

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 457th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th APRIL 2017**

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr J. Geldart
 Councillors N. Barton, C. Blades, L. Fone (7.37), C. Francis-Pester, A. Giles-Townsend, S. Hale, B. Hatch, G. Hill, L. Little, J. Middleton, J. Norton-Sealey, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, C. Starr, G. Watkins, J. West.
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs I. Johnson
 Members of the Public 2, Press 1

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

Prayers: Voluntary Prayers were said by Rev. Clive Jennings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**A resident of Cambridge Road**

Raised concerns over the coastal path between Clevedon & Portishead and in particular the stretch from the Pier to Ladyebay. The fence is broken with nails sticking out at a low height. It was explained that this has been raised with North Somerset Council who have indicated they will carry out work to remove the nails and investigate repair work. Photographs of the area of concern were passed around the Council.

NOTE: this being chased by the Transport & Highways Committee. It was **AGREED** that this be also placed on the NSC Liaison Officers list for reporting to Town Events & Amenity Committee.

NSC Liaison Officer – Members noted that the Liaison Officer, Gareth Withers, attends the Town Events & Amenity Committee Meeting in his capacity as Streets & Open Spaces Officer, instead of the Council Meeting. The Members discussed keeping the item on the council agenda; it was agreed to retain it on the agenda.

FORMAL BUSINESS**17/755 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors J. Cook (work commitment), C. Hall (illness), T. Morgan (family commitments) **RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

17/756 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

.Cllr Watkins declared a personal interest as Chairman of the Clevedon Hospital Action Team in respect of agenda item 15 There were no other declarations of interest made.

17/757 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th February 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17/758 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR LITTLE

“that this council should investigate what has happened to the funds and premises left to the town of Clevedon by Victor Cox”.

Cllr little explained the history behind this motion. A copy of an information sheet explaining how the Victor Cox Trust was dissolved and the assets incorporated in to the Pier Trust which was then remained the Clevedon Pier & Heritage Trust had been circulated at the meeting.

An amendment was proposed and seconded that the discussion and decision be deferred for one cycle of meetings; was defeated by 11 votes to 8

Members discussed the information that was required, the possible source, and the feasibility of obtaining the information. The Town Clerk would undertake further investigations with the Clevedon Pier & Heritage Trust plus, if required, the Charity Commission and report back to the Council.

The motion was put and **RESOLVED** by 16 votes to 0

17/759 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR WATKINS.

'In order to encourage more effective working of the committees of the Council, that Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Committee clerks be required to work closely together in organising agendas and through the communication and discussion of ongoing issues between meetings.'

A copy of the Council's current Chairman and Clerks working policy had been circulated at the meeting. In response to a question it was explained that the policy had been agreed in 2011 and had been included in the Council's information pack since that time. Members discussed at length the motion, the current procedures and the ideal situation. It was noted that principal authorities and metro councils frequently have agenda meetings with chairman, vice chairman and assorted officers but this was not the norm in smaller parish & town councils where there is a closer working relationship between councillors and staff.

The motion was put and **DEFEATED** by 12 votes to 4 with 1 abstention

17/760 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR WATKINS.

The terms of reference of the Public Toilets Working Group be extended to include the overseeing of the present contract with Healthmatic and matters arising from it.

Members discussed at length the motion and the role of the Public Toilets Working Group. It was explained that the Working group had been set up to look at future and new toilet provision. The Healthmatic Contract was supervised and monitored by the Finance & General Policy Committee with the operation monitored by the office; members did not feel the need to change this.

The motion was put and **DEFEATED** by 15 votes to 1

17/761 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR WATKINS.

'This Council joins the local group, North Somerset Climate Change Coalition, which is bringing together individuals, organisations and companies who pledge to try to reduce their own carbon emissions and encourage others to do the same in support of broader efforts to reduce climate change'

Concern was expressed at the lack of information. Proposed seconded and **AGREED** to defer the motion till the next Council meeting pending further information and clarification as to the legal position.

ACTION Town Clerk to check the legal position of the Council joining
ACTION Cllr Watkins to provide further information as to the coalition.

17/762 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Civic Service

The Chairman thanked those members who attended the Civic Service on the 2nd April; an enjoyable celebration of the youth of Clevedon. The collection for Barnardo's raised £279.50.

17/763 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

Newsletter and reports –

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

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Clerks & Councils Direct March 2017

NSC – Town & Parish Digest Feb 2017

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

DIARY DATES

2nd April 2017 – Civic Service

21st May 2017 – Sailing Club, Town Plate Race and reception

Correspondence for Information

24.02.2017 – Mr R Shields – South West Coast Motorcycle Ride 2017

31.03.2017 - DWP response to Letter re colocation of the Job Centre

Members were informed that the DWP letter would be discussed at the next FGP committee meeting.

