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15TH MAY 2023 ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

**Quedgeley Town
Assembly**

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THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY OF QUEDGELEY

2023

Will be held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.00pm

At Quedgeley Community Centre, School Lane, Quedgeley, Gloucester.

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AGENDA

1. Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Copies may be viewed at the Town Council Office and will be taken as read unless there are objections to their accuracy. A draft copy will be available on the website.

2. Opening address by the Chairman.
3. To address concerns/complaints from local residents – to be submitted in advance.

Cllr Steve Smith - Chair

Quedgeley Town Council

Annual Town Report 2022-23

Working collectively, the council now enjoys a full complement of 16 councillors, meaning all 5 wards are now represented. It has been a good year for recruitment and our new councillors have embraced their new responsibilities and really are part of the team. All the councillors have their own areas of expertise and are members of committees, such as Finance & General Purposes, Planning, Community Buildings and Recreation & Amenities. This enables the council to perform its duties efficiently with tasks distributed according to skill sets and interests. The annual meeting took place on the 15th May 2023, where Cllr Steve Smith was once again voted in as Chair and Cllr Graham Smith as Vice Chair.

Since our previous report, the council has now taken on a new website which appears to be working well. It still needs more information to be uploaded, however it provides a good platform for residents to be able to see at a glance what the council provides to the community.

We have recently as a community enjoyed the Kings Coronation with a fantastic parade organised by Help if we Can, which the town council helped with, by both means of a grant and manpower on the day. A big well done to everyone.

The council has provided numerous community events since the last Annual Assembly, including the Christmas Event which took place on the 11th December 2022. This was a new event and helped by the snow, we received a fantastic turnout with lots of happy families.

We have also held our annual Easter Egg Hunt which again proved ever popular with eager Easter egg hunters. All our events involve much behind the scenes organisation, as well as volunteers on the day, however it is a pleasure to put these events on when we see so much of the community getting together.

This year we have placed two of our defibrillators outside of our Kingsway and Quedgeley community centres to ensure that they are available to the public 24 hours. We are actively working towards doing the same with Kingsway Sports Pavilion and Waterwells Sports Centre.

Staffing remains consistent with no turnover in staff and in fact with 2 members of staff celebrating over 20 years of service each. One of our administrative assistants has embarked on CiLCA (certificate in local council administration). The council considers the future seriously and is keen to ensure that there is a succession plan in place.

Behind the scenes, work continues to ensure that the community enjoys a safe, peaceful and clean environment in which to live, with councillors and staff actively working together to ensure that new projects and initiatives are complete. The Town Council office has proved a hit with many residents visiting on a regular basis. One of the highlights of the year was the Memorial Day for Flight Lieutenant Robert George Coventry, organised by Quedgeley Town Council. Chair, Steve Smith worked tirelessly with his fellow councillors and staff to put on a parade and memorial service on the 25th September 2022 to remember how selflessly Robert George Coventry acted back in 1940 when he steered his plane over the former site of Fieldcourt Junior School and hence crashing into nearby farmland where he lost his life, but saved many children's lives in the process. Hundreds of local residents lined the streets to see the Parade which was followed by a service in the Town Council's memorial garden where a memorial stone was unveiled. It was a real example of the community coming together and we remember that day fondly.



Another big achievement for the council is the refurbishment of the noticeboards around the area. The council tries to look at things as a local resident would and it was becoming increasingly clear that the noticeboards were in desperate need of a revamp. With finance pressures in mind, the councillors decided to take this task on themselves and have been actively updating and uplifting the noticeboards. A big thank you to Cllr Steve Wilcox who has headed up this project and also to those councillors, particularly Cllr Chris Thompson

and Cllr Graham Wheatley who have braved the weather to help.

With all this in mind, behind the scenes, the council continues with its day-to-day priorities, ensuring that good service is provided to the community -v- effective finance control. It is and will be for some time a financially challenging year, however your council is committed to keeping you the community at the forefront of its mind throughout. We are here for you. Our office is a safe place, if you are struggling or just need a friendly face please come in and we will be able to help you or at least direct you to the right people.

Some of the things the council is looking to achieve:

Saturday Surgeries – an enormous success last time we held them and due to expand to ASDA Kingsway. Futures Committee – a further seminar to take place to enable the council to aspire to future achievements.

Memorial bench for the community

Behind the scenes are the Council Staff, The Town Clerk is both CiLCA qualified and has a Distinction in Certificate of Higher Education in Local Council Management and has achieved 1 year of her Foundation Degree level. The Deputy Clerk is CiLCA qualified. There are 2 Administrative Staff who manage day to day customer service and numerous staff who conduct litter picking daily, update noticeboards and ensure our community buildings are clean and fit for daily use.

Provided within this report are the spending plan figures for year ending 2022/23, including spending plans for this financial year and details of your current councillors.

Spending Plans 2022-2023

| Service Provided | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | Income | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
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| Recreation, amenities & the environment | £93916 | £98543 | Hiring of facilities etc | £227,534 | £248,260 |
| Planning & Development & Strategic Development | £10108 | £11040 | Contribution by Gloucester City Council | £0 | £0 |
| Two Community Centres | £156,068 | £172,491 | Contribution by Gloucester | £0 | £0 |

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| | | | County Council | | |
| Waterwells Sports Centre & Sports Pavilion | £133,906 | £144,919 | Miscellaneous | £500 | £500 |
| Town Council office & administration of the council | £134,852 | £135,479 | Transfer from Reserves | £0 | £0 |
| Repayment of Long Term Loans | £0 | £0 | Balances brought forward | £50000 | £50000 |
| Grant Allocation from Glos City Council | | | | £0 | £0 |
| Grants to Local organisations | £7100 | £7100 | Total Income | £278,034 | £298,760 |
| Contingency Sum | £0 | £0 | Leaving council taxpayers to fund | £257,916 | £270,812 |
| Budget Required | £535,950 | £569,572 | | | |

YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

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|  | Cllr Steve Smith – Chair Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward |
|  | Cllr Liam Harries Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward |



Cllr Julian Powell
Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward



Cllr Reece Preston
Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward



Cllr Jan McAllan
Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward



Cllr Graham Smith – Vice Chair
Quedgeley Central Ward



Cllr Nick Lee
Quedgeley Central Ward



Cllr Steve Wilcox
Quedgeley Central Ward



Cllr Margaret Slatter
Quedgeley Central Ward



Cllr Janet Weston
Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward

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|  | <p align="center">Cllr George Barwood Quedgeley Kingsway Ward</p> |
|  | <p align="center">Cllr Chris Thompson Quedgeley Kingsway Ward</p> |
|  | <p align="center">Cllr Graham Wheatley Quedgeley Kingsway Ward</p> |
|  | <p align="center">Cllr Victoria Ranford Quedgeley Kingsway Ward</p> |
| | <p align="center">Cllr John Hunter Quedgeley Kingsway Ward</p> |
|  | <p align="center">Cllr Debbie Webb Quedgeley Brook Ward</p> |
| <p>Town Council Staff</p> | <p align="center">Jacque Webster – Town Clerk & RFO Beverley Aldridge – Deputy Clerk Debbie Hughes – Town Council Administrator Sharon Barnett – Town Council Administrator</p> |
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