

**MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT** Cllr Powell, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Mrs Weston, Cllr Lee, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Mrs Ranford, Cllr Mrs Goodge, Cllr Smith, Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr Mrs Wnukowska, Cllr Mrs Bradford, Cllr Mrs Potter, Cllr M Robinson, Cllr Goddard.

<b>FC.064/24-25</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Cllr R Roberts <b>Noted</b>
<b>FC.065/24-25</b>	<b>CO-OPTION OF DAVID GODDARD</b> Members received Mr Goddard's application in advance of the meeting and Cllr Wilcox invited Mr Goddard to speak and welcomed him onto the council. Cllr Ranford <b>PROPOSED</b> to co-opt Mr Goddard onto the council. Seconded: Cllr Powell: Vote: Unanimous: <b>So resolved</b>
<b>FC.066/24-25</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> None received.
<b>FC.067/24-25</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING</b> The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
<b>FC.068/24-25</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES</b> Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 Cllr Mrs Ranford <b>PROPOSED</b> to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous <b>So resolved</b>
<b>FC.069/24-25</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT</b> Complaints and Compliments a) The Clerk provided a breakdown of the complaints received for the month of June and the following points were clarified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ball kicking against property in Kingsway rectified</li> <li>• HiWC complaint not linked to the council.</li> <li>• Tree Bark</li> <li>• Flytipping not related to bins.</li> </ul> b) Request for councillors to join the GAPTC Executive Committee. Mrs Webster advised that there was currently a vacancy on the committee. Cllr Ranford advised she would be happy to volunteer.
<b>FC.070/24-25</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> The Clerks Magazine
<b>FC.071/24-25</b>	<b>ANNUAL RETURN 2023-2024 – Independent Auditor Iain Selkirk</b> Mrs Webster advised that at the previous F&GP Committee Meeting, the committee had been notified of the need to apply to PKF for an extension due to an inconsistency found within the independent auditor's statement of accounts. This would mean that the council has not met its obligation to sign off the return by 30.6.24 and as a result must tick 'No' for assertion 1 in Section 1 of the AGAR.

	<p>a) <b>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023-24.</b> Cllr Robinson <b>PROPOSED</b> to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2023-24.</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr Smith: Vote: unanimous: <b><i>So resolved</i></b></p> <p>b) <b>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR 2023/24.</b> Cllr Ranford <b>PROPOSED</b> to approve the Accounting Statements for 2023/24.</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr Robinson: Vote: unanimous: <b><i>So resolved</i></b></p>
<b>FC.072/24-25</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER INVESTIGATING COSTS FOR NEW WEBSITE WITH PARISH ONLINE</b> Cllr Wilcox provided a brief introduction into Parish Online and possible solutions to problems encountered with the existing QTC website. He also advised that a demonstration of Parish Online is available and offered to share the link with all councillors. Cllr Potter <b>PROPOSED</b> to investigate costs for new website with Parish Online. Seconded: Cllr Pearce: Vote: unanimous: <b><i>So resolved</i></b></p>
<b>FC.073/24-25</b>	<p><b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b> Nothing to report at this time.</p>
<b>FC.074/24-25</b>	<p><b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b> Noting of the Minutes dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024: <b>accepted by F&amp;GP on 01.07.2024</b> No nominations for joining F&amp;GP</p> <p><b>Chairman Report</b> Cllr Pearce reported on the following: UR Water providing savings to the council for water bills across all centres. Healthy income reported for all centres. Extension applied for from PKF for submission of AGAR following report from the RFO. Costs of servicing/maintaining new Tractor.</p>
<b>FC.075/24-25</b>	<p><b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b> Noting of the Minutes dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024: <b>accepted by P&amp;D on 19.06.2024</b> No nominations for joining P&amp;D</p> <p><b>Chairman Report</b> Cllr Powell reported on the following: Public deputation of coffee shop in Naas Lane. Result from GCC unknown at the moment.</p> <p>Application from Michael Tuck. Complaints received concerning possible visible intrusion into the Scout Hut. QTC objected.</p> <p>Industrial units in Falcon Close, built on national pipeline.</p> <p>Traffic and transportation matter in Stephenson Drive where numerous complaints have been received regarding the parking of DPD Vans. All councillors asked to monitor the area and note any issues.</p>