Chairman of Committees were reminded that their reports for the Annual Town Meeting were overdue.

17/764 REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM CLEVEDON'S NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS OF URGENCY ONLY

There were no items raised by NSC Councillors

17/765 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

17/765.1 PLANNING 1ST FEBRUARY 2017

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

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

17/765.2 PLANNING 15TH FEBRUARY 2017

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

Being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

17/1492 Cllr Watkins explained that he had not had time to discuss the issues from the 1st February meeting with the Town Clerk

17/765.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 22ND FEBRUARY 2017

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

Being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

17/765 – it was confirmed that the sign on Ettlingen Way had been moved.

17/758.2 – It was explained the Chairman of the Council & Cllr Hatch had met with officers from the NSC Public Transport; a report would be presented to the next Committee meeting.

17/765.4 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 1ST MARCH 2017

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

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

17/765.5 PLANNING 8TH MARCH 2017

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

Being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on part 2 items; there were none

17/765.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITY 15TH MARCH 2017

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

Being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions on Part 2 items.

17/765.7 PROPERTY 22ND MARCH 2017

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

Part 1 items

*PR17/156 Proposed, seconded and **AGREED to RECOMMEND** Company C- wall mounted Aluminium Lockable A1 notice board at a cost of £577.32 plus delivery, header and installation- for the Village Hall.*

*Proposed seconded and **AGREED to RECOMMEND** Company C - 3 door contemporary noticeboard, lockable with posts at £1434.45 plus delivery and installation.*

AGREED

the Committee Chairman invited questions on Part 2 items

17/161 in response to a question it was explained that the Cottage at no 42 has a 6 monthly inspection and that it was on a rolling 6 months lease as agreed by the council when the property was first rented.

17/765.8 ALLOTMENTS 13TH FEBRUARY 2017

Minutes of the Allotments Committee were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED**. Being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions on Part 2 items

17/757.1.2 – in response to a question it was explained this would be discussed at the next Committee meeting

17/763 – in response to a question it was explained that the collapsed wall was on the house side and not at the rear of the Allotments.

17/752.1.2 – in response to a question it was explained that the container owned by the Lions Club had been replaced and all their equipment now stored inside.

17/766 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

17/767 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

17/768 TO CONSIDER THE ABSENCE OF CLLR C HALL AND DECIDE IF THE COUNCIL WISHES TO EXTEND THE ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AFTER 6 MONTHS.

Cllr Blades reported that he had seen Cllr Hall earlier that day and he was recovering from the stroke. Following a discussion it was **AGREED by 17 votes to 1, with 1 abstention** to extend the acceptance of Cllr Hall's apologies until the next Council meeting on the 7th June when it would be reviewed.

17/769 TO ACCEPT THE RIGHT TO BID SUBMISSION FOR MILL CROSS SITE AS AGREED AT THE PLANNING MEETING ON 1ST FEBRUARY 17/1485.

Members discussed the document that had been agreed at the planning meeting on the 1st February. Members noted that Cllr Watkins had not yet provided the evidence as agreed at that meeting nor had the time in the intervening weeks to discuss any issues with the Town Clerk. Following a discussion it was **AGREED by 14 votes to 0 with 4 abstentions**, to submit the Community Asset: right to bid submission as agreed and indicate that the evidence would follow subject to Cllr Watkins talking to the Clerk in the next couple of days.

17/770 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON CLEVEDON CCT

There was no update on the Clevedon CCT. The Town Clerk explained to members that an updated Economic Plan had been agreed and a copy placed on the Clevedon CCT page on the Council web site.

17/771 RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

Cllr West as the Town Council representative on the Steering Group gave an update. Copies of the Steering Group minutes of the 6th February had been circulated with the agenda. The next meeting of the Steering Group will be on Monday 10th April, the same night as the Allotments Meeting.

17/772 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 8

There were no questions raised under Standing order no 8. For members information the Town Clerk read standing order no 8.

Cllr Hatch: To show respect, to the current chair, is it possible to replace the 2014 council photo with a current one

It was explained that the photograph on the web site was from 2014. There had been a 2015 photograph for the current term of office but at the time members did not want to pay for a copy to go on the web site. Following a discussion it was **AGREED** to remove the 2014 photograph and to set up a gallery of photographs taken at the Committee meetings. It was also **AGREED** to encourage local photographers to submit pictures for the Councils web site.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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