

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the 467th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd August 2018

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr J. West
 Councillors C. Blades, B. Cherokoff, L. Fone, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, S. Hale, G. Hill, L. Little, J. Middleton, T. Morgan, J. Norton-Sealey, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, C. Starr, G. Watkins.
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs S. Howard
 Members of the Public 3, NSC Cllr Garner

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

Prayers: Prayers were said by Mrs Jean Balcombe the Chairman's Chaplain. The Members expressed sadness at the passing of a former employee, Mr Jonathan Huscroft, and ask that their condolences be passed to the family.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms Juley Howard – Clevedon YMCA Centre Manager

Expressed the YMCA appreciation to the Council for the annual grant towards the provision of an outreach youth worker. The 3-year support has enabled the YMCA to develop future strategy and projects from a secure base. They now employ a full time and 2 part time youth workers supporting the volunteers in reaching all groups of youths including those who do not normally attend the sessions at the YMCA.

A resident of Cambridge Road

Thanked the Council for their work, but expressed concern that Councillors were not responding to the issues he had raised in the public sessions. He provided photographs of the Ripple footpath showing that this route to school is overgrown with nettles and brambles. He requested that Councillors walk round their ward and report areas that require attention.

Member responded expressing their appreciation at the work the resident does at raising the issues, unfortunately the lack of funding and contactable officers at North Somerset Council, causes issues in reporting and getting work done.

A suggestion was made that following each public session a specific Councillor should be designated to follow up and report; this was not accepted by the Council.

FORMAL BUSINESS

18/958 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors N. Barton (work commitment) A. Giles-Townsend (family commitment), B. Hatch (illness) **RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

18/959 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was no declaration of interest for items on the agenda at this point. Cllr D. Shopland subsequently declared a personal interest as a landowner affected by the Coastal Path in an adjacent parish; this would be a pecuniary interest as a North Somerset Councillor.

18/960 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: by 13 votes to 0, that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27th June 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman; subject to amendment of typing errors. Members were reminded that the minutes are placed on the web site and any errors should be reported to the office prior to the meeting.

18/961 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS- FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman's items for information.

18/962 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.

Clerks & Council Direct July 2018

The Clerk July 2018

NALC – LCR Summer 2018

DIARY DATES

19th October Civic Night

Walton Ward election – The Town Clerk informed members that there will be a by-election for Walton Ward. The deadline for nomination is 31st August 2018 and, if contested, the election will be 27th September 2018.

Flower Show Volunteers – members were informed that the Council's stall at the flower show needed further volunteers, currently there are only 6 Councillors volunteering for the 14 slots; paid members of staff are having to cover the remaining slots. Cllr Geldart & Cllr Fone volunteered.

NSC – Open Spaces Surgery is on 24th August 2018 at 10am.

18/963 RECEIVE REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM CLEVEDON NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS, ON MATTERS OF URGENCY ONLY, AND RELATING DIRECTLY TO CLEVEDON, AT THE AGREEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no items of urgent information arising from North Somerset Councillors.

18/964 RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR CHEROKOFF

“One of the nationally stated aims of the WW1 Commemoration is to ensure that future generations remember the sacrifices made during WW1, and to acknowledge the diversity within all societies that took part. In order to facilitate this aim Clevedon Town Council requests the WW1 Commemoration Steering Group to invite representatives of other faiths to be a part of the commemorative service, to create an inclusive and relevant memorial event.”

Motion proposed by Cllr Cherokoff and seconded by Cllr Fone.

Members discussed the motion at length with differing points of view as to the appropriateness of the inclusion of different faiths either actively or by the issuing of an invitation to attend.

- The Council should represent the community they serve.
- A royal decree after the First World War dedicated a specific Remembrance Day and the service at the Cenotaph covering all countries and faiths that took part. Each Parish and Town Council had the ability to hold a service representing their community.
- Clevedon Town Council service represents the Community 100 years ago.

- The mandate for the service is not written in stone and could be changed by the Council.
- There is an all-encompassing service covering all wars on the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday organised by the Royal British Legion and the Clevedon Parish Church, St Andrews.
- Is there a list or information as to the other faiths to be invited; Cllr Cherokoff explained a list had been passed to Cllr D Shopland.

Cllr Cherokoff explained he had already contacted representatives of other faiths who had expressed an interest in being present at the service.

Following the discussion, the motion was **RESOLVED** by 9 votes to 5 with 1 abstention.

18/965 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

965.1 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 20TH JUNE 2018

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **16 Votes to 0**

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

18/767 – Jet Ski's – The Committee Chairman was informed that on the 21st August, 3 jet skis had been in the bay 2 had gone around the Pier but one had gone under the Pier; concern was expressed that the signage was not significant.

