

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the 411th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 4th November 2009

PRESENT: Cllr J Middleton – Chairman
 Councillors C. Arnold, C. Blades, Mrs E Blades, A Cotton, J Dagnall, C. Francis-Pester, B. Garner, C. Hall, Mrs. L. Knott, Mrs. L. Little, P. McNeill, T. Morgan, N. Pennycott, D. Shopland, S Vyce, G. Watkins, Mrs C. Wring
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

PRAYERS were said by Rev N Hector

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - There was no public participation.

2. NORTH SOMERSET'S LIAISON OFFICER - Mrs Thompson had sent her apologies

7.35pm FORMAL BUSINESS

09/249 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor J. Norton-Sealey (family commitments), and Mrs I Johnson, Committee Clerk

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

Apologies for Cllr P Ganniclift were presented by Cllr Dagnall

09/250 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

09/251 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th September 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

09/252 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Chairman invited all members and their partners to the following events

09/252.1 Remembrance Day Service – 8th November

Members were reminded that the Town Council service would be at 2pm at Queens Square followed by the British Legion Service at St Andrews Church at 3pm; there would be a parade from Salthouse Fields assembly at 2.40pm.

09/252.2 Remembrance Service 11th November

There would be a short service to mark the 2 minutes silence at Queens Square on the 11th November at 11oclock

09/252.3 Twinning Visit – 14th November

The Mayor of Ettlingen will be visiting over the weekend of 13th – 15th November. There will be a civic reception hosted by the Chairman on 14th November at 12 noon in the Council House.

09/253 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**253.1 Newsletter and reports –**

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

Gt Western Ambulance Service – Annual Review 2009/09

NALC Annual Report and Accounts 2008-09

North Somerset Partnership – North Somerset Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2026

SLCC – The Clerk – Issue September 2009

NALC – LCR – Issue Autumn 09

ALCA- newsletters issues Sept & Oct

253.2 DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors.

Issue No 717,718,719,720

.253.3 NALC Briefing Notes – Copies available from the office

E13-09 Employment briefing – 2009/2010 National Final Salary Award for Local Council Staff

L18-07 legal Briefing – Parish Polls

LTN 37 – Freedom of Information

09/254 TO RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**254.1 PLANNING – 2ND SEPTEMBER 2009**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 02.09.09 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

254.2 SPECIAL FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2009

Minutes of the Special Finance & General Policy Committee meeting held on 08.09.09 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

254.1 PLANNING – 16TH SEPTEMBER 2009

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16.09.09 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

Cllr Hall declared a personal interest in 09/P/1412/F

254.2 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY – 23RD SEPTEMBER 2009

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting held on 23.09.09 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

254.4 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2009

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 30.09.09 were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items and made the following responses to specific questions;

Informal Business – Bus shelter

The Committee Chairman explained that the current location on the bus stop on Kenn Road did not comply with DDA requirements. The Highways Officers and the Town Councillors had discussed the best alternatives with in this constrained area.

[TH09/69] Zebra Crossing Old Street

The Committee Chairman explained that it would not be practical at this time to raise all Zebra crossings due to cost although the Committee would consider this at future opportunities.

The following comments would be considered at the next Committee Meeting

[TH09/68] The Committee were requested to study the plans and details prior to any agreement on the Parnell Road adjustments.

[TH67.01] Members were informed that this was being followed up with North Somerset Council and were requested to chase this on a Health and Safety grounds.

[TH 09/75] Members were asked to work to improve the bus service between Yatton and Clevedon to assist those children who use the train to access schools and Colleges in Bristol

254.5 PLANNING – 7TH OCTOBER 2009

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 07.10.09 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

254.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES – 14TH OCTOBER 2009

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting held on 14.10.09 were presented to the meeting, were **AGREED**.

Part 1 item

[TEA/09/70 – Christmas Lights

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL allocate £8,500 from Town Events & Amenities 2009/10 budget for both projects subject to the contractor continuing to store the Town Council's Christmas Lights.

{NOTE: WGS Power & Lighting has agreed to undertake these works for this reduced sum subject to the tree work being carried out on 27 October 2009 when specialist equipment is available.}

Following a discussion the above recommendation was **AGREED**

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

Cllr Shopland arrived during the following item

[TEA71.9] Dogs on Clevedon Beach

Members discussed the banning of dogs on the Pier beach in Clevedon all year, and the viability of enforcement of the ban.

[TEA09/73 MUGA

The Committee Chairman confirmed that the anticipated cost would be £90K for a full Multi Use Games Area. The Committee would continue to work with North Somerset Council to install a MUGA at Salthouse Fields.

