

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 430th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd October 2012**

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

12/257 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr J Norton-Sealey (illness)

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

12/258 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations were made: C Wring for the Flower-show items with in the minutes

12/259 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th August 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

12/260 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman's items for information

12/261 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

Members noted the Town Clerks report as circulated with the agenda.

The following newsletters and reports have been received and are available from the office.

LCR – Autumn 2012

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

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DIARY DATES

9th December 2012 Annual Festival of Carols & Christmas Music

Members were requested to inform the office if they are attending by the end of October 2012.

12/262 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**12/262.1 PLANNING 01.08.2012**

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

There were no Part 1 items. The Vice Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items there were none

12/262.2 PLANNING 15.08.2012

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

There were no Part 1 items. The Vice Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items there were none

12/262.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 22.08.2012

Minutes of the Transport & Highways 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.

12/199 Motorway junction Ettlingen Way - It was noted that the grass is cut by NSC and that they were thereby responsible for the signage and hedges and have agreed to remove the signs.

12/200 Junction Chapel Hill/Highdale Ave/Lower Linden Road – in response to a question members were notified that the cost had been received and would be presented to the next Committee meeting. Members were reminded that this had originated from a request to make the route safer for children going to school. There will be a site meeting on 17th October at 8.30am..

12/201 School Crossing – the Committee were requested to investigate if there was anyway the Town Council could assist the funding of this service. A comment was made that it was the recruitment of volunteers that was the problem.

12/202 Drains at the Barn – concerns were expressed as to the lack of maintenance of the drains and the soak-away relating. The Committee were asked to establish what maintenance should be done and what would be required of contractors in order to keep the drains cleared. Members were reminded that they needed to notify NSC if they see any blocked drains and that landowners need to maintain their ditches including the Town Council on Allotment Land.

12/204 Strode Road – the Committee was requested to look at a one way system around Fernville Road to assist with egress from Strode Road on to Old Church Road. The Committee were also requested to look at the junction at the other end of Strode Road on to Southern Way as since Asda opened there has been considerable increase of traffic using this road.

12/207 Footpath Beach Road to Copse Road – The Committee was asked to seek clarification as to why this footpath was being investigated as they both could be ROW?

12/262.4 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY –

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

Part 1

FGP 12/271 PIER TRUST FUNDING Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that this Council allocates funding for the Pier Visitor Facility of £15000 in 2013/2014 and £15000 in 2014/2015 subject to them receiving all of the funding required for the project.

Following a discussion **AGREED by 15 votes to 4**

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items 12/272 Comments were made about the amount of grant money now distributed by the Council. It was noted that some grants are capital one offs and some are revenue grants paid over several years. Members were reminded that the budget meeting was the correct time to decide the amount of grant funding to be provided by the Council.

12/262.5 PLANNING – 05.09.2012

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

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

12/262.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES – 12.09.2012

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, and **AGREED**.

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

Marine Lake – Members were informed that the Phase 1 of the HLF bid has been approved. The Committee Chairman thanked all the Officers and Members who had worked on the bid.

Clevedon Hospital – an update on the position of the hospital following the agreement by the strategic health authority not to continue with the new hospital at Clevedon was requested. The Town Council's representatives on the management group gave a brief update explaining that new plans for the improvement of the current hospital were being drawn up, and members were assured that following talks with the Strategic Health Authority Chief Executive that there were no plans to shut Clevedon Hospital. Members requested that assurances be sought from the Strategic Health authority in writing and that the money already spent on preparing the case for the new hospital would not be to the detriment of the current hospitals budget.

12/262.7 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY – 19.09.2012

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

Part 1

EP12/254 REPLACEMENT OF THE BOILER AT NO 42 - Proposed seconded and **AGREED** to approve the retrospective payment for the Boiler at no 42 at a cost of £1200 plus vat.

AGREED

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

12/262.8 ALLOTMENTS – 03.09.2012

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;

12/169 Flower show – The Committee Chairman thanked the staff members who had worked over the bank holiday weekend at the flower show manning the stand.

12/167 the Committee were requested to look at the option of replacing the post on Moor Lane Gate

12/263 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

In response to a question it was confirmed that the list of suppliers had been sent just after the meeting to Cllr Geldart as requested.

