

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 416th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th August 2010**

PRESENT: Cllr C Hall – Chairman
 Councillors C Blades, J Dagnall, C. Francis-Pester, B. Garner, Mrs. L. Knott, Mrs. L. Little, P. McNeill, J. Middleton, T. Morgan, J. Norton-Sealey, D Shopland, N. Pennycott, G. Watkins, Mrs C. Wring
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Committee Clerk – Mrs I Johnson.

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**PRAYERS**

Prayers were said by the Rev. Oakes who is standing in for Rev. Hector.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public present

NORTH SOMERSET'S LIAISON OFFICER – A letter from Mrs Thompson was read to the meeting explaining that the Liaison Officer would be Mr G Withers as from 1st September 2010. Members asked that their appreciation be passed on to Mrs Thompson.

FORMAL BUSINESS**10/49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor C. Arnold (family commitments) A Cotton (family commitment), E. Blades (family commitments), P. Ganniclift (illness), G. Morris (illness),
RESOLVED: Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reason given for absence.

10/50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda given at the start of the meeting, other than Cllr Wring in personal capacity as President of Clevedon Flower Show.

10/51 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th June were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

10/52 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**52.1 Twinning Visit to Ettlingen**

Councillors were informed that there were 6 allocated places for Councillors on the visit to Ettlingen. Accommodation and meals in Ettlingen were paid for by the Twin Town for the 6 representatives but Councillors would have to pay for their own travel and any partner travelling with them. Any Councillor interested contact the Chairman.

52.2 Chairman's Duties

The Chairman reported on some of the civic events including the opening of Pier Copse after the revamp, presenting the Council's cheque to the Curzon Cinema and a Rotary event.

10/53 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

53.1 DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses. No 737,738,739

53.2 Diary Dates

25th September 2010 – Edwards Vacuum Open Day

10/54 TO RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**10/54.1 PLANNING – 9TH JUNE 2010**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by Cllr Francis-Pester, as the meeting Chairman, to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Francis-Pester invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none

10/54.2 PLANNING – 23RD JUNE 2010

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by Cllr Garner, as Vice Chairman of the Committee, to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Garner invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none

10/54.3 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY – 30TH JUNE 2010

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. Part 1 items

FGP10/56 CLEVEDON PIER TRUST Proposed by Cllr Blades, seconded by Cllr Hall and **RECOMMENDED** that the Council should award the grant request of £14201.

Members reviewed at length the presentation and the subsequent discussion at the Committee meeting reiterating many of the points made at the time.

The recommendation was **RESOLVED** by a vote of 13 votes to 2.

FGP10/57 FUNDING FOR CLEVEDON TWINNING ANNIVERSARIES

Proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Blades and **RECOMMENDED** that the Council should provide a grant of £5500 for the Civic dinner and associated costs as a one off celebration of the 30th and 20th anniversaries.

AGREED

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

10/54.4 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 7TH JULY 2010

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

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;
TH10/48 Barrier at Station Road Members discussed the options and history behind this option and agreed the actions proposed by the Committee. Cllr Knott informed Members that she would be meeting with a NSC officer and the Police to progress this on behalf of Clevedon Pride. It was noted that one solution might be the restriction of all deliveries to the business in Station Road/Queens Square to outside normal trading hours.

TH10/49.1 Alexandra Park reallocation. Members were informed that subsequent investigation had revealed that due to legal constraints on the Park this could not be adapted to a Car Park as requested by Hill Road Traders.

10/54.5 PLANNING – 14TH JULY 2010

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by Cllr Norton Sealey to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Garner invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none

10/54.6 SPECIAL PLANNING – 19TH JULY 2010

Minutes of the Special Planning meeting to discuss proposals for the new Clevedon hospital were presented by Cllr Hall to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Hall invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none. Members were informed that discussions were being held as to the implication of the coalition governments proposed abolition of PCT's on the building of the hospital.

10/54.7 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES – 21ST JULY 2010

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, and **AGREED**. Part 1 items

TEA/10/45.1 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - HILL ROAD 2010/2011

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL 1) one off costs for the provision of infrastructure including brackets for the column motifs 2) An addition to the Town Council's Christmas Lights contract for erecting, dismantling, storing the new Lights and maintaining them during the period of switch on together with a remote control switch. **TOTAL COST £3,708.90.** This sum to be allocated from the TEA Committee budget for 2010/2011.

