

43rd Annual Town Meeting

To be signed at the next meeting 2017

Minutes of the 43rd Town Meeting held in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon, 7.30pm, Monday 9th March 2016

Present

Cllr Graham Watkins – Chairman of Clevedon Town Council Presiding

District/Town Councillors N. Barton, J. Cook, D. Flint, C. Francis-Pester, A. Giles-Townsend, S. Hale, G. Hill, B. Hatch, L. Little, J. Middleton, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, J. West

Town Clerk – Ms P Heath MILCM,

Local Government Electors x 4

North Somerset Times Reporter x1

Apologies for non-attendance had been given by Cllr Hall (work commitment) Cllr J. Geldart (family commitments) Cllr J. Norton-Sealey (illness)

TM 16/1 MINUTES OF THE 42nd TOWN MEETING

Proposed and seconded that the minutes of the 42nd Annual Town Meeting held on 9th March 2015 are a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

TM 16/2 ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

The Council Chairman and Committee Chairmen reports were circulated prior to the meeting and published on the Council's web site.

Proposed by Cllr Watkins, seconded and agreed by the meeting that the reports are accepted as presented without discussion.

TM 16/3 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Town Clerk presented the circulated audited annual accounts to 31st March 2015, proposed, seconded and **AGREED** by the meeting to accept the financial report

TM 16/4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTOR PARTICIPATION

Pier & Pier hotel building

A resident asked if any member of the Council was aware when the work to the Pier Hotel and the Pier's visitors centre would be completed as it was causing a traffic hazard. The work vehicles were taking up a lot of the beach parking spaces; large delivery lorries were parking outside the development creating a narrow pinch point with no clear visual of on-coming vehicles.

The Chairman responded to the question explaining that no clear end date had been identified but latest indications are May. It is expected that the apartments would be completed and ready for occupation July/August. If the development is breaching any of the conditions placed by the planning department or the Traffic Order then this was a matter for the North Somerset Enforcement team.

Metro Mayor as announced by the Chancellor

Concern was raised by residents as to the announcement made by the Chancellor for a Metro Mayor for the West Country mirroring the old Avon area. It was felt this would be a retrograde step for the area and the experience from the Avon days shows this did not work for area. Members appreciated that there was a billion pound investment incentive but felt that none of that money would benefit Clevedon.

The meeting was informed that North Somerset Council would be discussing this in June and all residents should write to their North Somerset Councillor with their views.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

CHAIRMAN DATE