

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the 408<sup>th</sup> meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**PRESENT:** Cllr T Morgan – Chairman  
Councillors C. Arnold, C. Blades, , A. Cotton, J Dagnall, C. Francis-Pester, R. Garner, C. Hall, Mrs. L. Knott, Mrs. L. Little, J. Middleton, D. Shopland, J. Norton-Sealey, S Vyce, G. Watkins, Mrs C. Wring  
Town Clerk - Ms P Heath                      Committee Clerk – Mrs Johnson

**7.30pm            INFORMAL BUSINESS**

PRAYERS were said by the chaplain Rev T Baillie

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - There was no public participation.
2. NORTH SOMERSET'S LIAISON OFFICER - Mrs Thompson was not in attendance.

**7.35pm FORMAL BUSINESS**

**09/194            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs E Blades (family commitment), P. McNeill (family commitment), G. Morris (illness), and P Gannicliff (illness),

**RESOLVED:** Council **ACCEPTS** the reasons given for absence.

**09/195            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**09/196            THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

**09/197 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

197.1 Civic Service

The Chairman reminded members that the Chairman's Civic Service will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in the Council Offices.

197.2 Contact Details

Members were reminded to return the contact details form to the office

**09/198 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

- NSC – Insight – Newsletter
- NSC – North Somerset Life

Friends of the Museum – Newsletter April 2009  
 Yeo Moor Infant and Junior School – Public Notice - attached  
 NSC Sustainable Communities Act – Request for Proposals -attached  
 NHS – Fair for all: North Somerset’s Equality Scheme – attached

## 09/199 TO RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### 09/199.1. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE – 30.03.09

Minutes of the Environment & Planning Ctte meeting held on 30.03.09 were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none

### 09/199.2 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE – 15.04.09

Minutes of the Environment & Planning Ctte meeting held on 15.04.09 were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none.

### 09/199.3 ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE – 06.04.09

Minutes of the Allotment Ctte meeting held on 06.04.09 were presented to the meeting.

Part 1 items

#### 09/32.2 TREE REMOVAL - VICTORIA ROAD & CHURCH HILL SITES

*Quotes obtained for removal of trees on VR78a and CH121a*

**RESOLVED:** TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that allotment rental income be authorised to fund the removal of trees on CH121a and VR78a at a maximum of £200 per tree

**RESOLVED to agree the recommendation**

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

### 09/199.4 LIAISON COMMITTEE – 08.04.09

Minutes of the Liaison Ctte meeting held on 08.04.09 were presented to the meeting.

Part 1 items

**09/13 RESOLVED:** TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL grant £3,000 from Council Reserves towards the Family Fun Days and Bandstand Concerts.

**RESOLVED by 13 votes to 1 to agree the recommendation**

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

### 09/199.5 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE – 20.04.09

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Ctte meeting held on 20.04.09 were presented to the meeting.

Part 1 items

*09/27 Proposed seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that this council purchases RBS Omega accounts system including the Purchase Ledge and Sales Ledger modules with installation and support up to a budget amount of £1800.*

**RESOLVED by 13 votes to 0 to agree the recommendation**

In response to a question the Chairman explained that the accounts package was required to provide a cost effective control on the Council's finances and provide up to date figures through out the year to enable Committees to monitor their budgets, which had not been a viable option with the previous system.

09/28 Proposed seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the Council accepts the amended Committee structure and terms of reference as detailed in the report with the above amendments and that the new structure is implemented as from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

Members discussed at length the changes required by the new committee structure. Members noted that representatives on outside bodies would be expected to provide a report or copies of the meetings of those bodies to the relevant Committee; therefore although not essential it would be practicable for the representatives to be members of that committee.

**RESOLVED by 13 votes to 0 to AGREE the recommendation**

Members discussed the 3 diary date options circulated with the agenda; these were explained by the Town Clerk.

Option 1 – 0 votes for

Option 2 – 7 votes for 9 votes against

Option 3 – 10 votes for 6 votes against

**RESOLVED the amended diary dates from 20<sup>th</sup> May will be option 3**

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

#### **09/199.6 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 22.04.09**

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Cttee meeting held on 22.04.09 were presented to the meeting. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

09/32 Bus Service between Clevedon & Yatton – this would be put on the next Transport & Highways Committee.

#### **09/200 TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

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

#### **09/201 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

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

#### **09/202 A MOTION CONCERNING THE ROYAL PIER HOTEL - CLLR SHOPLAND**

*“That in view of the increasing public concern and fears for the future of the Royal Pier Hotel, the District Council be asked to investigate and if possible implement the removal of the listed building status of that building, so facilitating the redevelopment of this site as quickly as possible and alleviating those genuine worries.”*

Members discussed at great length the motion and the reasoning behind it.

- The building has been left to go derelict and is not suitable to be redeveloped within its current condition.
- Conditions should be made to develop the site sympathetically with its surroundings and adjacent buildings.
- The site is within the Conservation Area and is adjacent to a grade 1 listed site so there would be control by current planning laws.
- Delisting could assist with selling the property and provide a valid way forward
- The current planning consent is due to expire this year and any alterations should be made after that time in the hope that the building could be sold without planning permission.
- Listing of a building does not necessarily protect it but can cause increased problems by restricting suitable development or stopping development in keeping with the original design as any development is at the point of listing and not as originally built.
- The original listing had been to protect the outlook from the pier but this has been negated by the current derelict condition of the building.  
Members agreed that action had to be taken to improve this site as soon as possible so that it enhances the area and not detract from the historic sea front.  
**RESOLVED by 12 votes to 4 to agree the motion.**

Cllr Wring wished her vote against to be recorded

**09/203 TO DETAILS OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING AND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND MAKE SUCH ADMINISTRATION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED.**

Members noted that the Annual Town Meeting would start at 7pm with the Annual Statutory meeting at 8pm or following the Annual Town Meeting whichever was later. Members were reminded that they attended the Annual Town Meeting as residents.

**09/204 QUESTIONS – TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS PROVIDED IN WRITING BY NOON ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING.**

There were no questions received

**09/205 URGENT BUSINESS PERMITTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

There were no urgent items

The meeting finished at 9.07 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD  
CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....