward Councillor that the cost to rent the Salthouse Fields in 2020 would be doubled or tripled the 2018 cost of £228. Proposed, seconded and **AGREED by 14 votes to 0** That Clevedon Town Council writes to North Somerset Council to ascertain the proposed increase in rent and whether a differential in the rent charged could be made between a local charity group and a commercial organisation. The response to be reported to FGP.

**FGP 19/884** the date is changes to 2018 and not 2019

**FGP 19/882** Proposed, seconded, and **AGREED** that Mrs Sue Mountstevens the Police Commissioner be invited to attend a Special Meeting of the Town Council to answer concerns raised by Councillors as to the policing levels, resources, and staffing in Clevedon and the level of response to issues reported. It was noted that those Councillors standing for election would have an opportunity to gage reaction on the doorstep. The Town Clerk to arrange the meeting. A preceding FGP Committee would compile a list of questions to guide the meeting.

**1039.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee 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

**1039.7 ALLOTMENTS 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 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.

**19/1040 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

**RESOLVED: by 12 votes to 0** that the Council approves the accounts for payment, as per the attached lists.

**19/1041 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

**RESOLVED: by 12 votes to 0** that the Council approves the retrospective accounts for payment, as per the attached list

**19/1042 RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CCTV WORKING GROUP**

The Town Clerk read the latest communication from NSC which indicated that the specification for tender had still not been written and that investigations were still ongoing for different transmission cost. Members expressed considerable concern at the length of time this is taking and that the discussions are now no longer within the remit originally agreed with NSC Officers at the August 2018 meeting.

**19/1043 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON CCT**

Cllr Francis-Pester updated the Council on the work of the Clevedon Coastal Community Team. Work was progressing on the improvements to Pier Copse.

**19/1044 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP**

Cllr West updated the Council on the Neighbourhood Plan. The draft plan is close to completion and is expected to go for public consultation in September/October, the cost for the consultation and publicity will be from the allocated budget by Clevedon Town Council. Additional information has been requested from NSC in respect of factual details and support documents, and it is hoped that this will be received prior to a steering group meeting in June.

**19/1045 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON BID**

In the absence of the Town Council's representative, Cllr Blades who is NSC Representative was asked to brief the Council. A new web site has been launched aimed at retail business in the town. In response to a question it was confirmed that Clevedon Town Council had not been approached to link with the new web sites. Much of the first year has been spent setting up the projects for the web site and logo as well as the connectivity in the town. Members questioned the new noticeboards in Alexandra Gardens that had not gone through planning, also the proposed tree works agreed by NSC which was again believed to need planning permission.

**19/1046 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER**

There were no questions in according to Standing Order no 8

*The following agenda item was heard under section 1.2 Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential and contractual information to be discussed.*

**19/1047 RECEIVE RESPONSE FROM MORGAN LAROCHE IN RESPECT OF SOUTH CLEVEDON PLAYING FIELDS AKA PENNYFIELDS.**

Cllr Moores summarised the information for Councillor which was discussed at great length. It was agreed that any future action would have to be agreed by the Council following the 2<sup>nd</sup> May elections.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that the Council would discuss any actions, once the Councillors elected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May had an opportunity to read the report, at a future Council meeting.

The Sub Committee reporting direct to Council, the Chairman of Council and West Ward Councillors, would meet prior to the consideration by Council with a recommendation to Council of the wording for a draft press release.

Meeting closed at 9.02 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....  
Council 10th April 2019 21/05/2019

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