

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the 466<sup>th</sup> meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**PRESENT:** Chairman – Cllr J. West  
 Councillors N. Barton, B. Cherokoff, L. Fone, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart (7.40pm), G. Hill, L. Little, J. Middleton, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, C. Starr, G. Watkins.  
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs S. Howard  
 Members of the Public 2, Press 1, NSC Cllr Garner

**7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident of Cambridge Road

Thanked the Council for their work, as a long-time resident of Clevedon and a dog walker there are several areas that still need improving. Concern was expressed as to the lack or parity with Weston in respect of getting issues fixed or maintenance work undertaken. Copies of photographs of some of the areas of concern were handed to the Town Clerk for Councillors information and action.

**FORMAL BUSINESS**

**18/937 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr C. Blades A. Giles-Townsend S. Hale, B. Hatch T. Morgan, (family commitments) J. Norton-Sealey (illness) **RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

**18/938 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There no declaration of interest for items on the agenda

**18/939 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** by 11 votes to 0 That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman; subject to amendment of a typing error on 18/919 (McArthur to McCarthy)

*Cllr Geldart Arrived*

**18/940 RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** by 14 votes to 0 That the Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Although not part of the ASM minutes concern was raised that the minutes of the FGP meeting held during the ASM were inaccurate. Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that the amended minutes would be presented at the next FGP Meeting.

**18/941 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS- FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Chairman introduced her Chaplain Mrs Jean Balcombe, a lay preacher with links to the Methodist church.

**18/942 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

*DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses*

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**Councillors Emails**

The Town Clerk explained that the @clevedon.gov.uk emails had been created for the Councillors and would be operational from 28<sup>th</sup> June. There was a leaflet explaining how to access the emails and a briefing note explaining the background and operation of the emails. Cllr D Shopland explained that he did not have email and asked for his account to be removed.

**Dog & Litter Waste**

In response to a question it was confirmed that a meeting had been agreed for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 11am.

**18/943 TO 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.**

Cllr D Shopland and Cllr B Garner North Somerset Councillors for East and South Wards respectively, explained that at a meeting held on the previous day the Internal Drainage Board raised concerns at the viability of the Land Yeo with damage to the aqueduct river banks upstream. In response to a question it was confirmed that the banks have been deteriorating over the last 5 years. The NS Councillors explained that if the banks failed the Land Yeo, which is man-made river, in Clevedon could dry up; the Council may be approached for funding to assist the repairs.

**18/944 RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS****18/944.1 Planning** **dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **13 Votes to 0** subject to the following amendment Planning Application 17/2865 Campbells Landing the vote recorded was incorrect; proposed seconded and **AGREED by the Planning Committee** to amend the vote to “Agreed - 1 Against - 7” no additional amendment to wording was made.

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

**18/944.2 Finance & General Policy Committee** **dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **13 Votes to 0**

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

**18/944.3 Transport & Highways Committee** **dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

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

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;  
18/880 The Chairman of the Committee reported that the adopted section of Old Park Road had had the pot holes filled.

18/876 A councillor requested the T & H Committee work with the Neighbourhood Plan, the BID and CCT to look at a commercial vehicle park in Clevedon.

**18/944.4 Property** **dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Minutes of the Property Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **13 Votes to 0**

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

**18/944.5 Planning** **dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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

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

18/1734 McCarthy Stone. The Chairman reported on the Planning meeting with the developer, it was pointed out that this was a preliminary discussion and that no planning application had yet been made therefore more detailed information about the proposed health centre was not available. Concern was expressed that this facility would not enhance the footfall in the town centre with a proposed dedicated path way to Tesco's. Concern was raised that the jobs would only be paid at minimum wage and would not be sufficient to allow the person to live in Clevedon. Comment was made that Clevedon needed affordable rental properties, which the NS Councillors were asked to promote.