[TEA09/75} No Cycling on sea front

Members discussed the prohibition and enforcement of the no cycling signs along the sea front footpath. The Committee would investigate with North Somerset Council the repainting of the signs.

[TEA09/76] Flag pole Queens Square

Cllr Shopland asked for confirmation of his remit in respect of discussion and agreements with Mr Withers. The Committee Chairman confirmed that Cllr Shopland remit was to decide on behalf of the Council if the Monument at Queen Square could be moved, and if so, agree the location. Also if a new monument should be placed in Queen Square to mark the 70th Anniversary of the ending of WWII, any work would be at the expense of Mr Withers.

254.7 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY – 21ST OCTOBER 2009

Minutes of the Environment & Planning Ctte meeting held on 21.10.09 were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**.

Part 1

EP09/54, THE SECURITY OF THE ELTON WARE

*Following a discussing it was **RESOLVED**: That quotation A at a cost of £861 be accepted, it was further **resolved** to agree a budget of £600 for the internal shelves and lighting to be fitted.*

AGREED

EP09/55 HERBERT GARDEN TREE WORK

*Details of the revised quotations were circulated at the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to accept quotation A for £1200.*

AGREED

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

254.8 ALLOTMENTS – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 14.09.09 were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**.

Part 1.

[AL09/101] Moor Lane Fence & Gate

RESOLVED: 1 to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** to accept the quotation 1 in the sum of £1195

2. To request contracture to leave the existing gate on site after removal for use on the Church Hill site in due course.

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

[AI107/09] it was confirmed that the subsequent Allotments meeting of 26th October had discussed this in more detail. A working party had been set up to investigate all the facts and implications and would report to the Allotment Committee and the Environment & property Committee their findings.

09/255 TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

The Town Clerk explained the difficulties that had arisen due to a bank error which resulted in the bank statements not being sent to enable the month end accounts being completed in time to circulate the papers with the agenda. The postal disruption had meant that some papers had been hand delivered, some taken by other councillors and only a few posted. Members accepted the additional list circulated at the meeting, **RESOLVED**: by 16 votes to 2 that the Council approves the accounts for payment, as per the attached lists.

09/256 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

A copy of the Council's balance sheet had been circulated at the meeting for Members Information, Members were reminded that the Balance Sheet shows the assets/liabilities of the Council at that point and did not indicate the disposable reserves of the Council.

09/257 AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AS PER THE FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY RECOMMENDATION MIN NO FGP 09/60

RESOLVED: that the Council accepts the amendments as listed in FGP09/60.

09/258 MEMBERSHIP OF ALCA WITH RESPECT TO THE QUOTATION FOR 2010/11 MEMBERSHIP FEES.

Members discussed at length the report presented by the Town Clerk on the increase in subscription fees by ALCA in relation to services provided.

RESOLVED: by 14 votes to 2 that Clevedon Town Council does not renew its subscription to ALCA due the increase in subscription from £2447.28 to £3788.94.

09/259 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ANY RESPONSE TO THE ALCA DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN OR AGREE A MECHANISM FOR RESPONSE.

Members declined to comment due to their decision to withdraw from ALCA.

09/260 TO RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL ON CHANGES TO WASTE COLLECTIONS, TO DECIDE ANY RESPONSE.

Members discussed at great length the briefing from North Somerset Council on the proposed changes in the waste collection and handling with the implementing of a new contract.

Cllr Francis-Pester at the request of Members responded to issues raised as the portfolio holder at North Somerset Council responsible for waste management.

Cllr Francis-Pester explained that the contract was set up to ensure that cost benefit could only be achieved by the contractor if full recycling was undertaken and only a minimal amount of waste was taken to landfill. Experiences of other councils and countries had been taken into consideration when setting up the contract. North Somerset Council will contact all residents with details of the scheme and of the different types of recycling opportunities.

09/261 TO AGREE DIARY DATES FOR 2010 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Copy of the diary dates had already been circulated to all Committee Chairman and received agreement before being circulated to all members with the agenda. The Chairman asked for I amendment that being the moving of the Precept meeting from 13th January to MONDAY 25th January 2010; this was **AGREED**.

RESOLVED: to agree the dates as circulated plus the moving of the Precept meeting to 25th January subject to a review of how the new structure is working in March/April 2010.

09/262 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – CURRENTLY LISTED AS 30TH DECEMBER.

Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED:** that the next Council meeting will be on 21st December instead of 30th December.

The meeting finished at pm 09.31pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....