18/775 – Strode Road User Group - A Councillor raised an issue about a skip outside the front of the Strode Road Centre; the Town Clerk would investigate.

965.2 PLANNING 4TH JULY 2018

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by 14 votes to 0.

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

965.3 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 11TH JULY 2018

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **14 votes to 0**.

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

18/821 – IT upgrade- in response to a question it was explained that the Mailplus system was slow due to the upload speed of the Town Council's broadband; a recommendation by the IT working group to resolve this would be presented to the next FGP Committee for ratification.

965.4 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 18TH JULY 2018

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **14 votes to 0**.

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

18/883 – Strawberry Line

Cllr D. Shopland declare a personal interest

In response to a question the Committee Chairman explained the difference between the Strawberry line, a cycle path and the Coastal Path, a footpath; they do not follow the same route. Funding would be available from central government for the coastal footpath only.

18/892 – School Crossing Patrol – In response to a question it was explained that Clevedon Town Council had provided funding to 31st March 2019. Comments were made that neither of the two schools who benefit from the crossing patrol had contributed nor indicated any wish to assist in funding for future years.

965.5 PROPERTY 25TH JULY 2018

Minutes of the Property Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **15 votes to 0**.

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

965.6 PLANNING 1ST AUGUST 2018

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **13 votes to 0**.

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

18/3680/ADV it was noted that the Council does not normally comment on its own planning applications.

18/2865/FUL. Members queried why NSC had not followed their own guidelines when they agreed this application. In response to a question it was explained that as the decision had been made it could not go to the NSC P & R Committee.

18/3394/R4 It was confirmed that this application had now been withdrawn, a Councillor queried why planning permission was not needed.

965.7 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 8TH AUGUST 2018

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenities Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **13 Votes to 0**

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

18/782 Badger Bridge – it was explained that Gareth Withers attends TEA as a parish liaison officer and that he forwards the queries to the relevant officers. Members noted that the work to repair the bridge was still outstanding.

965.8 ALLOTMENTS 25TH JUNE 2018

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **14 votes to 0**. Subject to Cllr Fone being added to apologies.

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

932.1.2 Cemetery Rabbits – it was confirmed that following investigation the rabbits on cemetery would not be shot.

18/966 RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES FOR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORTING DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL – ALL ITEMS ARE CLASSED AS PART 1

966.1 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE DATED 31ST JULY 2018

Minutes of the Community Resilience sub-committee meeting were presented by the Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **14 Votes to 0**

966.2 PUBLIC TOILETS WORKING GROUP DATED 14TH AUGUST 2018

Minutes of the Public Toilets Working Group meeting were presented by the Chairman, and **RESOLVED**, by **15 Votes to 0**

A query was raised as to when the current contract with Healthmatic would be assessed, it was explained that this would be under the FGP Committee; the current contract came into force on 1st October 2013.

A Councillor commented on the antisocial behaviour from children around the toilets causing a problem for users.

In response to a comment concerning the timing of the meetings it was explained that Standing Orders only specifies the timing of the Council meeting and not for Committees, Sub-Committees, and Working Groups. Traditionally the timing for sub-committees and working groups are at the discretion of the Chairman of those meetings.

18/967 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

RESOLVED: by **14 votes to 0** that the Council approves the accounts for payment, as per the attached lists.

18/968 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

RESOLVED: by **13 votes to 0** that the Council approves the retrospective accounts for payment, as per the attached list

18/969 AGREE A CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CLEVEDON CIVIC SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Cllr G. Hill would be the Town Council's representative on Clevedon Civic Society

18/970 RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON CLEVEDON CCT

The last meeting had been on 17th July, minutes of which are available on the Town Councils web site – CCT page.

970.1 RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE CREATIVE HUB PROPOSAL

The Town Council's representatives on the CCT explained the Creative Hub concept. The CCT had applied for funding to the Coastal Community Fund to use the Library Building, in full co-operation with North Somerset Council to retain the library service within the building as well as using the building for community focused projects. The representatives asked for in principal support for the project, the same as had been given to the Marine Lake, The Pier, and The Curzon projects for their grant applications. Members agreed that the library service should be retained in the current building. A member requested that a special meeting be called to discuss the project and vote on the in principal support; as the word vote had not appeared on this meeting's agenda.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** by **16 votes to 0** that the Town Clerk, in conjunction with the Chairman, calls a special meeting to be held within 3 weeks.

18/971RECEIVE A REPORT AND PRESENTATION FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan steering Group will be on the 24th September 2018 when the draft document to go out to public consultation will be agreed.

18/972 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER

There were no questions in according to Standing Order no 8

Meeting closed at 9.12 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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