

**MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT** Cllr G Smith, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Mrs Ranford, Cllr Miss Weston, Cllr Barwood, Cllr Lee (7.35pm).

Mr Nick Clift representing Quedgeley Social Club.  
Mr Kevin Tudor representing Quedgeley Social Club and Quedgeley Community Trust.

Mr Ben Smith and Mrs Pria Selwyn – Observing.

<b>FC.001/24-25</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received and noted from Cllr S Smith and Cllr Harries
<b>FC.002/24-25</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Cllr G Smith declared an interest in agenda items 8 & 9 as he is a member of both organisations.
<b>FC.003/24-25</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING</b> Quedgeley Social Club Mr Clift and Mr Tudor explained it is a difficult time for the licence trade and Quedgeley Social Club is not exempt. Options were suggested to help alleviate the issues which involved late night bookings in Hall 2 and how this could be managed. The amount QSC pay in rent was also raised with the view taken by the Social Club that the current charge is disproportionate to other similar establishments and with this in mind a request to review the rent is planned.  Quedgeley Community Trust Mr Tudor thanked Cllr Mrs Ranford and the Council for efforts getting the community party off the ground and Quedgeley Community Trust was pleased to donate to such a worthy cause. He advised an additional £300.00 has been set aside for emergency use and this will be transferred to the Council account, he encouraged a further request to be made when this amount is expended.  Mr Clift & Mr Tudor were thanked for their time and advised the subject of Quedgeley Social Club will be discussed in detail under confidential business, at this point both left the meeting.
<b>FC.004/24-25</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES</b> Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 Cllr Wilcox <b>PROPOSED</b> to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded                      Cllr Barwood                      Vote                      Unanimous <b>So resolved.</b>
<b>FC.005/24-25</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT</b> Complaints and Compliments the Clerk offered a breakdown of the complaints received for the month of March.  Reminder, dates of Full Council and Community Buildings swapped due to elections and time restraints imposed.  Update on Elections Town Council Election was non-contested, there is currently 1 vacancy in both Severn Vale and Brook wards.
<b>FC.006/24-25</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> None received.

<b>FC.007/24-25</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A COMMUNITY GARDEN – SW &amp; VR TO PROVIDE A PROPOSAL</b></p> <p>Cllr Ranford provided a presentation on the proposals, only a small input will be needed from Councillors once the garden is set up. Men shed has agreed to make the troughs for free.</p> <p>Cllr Barwood <b>PROPOSED</b> to support the motion.</p> <p>Seconded      Cllr Weston      Vote      Unanimous      <b>So resolved.</b></p>
<b>FC.008/24-25</b>	<p><b>CALL FOR GAPTC RESOLUTIONS.</b></p> <p>Following discussion and a review of the motion submitted last year in relation to the legal requirement to hold the Annual Parish Assembly it was agreed to re-submit the motion again to remove the statue allowing it be voluntary.</p>
<b>FC.009/24-25</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING £500.00 FOR GRANT APPLICATION FROM HIWC. *attached*</b></p> <p>Members raised some concerns regarding the information in the application and took the view it was not specific and as such it did not meet the criteria set out in the grants policy.</p> <p>Cllr G Smith offered some details and left the meeting to allow further discussion.</p> <p>Concerns were raised in relation to the name on the bank account being a personal account. Following discussion there was no enthusiasm at this stage for approval. If an application was received for a specific item members took the view it would be viewed favourably.</p> <p>Cllr Wilcox <b>PROPOSED</b> the application should be resubmitted with specific details to match the grants policy, the current application was considered too vague.</p> <p>Seconded      Cllr Barwood      Vote      Unanimous      <b>So resolved.</b></p> <p>Cllr G Smith returned to the meeting.</p>
<b>FC.010/24-25</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE TRANSFERRING £2522.54 FOR APPROVED R&amp;A OUTSTANDING ITEMS TO 2024-25 BUDGET – DEFERRED FROM R&amp;A</b></p> <p>Cllr Wilcox <b>PROPOSED</b> to earmark the above funds.</p> <p>Seconded      Cllr Barwood      Vote      Unanimous      <b>So resolved</b></p>
<b>FC.011/24-25</b>	<p><b>CHAIR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>Cllr S Smith, the current Chairman has decided not to stand for re-election in May, Cllr G Smith read out a small statement which thanked Councillors and staff for their support.</p> <p>Cllr C Smith who is also stepping down in May conveyed his thanks for all the support over the last 15 years he has been a Councillor and he felt the Council has achieved much and he is proud of his time in office.</p>
<b>FC.012/24-25</b>	<p><b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Noting of the Minutes dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024: <b>accepted by F&amp;GP on 02.04.2024</b></p> <p>Chairman Report</p> <p>Cllr G Smith felt he was leaving the Council in a good place, and he thanked the Councillors and the RFO for their support.</p>
<b>FC.013/24-25</b>	<p><b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Noting of the Minutes dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024: <b>accepted by P&amp;D on 20.03.2024</b></p> <p>Chairman Report</p>

	52 Curtis Hayward Drive has proved to be a controversial planning application, and this will be discussed again next Wednesday.
<b>FC.014/24-25</b>	<b>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</b> No minutes to accept. Chairman Report No Chairman present.
<b>FC.015/24-25</b>	<b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE</b> Noting of the Minutes dated 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024: <b>accepted by CB on 08.04.2024</b> Chairman Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QCC both function halls have been decorated.</li> <li>• QCC kitchen upgrade for hall 2 in June</li> <li>• KCC has not received water bills, investigation determined the building is in credit.</li> <li>• New lighting request for social club must be officially received from the club.</li> <li>• KSP is low on income, all other buildings looking healthy income good, expenditure within budget.</li> </ul>
<b>FC.016/24-25</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</b> Cllr Wilcox attended the recent surgery at Tesco together with the Police. The 'fix my street' app is a good way of reporting issues.
<b>FC.017/24-25</b>	<b>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL</b> None received.
<b>In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is in the opinion of this Council advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.</b>	
<b>FC.018/24-25</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE SOCIAL CLUB PROPOSAL FOR LATE NIGHT OPENING AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE.</b> Members discussed the points raised earlier in the meeting and considered each one. In the opinion of the Council there are still some points which need clarification subsequently, members agreed late night opening in principle for a trial period however, further investigation and discussion with Quedgeley Social Club was needed before this could be assured. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What areas will be the responsibility of QSC.</li> <li>• Who will secure the building.</li> <li>• Insurance concerns</li> <li>• Who will be permitted to benefit from the late night opening, ie community or QSC members only.</li> <li>• Discrimination from hall 1 potential users</li> <li>• Bookings vs damages deposit.</li> </ul> <p>There were other minor issues and Cllr Mrs Ranford volunteered to investigate and liaise between QSC and QTC</p>
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024.</b>	

Meeting concluded: 21.30hrs