

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 442nd meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th August 2014**

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr N Pennycott
 Councillors C. Blades, C Bussey, C. Francis-Pester, B. Garner, A. Giles-Townsend , C. Hall, B. Hatch, G Hill, L Knott, L. Little, J Middleton, T Morgan, J Norton-Sealey, A. Shopland (7.35), D. Shopland (7.35) , G. Watkins, C Wring
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk – Mrs I Johnson
 Members of the Public 1; NSC Officer 1, Press 1

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**Prayers,**

Voluntary Prayers were said by the Chairman Cllr Pennycott

Public Session

Cllr Hatch thanked the Chairman for the evening of the 18th July which had been enjoyable this was endorsed by the members present who had attended.

Mr Paul Anslow the new Chairman for Clevedon Chamber of Trade introduced himself and spoke of the changing face of the Chamber and their wish to work closely with the Council.

Cllr A & D Shopland arrived

FORMAL BUSINESS**14/468 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors J Geldart, and P McNeill (family commitments)

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

14/469 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests for items on the agenda

14/470 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd July 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14/471 THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 11th August 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A point of order was raised concerning the quorum of the meeting at the point the decision of the meeting was recorded. Cllr Blades had been present when the decision of the meeting had been discussed but had left prior to the Council going

formally back into standing orders and the decision being ratified. It was **AGREED** that the decision of that meeting will be ratified at the next Council meeting.

14/472 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

472.1 LIGHTS OUT in CLEVEDON

The Chairman thanked the Town Clerk and the office staff for their hard work to make the evening a success and also to thank the Councillors who attended and took part.

472.2 STANDING ORDER 28

The Chairman reminded members of standing order no 28 in association with dealing with the press. In that any letters sent to the newspaper should clearly indicate that they are their individual views and not those of the Council. And that the designation 'CLLR' should not be used unless the letter has been authorised by a Council or Committee minute.

14/473 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, 837,838,839,840 ,

DIARY DATES

8th March 2015 Civic Service

14th March 2015 Civic Night.

Members were also reminded about the Clevedon Sailing Club event on the 6th September and the Community Resilience event on 8th September.

473.3 Paper copies of items on the web site

Members were informed about the right Councillors had to opt out of having paper copies of agendas, minutes and reports that appear on the web site; a form to opt out was included in the papers circulated.

14/474 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

14/474.1 PLANNING 25TH JUNE 2014

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

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

14/474.2 PLANNING 9TH JULY 2014

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

There were no Part 1 items. The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

P/14/795 Salthouse Field Café – in response to a question on the status of the toilets in the application, members were informed that these would be public toilets free to use.

14/474.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 16TH JULY 2014

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED**.

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items TH 14/432 in response to a question members were informed that a meeting had taken place with the Hill Road Traders on 26th August and that this would be reported to the next Transport & Highways Committee.

14/474.4 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES SPECIAL 21ST JULY 2014

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee special 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.

The Committee Chairman explained in response to questions that the meeting was to discuss with the police the shop link system, its implication and use within the town. It was not to discuss in detail the viability and financial implications of the CCTV system. The notes of the scrutiny meeting held with representatives from the Town Council and the subsequent NSC scrutiny meeting had been circulated with the agenda. This had been followed up on 6th August under min no. TEA 14/366.

14/474.5 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 23RD JULY 2014

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

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

14/474.6 PLANNING 30TH JULY 2014

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

Part 1 items.

P/14/807 SITE MEETING AT THE CLEVEDON SALVATION ARMY PREMISES

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL write a letter of support as set out in the previous paragraph.

AGREED

RE-STRUCTURING OF NSC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL reply to the Leader of NSC stating that Council does not accept the points made in his letter. Also to highlight Members concerns that the new single Committee will not be able to undertake the functions of both the Area Committees and the Planning & Regulatory Committee and query how the planning process will now be adjudicated.

Members discussed at length the changes to the planning system, its effect on local democracy and the perceived reduction of local knowledge and experience within the planning decision making. Concern was again expressed as to the appropriate scrutiny and transparency of the conflict of interest between those making the decisions and those regulating the policy arising from those decisions.

Following the discussion it was **RESOLVED:** to accept and **AGREE** the above resolution but also to:- 1) incorporate the Councils concern as to whether it is appropriate for both aspects of decision and adjudication to be handled in one committee; 2) that the solicitor and the local MP be copied in to the letter with copies of previous correspondence for information; 3) write to other Councils in North

Somerset to seek their views and support; 4) print both NSC & Clevedon Town Councils letters in the newsletter.

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

14/474.7 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 11TH JUNE 2014

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, and **AGREED** subject to the inclusion of Cllr Morgan in the attendees.

There were no Part 1 items. The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

368.2 Liaison Officers report. In response to a question the Committee Chairman read a written update from Mr Withers who has undertaken to provide a report prior to the meeting if he is unable to attend.

374 outside bodies. in response to a question it was reported that the Strode Users Group meeting was scheduled for 9th September 2014 at 10am. Members expressed concern following the recent report in the newspaper about the condition of the roof. Members felt that the Town Council should request a copy of the structural survey.

ACTION Cllr BLADES

14/474.8 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY 13TH AUGUST 2014

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

Part 1

EP 14/365 RECEIVE THE DRAFT LEASE FOR THE WHEEL & SKATE PARK

*Proposed Seconded and **RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL** that the formal lease of the skate & wheel park to October 2032 is signed in accordance with standing orders.*

AGREED

EP 14/366 RECEIVE THE AGREED LEASE FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

*Proposed Seconded and **RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL** that the formal extension of the lease of the Village hall to CAB is signed in accordance with standing orders.*

AGREED

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items

In response to a question the Chairman, and all members present at the Committee Meeting, confirmed that they had had the opportunity to discuss each item as detailed on the agenda and the support pages that had been attached.

14/474.9 ALLOTMENTS 14TH JULY 2014

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting were presented to the meeting by the Committee Vice Chairman, and **AGREED**.

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

14/423 Flower Show. The Committee Chairman thanked the councillor working group who designed and set up the display for the flower show and also those Councillors who manned the stall over the weekend. The future of the flower show was discussed and whether a combined event over a longer period with Marlins & Tide Festival may be cost effective

14/475 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

14/476 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

14/477 RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF CLLR PENNYCOTT RESIGNATION AS YEO MOOR SCHOOL GOVERNOR AND DECIDE IF ANY OTHER COUNCILLOR WISHES TO BE CONSIDERED.

Members received the notification. It was **AGREED** to pass Cllr Hall’s name to the School Governors for consideration as a replacement.

14/478 RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF WALTON WARD VACANCY “NO POLL” CALLED; TO DECIDE ON THE COUNCILS OPTION AND TIMESCALE

Members discussed the merits of co-opting someone so close to the elections scheduled in May 2015 balancing the shortness of the period to serve against the needs of the electorate to be represented. It was noted that Walton Ward had not asked for a poll and that several by-elections and co-options had occurred within the current term of office.

Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** by 10 votes to 7 to co-opt a member for Walton Ward as per the timetable circulated with the agenda.

14/479 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 8

No questions had been received by the Town Clerk

Meeting closed at 9.12pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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