

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**Minutes of The Barn Meeting** (commenced at 8.32pm) of **Clevedon Town Council** held at the **Council Offices 44 Old Street Clevedon** on Wednesday **29<sup>th</sup> April 2024** when the following business was transacted.

**PRESENT** - Chairman of the Council – Cllr T Morgan together with Councillors - N Barton, B Culblaithe, C Francis-Pester, A Gardner, A Goodliffe, C Lord, K O’Brien, D Shopland, R Westwood & H Young.

**IN ATTENDANCE** – Mrs S Howard, Acting Proper Officer  
Mrs E Wade, Mr J Neal & Ms C Parry – The Barn

**1739 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and **APPROVED** from Cllr C Blades (family) & Cllr A Everitt (family).

**1740 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda**

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

**1741 To receive an update on The Barn and next steps**

Cllr Young confirmed that discussions have been held with volunteer members of The Barn following the announcement that the Trustees of The Barn no longer wish to run the facility. Work has started on a transition from the volunteers to handing it back to the Council.

In February 2024 the Council agreed to continue to support the work of the Youth Worker and the contribution for 2024/25 has been agreed and a standing order arrangement has been set up.

It has also been agreed to provide The Barn, with a grant of £27,000.00 for 2023/24. This has now been paid to them.

A meeting was held at The Barn between the Council and the volunteers so that the Council can understand the layout of the facility, who uses the hall etc. A list of the various groups who use The Barn, i.e., youth clubs, community groups and NHS services has been provided. Also a list of utility companies that The Barn administration team use has also been given to the Council.

Cllr Young has been in contact with other organisations to understand if they are interested in supporting the running of The Barn, replies are awaited.

Cleaning is currently supported by The Barn, so the Council will need to facilitate a new arrangement to support this.

The volunteers have agreed to continue with The Barn operation until the Council take over, but this cannot continue indefinitely as the Trustees are stepping down.

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**1742 To allocate a budget of up to £10,000.00 for running costs of The Barn for 2024/25**

The budget is required to support the running costs of The Barn going forward, due to the Trustees stepping down.

**RESOLVED:** that the Acting Proper Officer is given the authority to take matters forward in order to keep The Barn up and running.

Further meetings to be held following the Annual Statutory Meeting to support updates and actions taken.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

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

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