AGREED

TEA/10/45.2 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRIANGLE AREA 2010/2011

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the provision of Christmas Lights in the Triangle Area by the Christmas Lights Contractor **TOTAL COST £2,884.** This sum to be allocated from the TEA Committee budget for 2010/2011.

AGREED

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

TEA 10/47 Dog Bins – it was confirmed that a report on the frequency of emptying would be presented to the next Committee Meeting as per the minute action.

TEA 10/49 Queen Square Booking Form

Following a comment from a member, the Town Clerk explained that CTC were arranging the hiring of the open space and had no jurisdiction over the infrastructure of Queen Square. The legalities of including under article 10 'the pavement' would be investigated.

10/54.8 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY – 28TH JULY 2010

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

Part 1 items

EP10/47 BARN LEASE

Proposed by Cllr Francis-Pester, seconded by Cllr Garner and **RECOMMENDED** that, the Council sign the lease with North Somerset Council in respect of "The Barn".

AGREED

EP10/48 LIGHTING SCHEME IN ROOM 2

proposed by Cllr Middleton, seconded by Cllr McNeill and **RECOMMENDED** that the Council accepts Company A quote to change the lights in room 2; further cost of replacing the emergency lights would be obtained from the successful company.

AGREED

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

EP10/51 Car Park – The Committee Chairman explained the full financial reasons behind the decision not to proceed with the car park alterations.

EP10/52 Canopy and Door – members were circulated with various designs of a canopy for a decision. [Clerks note: design no 3 was the most popular] Members asked that the Committee monitor and revisit the decision not to change the door.

10/54.9 ALLOTMENTS – 28TH JUNE 2010

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

AL10/06 Cemetery Wall. members attention was drawn to a section of the wall which had not been built, it was explained that this was part of the original wall and not part of the repaired section.

AL10/18 New Allotment Sites. In response to a question Cllr Hall explained that the Allotment Committee were looking for new sites and were currently investigating using part of the open space at Hither Green, there was concern expressed at the loss of any open space.

AL10/14 Scarecrows. Members hoped that the donation by the Brownies of 6 scarecrows would be publicised.

10/54.10 ALLOTMENTS – 26TH JULY 2010

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

AL10/04 Hither Green – Clarification was sort as to the wording of the minutes and it was confirmed that North Somerset Council were being asked if this land could be transferred to the town Council before any recommendation was made to the Town Council to carry out soil and suitability tests.

AL10/09 Allotment Association-Members noted the decision taken by the Allotment Committee following its investigations as to the viability of forming an association. In response to a comment, the Committee Chairman reminded Members that all Councillors can attend the Allotment Committee and the agendas detailing the business to be discussed is circulated to all members.

Cllr Little & Cllr Wring left the meeting

10/55 TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

10/56 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

10/57 SIGNING OF THE LEASE BETWEEN CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL AND NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL CONCERNING THE BARN

Proposed by Cllr Francis-Pester, seconded by Cllr Middleton and **RESOLVED** that the Chairman and the Town Clerk can sign the lease between North Somerset Council and the Town Council in respect of the leasing of the land upon which "The Barn" is built.

10/58 REPORT ON THE CHANGES TO THE GREEN SPACES CONTRACT, TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

The report had been circulated with the agenda and members discussed at length the best way to consider the proposals.

Proposed by Cllr Shopland, seconded by Cllr Morgan that this council hold a special council meeting to meet with the officers and discuss the proposals in full; this was defeated by 8 votes to 3

Proposed by Cllr Francis-Pester, seconded by Cllr C. Blades that this council adopts the recommendations in the report in that

1. That the authority be given to Finance & General Policy Committee to investigate as this will have an impact on all the Committees plus the Council's Finance.
2. That FGP invite John Flanagan and Mark McGregor to the meeting on 25th August to discuss the issues and details involved.
3. That a full report, including preliminary costs, be placed before the Council for a decision on 6th October.

This was **AGREED** by 9 votes to 3 with Cllr Watkins abstaining. Members were requested to give the office any queries they have in order that the officers can attend with the relevant information. Members noted that the report would be placed as a separate item on the agenda to allow for a full and frank discussion

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

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