

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the 410th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 9th September 2009

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

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

PRAYERS were said by Sergeant Major William Slade of the Salvation Army

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - There was no public participation.
2. NORTH SOMERSET'S LIAISON OFFICER - Mrs Thompson had sent her apologies

7.35pm FORMAL BUSINESS

09/237 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors, P McNeill (family commitments), T Morgan (family commitments),

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

Apologies for Cllr P Ganniclift were presented by Cllr Dagnall

09/238 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declaration of Interest by Cllr Shopland in respect of the Christmas tree repair being undertaken by a member of his family. There were no other declarations of interest for items on the agenda given at the start of the meeting.

09/239 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th July 2009 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to amending minute no 224 to replace the word 'Russia ' with 'Poland'

09/240 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no items for information from the Chairman

09/241 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

241.1 Newsletter and reports –

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

NSC – Insight – Newsletters

Clerks & Council Direct – September 2009

ALCA – Newsletter August 2009

241.2 DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors.

Editions No's 713,714,715,716.

241.3 NALC Briefing Notes – Copies available from the office

T07-09 Training briefing – Review of National Training Strategy for Parish & Town Councils

241.4 Diary Dates

16th September – YMCA AGM , at Marson Road at 7.30pm

09/242 TO RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

242.1 PLANNING - 8TH JULY 2009

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 08.07.09 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

242.2 PLANNING - 22ND JULY 2009

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22.07.09 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

242.3 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY - 29TH JULY 2009

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting held on 26.07.09 were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**.

The Part 1 Item on Standing orders and Financial Regulations amendments, due to Standing order no 81, will stand until the next meeting of the Council on 4th November. The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none

242.4 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE - 5TH AUGUST 2009

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 05.08.09 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

242.5 PLANNING - 12TH AUGUST 2009

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12.08.09 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

242.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES - 19TH AUGUST 2009

Minutes of the Environment & Planning Ctte meeting held on 27.04.09 were presented to the meeting, and subject to the inclusion of Cllr Shopland in the attendance list, were **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

[TEA/09/54.1] Queen Square Benches – the Chairman confirmed these were new benches and not the ones being offered by NSC from Weston –super-Mare sea front.

[TEA/09/62]Memorial Stone – The Chairman confirmed that this would not be moved.

242.7 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY - 26TH AUGUST 2009

Minutes of the Environment & Planning Ctte meeting held on 26.08.09 were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**.

Part 1

RECOMMEND to accept the quotation to carry out work to trees at Herbert Garden Boundaries as agreed by Cllr Shopland, Cllr Garner, and Cllr Little – details of the quotation to be given at the Council Meeting.

The Chairman asked that this be deferred as there was a discrepancy in the quotations; this was **AGREED**

[EP/09/37] Millennium Orchard – Following a visit by a Councillor who was unhappy at the state of the Orchard the Chairman was asked to assure the Council that this would be discussed in detail at the next Environment & Property Committee; the assurance was received.

242.8 ALLOTMENTS - 6TH JULY 2009

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 06.07.09 were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

[AL/09/68] a query was raised by a Councillor as to the Council's liability for the fence; the Council was informed that the work was being done "Without Prejudice"

242.9 ALLOTMENTS - 10TH AUGUST 2009

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 10.08.09 were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items the Committee Vice-Chairman, who had chaired the meeting, invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;

[AL/09/89] the Chairman confirmed that the guidelines for keeping bees on the allotments would be discussed and agreed at the next meeting of the Allotment Committee.

[AL/09/87] the Chairman confirmed that the electric fence for badgers was of a very low voltage, subsequent advice to be reported at the next Allotments Meeting indicate that there was an alternative method.

09/232 TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

Members accepted the additional list circulated at the meeting, **RESOLVED**: that the Council approves the accounts for payment, as per the attached lists. It was agreed following a discussion to write the full agenda title on both this and the following item reports. Members were reminded that as per Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996 all payments should be approved by the Council prior to payment, where this is not possible then authority has to be obtained retrospectively. All payments are made against individual Committee budgets with a traceable minute trail. It is the responsibility of each Committee to ensure compliance with financial regulations of the Council.

09/233 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.

09/234 APPLICATION FROM AVON & SOMERSET POLICE FOR THE PAINTING OF THE SKATE-PARK AS PER FGP MIN. NO. FGP09/62

Members discussed the application which had been circulated with the agenda along with the minute history.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** by 9 votes to 3 to support the application in principal. Cllr Shopland wished his vote against be recorded.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** by 10 votes to 2 to award the grant of £500 subject to the remaining £585 being raised and on the production of invoices or accounts for the project.

09/235 “NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL STANDARDS CONFERENCE-IMPROVING STANDARDS” ON 27 NOV OR 4 DEC AND AGREE PAYMENT FOR THE BUFFET.

Members noted the North Somerset Local Standards Conference but no member wished to attend.

09/236 TO RECEIVE THE OUTCOMES FROM PART ONE OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW.

Members received the Part One Governance Review and noted that there were no proposed changes for the Clevedon wards.

09/237 TO RECEIVE EMAIL ON NSC INITIATIVE ON EMPTY HOMES.

Members noted the initiative by North Somerset on empty homes

The meeting finished at 8.36 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

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