**18/944.6 Allotments** **dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **13 Votes to 0**

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

**18/945 RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES FOR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORTING DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL – ALL ITEMS ARE CLASSED AS PART 1**

**19/945.1 World War 1 Commemoration** **dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

The working group chairman presented the minutes and theses were **AGREED** by **13 votes to 0**

A query was raised by Councillors as to the rejection of a wide faith involvement in the event as the war had been fought in many countries, by many different races and faiths. The working group Chairman explained that the Committee had made the decision as to the clergy leading the event on the day based on those active in Clevedon at the time.; the service is intended to be representative of the service that would have been held 100 years ago. Some Councillors asked for this decision to be reconsidered by the working group to be more representative of the multi faiths involved; the Councillor was requested by the working group chairman to write to the working group.

**18/946 RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 25TH APRIL 2018**

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** by 13 votes – 0 to note the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting.

**18/947 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

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

**18/948 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

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

**18/949 RESOLVE TO DECLARE ONE OF THE WALTON WARD SEATS VACANT FORMALLY HELD BY CLLR HALL.**

The Town Clerk read the email from Cllr Hall. Councillors discussed at length the situation; the Town Clerk explained in detail the legal process of declaring a seat vacant, creating a casual vacancy, and the legal requirements to fill a casual vacancy. Cllr Hall last attended a Council meeting in October 2016, prior to his stroke, since then to December 2017 Councillors accepted his apologies; an email from Cllr Hall stated he would return to Council business in January 2018. Members appreciated that his recovery had not been as swift or as complete as Cllr Hall wished. Members hoped that Cllr Hall would make a recovery and would be able to stand for election in 2019.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** That Clevedon Town Council declares the Walton Ward seat held by Cllr Hall as vacant and that a casual vacancy is declared.

**18/950 RECEIVE AND AGREE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to receive and agree the Annual Governance statement as circulated.

**18/951 RECEIVE AND AGREE THE ANNUAL RETURN**

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to receive and agree the Annual Return as circulated.

**18/952 RECEIVE AND AGREE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31ST MARCH 2018**

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to receive and agree the Annual accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 as circulated

**18/953 APPOINT A TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CLEVEDON BID BOARD**

Members discussed the importance of the role as the Town Council representative on the board. In response to questions it was confirmed that North Somerset Council would also have a designated seat and although a Clevedon Ward Councillor has been indicated no decision has been made by NSC as to their representative.

A proposal to defer the decision pending the details of the NSC representative was defeated by 9 vote to 5

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 11 votes to 0** that Cllr Jane Geldart would be the Town Council representative on the Clevedon BID Board.

A proposal for Cllr Blades to be the representative received no seconder; Cllr Blades as NSC Councillor is anticipated to be the NSC Representative.

A proposal for a reserve representative was discussed but no decision made.

**18/954 DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF 6FT TOMMY SCULPTURE**

Members discussed the number of statues to purchase and the location to place them. It was noted that the agenda item was for a singular statue.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 9 votes to 1 with 3 abstentions** that Clevedon Town Council purchase 2 x 6ft "Tommy" Statues from the organisation There but not Here.at a cost of £1500.

*Cllr Geldart was absent for the above vote.*

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 12 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions** that the above statues be placed on the Seafront by the Badge Bed and in Queen Square, the site of the railway station from which the men left for the war.

**18/955 RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON CLEVEDON**

**CCT**

There had been no meeting, the next meeting was scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**18/956 RECEIVE A REPORT AND PRESENTATION FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP**

Cllr West as the Town Council liaison officer with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group presented to the members a report on the public meeting. 65 people had attended the meeting. It had been a positive meeting discussion several issues that for the core of the Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting was only part of the public consultation that had been carried out for stage 1; stage 2 consultation will be concentrated on the draft document. In response to a question examples of the consultation carried out by the Steering Group was listed and highlighted that each consultation method reached different people and demographics. The 65 at the meeting was only one example of the responses although so far responses from different demographics and methodology were very similar.

**18/957 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 8**

There were no questions under section 8 of the Standing orders

Meeting closed at 9.02 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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