12/264 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

12/265 CONSIDER PUTTING THE COUNCIL AGENDA'S ON THE WEB SITE AND AGREE THE COST AS PER ATTACHED.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to defer the decision pending a review of the web site at the next Financial & General Policy Meeting. The Town Clerk explained to members the system devised by NSC to put Members registers on to the web site. This would mean the Clerk would have to type on to an online form the details from members, get the member to check, and then file in a win zip file before sending; this would require several hours. The review would include the posting of the forms on the Town Councils web site.

12/266 RECEIVE NOTES ON THE MEETING WITH SPED 17TH SEPTEMBER 2012

Members noted the record circulated with the agenda of the SPED meeting with the Town Council and business representatives drawn up by the Town Clerk. It was agreed that the Council would send representatives to the meeting of SPED when this is discussed.

12/267 NSC – CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PARKS AND STREET-SCENE CONTRACT (INFORMATION GIVEN AT COUNCIL MEETING 13TH JUNE 2012)

Members noted the formal response to the Town Council's initial letter which mirrored the information given by the officer at the 13th June 2012 Council meeting.

12/268 MOTION FROM CLLR SHOPLAND ON STANDING ORDER NO 12 -***Voting on appointments***

a Where more than 2 persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the Council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. Any tie may be settled by the Chairman's casting vote.

To be amended to read

a. All votes on appointments shall be by simple majority

The Motion was **RESOLVED** by 16 votes to 2

12/269 MOTION FROM CLLR SHOPLAND ON STANDING ORDER NO 1BB -

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 shall deem that a short extension will conclude the business agenda. Any extension so given shall not be longer than FIFTEEN MINUTES

To be amended that the term Chairman be replaced with Members

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*All business not transacted in this time shall be deferred until the next meeting of the committee unless the **Members** shall deem that a short extension will conclude the business agenda. Any extension so given shall not be longer than FIFTEEN MINUTES*

Motion forwarded to FGP for Consideration

12/270 MOTION FROM CLLR SHOPLAND ON STANDING ORDER NO 31***31 Variation, revocation and suspension of standing orders***

a Any or every part of the standing orders, except those which are mandatory by law, may be suspended by resolution in relation to any specific item of business.

b 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 not be carried unless two-thirds of the councillors at a meeting of the Council vote in favour of the same.

To add

c) That all amendments to standing order presented to the Council shall stand for a period to the next Council meeting before being discussed and voted on.

A motion to forward this motion to FGP was defeated.

Following a discussion an amendment was agreed by Cllr Shopland and seconded by Cllr Francis-Pester

c) That having been voted upon under 'b' above the proposed amendments to standing orders shall stand, without discussion, for the period from that meeting until the next full council meeting before being discussed, voted and ratified.

The amendment was **AGREED** by 11 votes to 2 with 5 abstentions subject to the Town Clerk checking the legality of the wording.

12/271 MOTION FROM CLLR SHOPLAND

"That this Council debate the proposed closure of Cherry Orchard Residential Care Home in Clevedon as a matter of great urgency"

Members noted that this was a private company closing the home and that NSC had limited control. It was **AGREED** that the Town Council should write to the head of Social Services expressing our concern and requiring that residents are re housed locally.

12/272 MOTION FROM CLLR SHOPLAND

"that this Council decide that all small grants shall not exceed £250."

Motion forwarded to FGP for Consideration

12/273 MOTION FROM CLLR SHOPLAND

“ that this Council recognise that the following organisations, items, and structures are of importance to the town: The Curzon Cinema, Sun Hill House and Park, Princes Hall, The Community Centre Organisation, Town Gardens and Open Spaces, The YMCA, The Cab, The Barn, The Pier and maybe others. That they be prioritized in order of importance so that this Council can decide which, if any, it could assist in a limited way for them to have a chance of survival. To galvanise this process the organisations be asked to compile a simple forward plan showing an indication of finances etc. needed to enable them to survive for the next 10 years. This to be done prior to the fixing of the 2013/2014 precept so that the Council can decide possible future grants from its diminishing future pecuniary resources.”

Motion forwarded to FGP for Consideration at a special meeting.

Meeting closed at 09.25 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....