	<p>There will be a presentation at the next appropriate meeting concerning the Strategic Local Plan and all councillors will be invited.</p>
<p><b>FC.076/24-25</b></p>	<p><b>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</b>  Noting of the Minutes dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024: <b>accepted by R&amp;A on 03.07.2024</b>  Cllr Ranford <b>PROPOSED</b> to vote Cllr Robinson onto R&amp;A.  Seconded: Cllr Bradford: Vote: unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p> <p>Request from R&amp;A to change meeting start times to 7.00pm  Cllr Goodge <b>PROPOSED</b> to change the meeting start time to 7.00pm  Seconded: Cllr Robinson: Vote: unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p> <p><b>Chairman Report</b>  Cllr Weston reported on the following:  Armistice Day – Support will be provided by Help if we Can.  Community Events  Playpark reports  Signage expenditure for Druids Oak  Nature Reserve update  Quedgeley Cemetery and Memorial Garden update  Allotments  Fishers Meadow  Quedgeley Ponds  Litter bins and dog bins  New equipment for Druids Oak playpark  Budget agreed and signed by the chair</p>
<p><b>FC.077/24-25</b></p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE</b>  Noting of the Minutes dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024: <b>accepted by CB on 08.07.2024</b>  No nominations for joining CB</p> <p><b>Chairman Report</b>  Cllr McAllan reported on the following:  QCC expenditure  KCC expenditure  KSP expenditure  WSC expenditure</p> <p>Quedgeley Community Centre, Kingsway Community Centre and Waterwells Sports Centre to be used as designated emergency rest centres.  QTC Insurance cover for fences/gates/bollards etc clarified  Bleed kits to be purchased for Quedgeley Community Centre, Kingsway Community Centre and Waterwells Sports Centre.</p> <p>Cllr Powell asked about the lease for Waterwells Sports Centre. Mrs Webster advised that despite repeated attempts to gain an update from the City Council, no update had yet been received.</p>

FC.078/24-25	<p><b>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</b></p> <p><b>a) Allotment Association</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>b) Saturday Surgery</b> Cllr McAllan and Cllr Weston attended the last joint surgery at TESCO with City Councillors and Police.</p> <p><b>c) Futures Group</b> Cllr Pearce advised that a meeting will be set up within the next 4 weeks.</p> <p><b>d) Community Pantry</b> Cllr Ranford advised that the pantry continues to thrive with 70/80 people making use of it each week. Under the General Power of Competence Act recently adopted by the Council she is looking for authority to fundraise.</p> <p>Cllr Lee <b>PROPOSED</b> to allow Cllr Ranford to fundraise on behalf of the community pantry.</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr Bradford: Vote: unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p> <p><b>e) Community Garden</b> Cllr Ranford advised there are 7 standing troughs and 3 to 4 raised beds. All going well with a rota organised for watering. Produce is beginning to reach the pantry.</p>
FC079/24-25	<p><b>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL</b></p> <p>Cllr Robinson raised the new signs put in place at the Kingsway Local Centre. <b>To be deferred to Planning &amp; Development Committee.</b></p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting 19/08/2024 @ 7.30pm</b> <b>Meeting closed 9.00pm</b></p>	

**Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Tom Clark – Gloucester City Council** – Mr Clark provided a brief presentation on the Code of Conduct for the benefit of all Councillors and invited questions.

**Mr Graham Smith – member of the public and Quedgeley Social Club** – Mr Smith addressed the council and advised he is a former Town Councillor but is attending with the interests of the community in mind. He asked the council to remember its mission statement. His main concern was that of the closing of Quedgeley Social Club as he felt many people rely on it. He reminded councillors to remember the covenants attached to the land. He also asked why is the Social Club still expected to pay rent when the PWLB loans connected to the buildings on the land have since been satisfied. He asked the council to consider a community hub and advised that he feels very passionate about the community. He closed by asking the council to consider everything he had said.

**Mrs Maureen Matthews – member of the public and Quedgeley Social Club** - Mrs Matthews confirmed she was in attendance to support Mr Smith.

**Karen James – City Councillor Kingsway Ward** - Mrs James advised she is the newly elected councillor for Kingsway and had come along to observe the meeting.

**There being no further questions the meeting then reconvened.**