

**MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH
JANUARY 2024 AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Mrs Ranford, Cllr C Thompson,
Cllr Mrs Slatter, Cllr Preston, Cllr Harries, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr Wilcox &
Cllr Powell

FC.150/23-24	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Lee, Cllr Miss Weston, Cllr Barwood and Cllr Mrs Ellis.
FC.151/23-24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC152/23-24	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING None present.
FC153/23-24	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 18 th December 2023 Cllr Ranford PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Thompson Vote For 9 Abstain 1 So resolved
FC.154/23-24	5 YEAR LONG SERVICE AWARD - Janet Weston Noted. In the absence of Cllr Miss Weston, it was agreed to present her with the certificate on her return.
FC.155/23-24	CLERK'S REPORT a) Complaints and Compliments the Clerk offered an overview of the complaints received. It was noted the van parked at the Local Nature Reserve causing an obstruction has been moved. b) Update on Local Council Award Scheme Quality Gold Application The application has been submitted, if there are any issues these must be reported by 26 th January 2024 with a final decision being made by 5 th April 2024. She further advised, Council may not have the full complement of elected members but as the elections are so close, it is hoped this can be approved.
FC.156/23-24	CORRESPONDENCE a) The Clerk Magazine – January 2024 b) Email regarding Gloucester Marathon, concerns were raised that this event has caused some issues in the past and queried how it is possible to ensure residents are advised. Leaflets alone have proved insufficient, and arrangements must be advertised to a wider audience. The Clerk to make contact to query the above, highlighting particular attention to Naas Lane as this is a very busy roundabout.
FC.157/23-24	CHAIR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Methodist and St James Church for their carol service. • Considering how to connect the existing St James Churchyard footpath to the Quedgeley Cemetery. This will be discussed further at the R&A Committee meeting.
FC.158/23-24	TO CONSIDER AND AGREE USING COMMUNITY SUPPORT BUDGET OF £1475.00 FOR COMMUNITY FRIDGE PROJECT START UP COSTS.

	<p>Cllr Mrs Ranford gave a breakdown of the work to date, her vision for the future and how this will be implemented. She further explained why the above expenditure is needed but assured members the equipment will remain the property of Quedgeley Town Council. Following some questions and clarification Cllr Wheatley PROPOSED to approve the expenditure. Secoded Cllr G Smith Cllr Harries PROPOSED an amendment to approve the expenditure for the project but to seek alternative grants and donations to protect this money for other expenditure associated with the project. Secoded Cllr Powell Vote For 9 Abstain 1 So resolved</p>
FC.159/23-24	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 4th December 2023: accepted by F&GP on 02.01.2024 Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft budget produced, waiting the tax base figure from Gloucester City Council and any final items for the wish list to allow it to be formally adopted.
FC.160/23-24	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 15th November 2023: accepted by P&D on 20.12.2023 Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application received for 54 dwellings on land in Rudloe Drive / Thatcham Avenue by Tesco Express. Unlikely any grounds for refusal but the application will be considered at the planning meeting on Wednesday.
FC.161/23-24	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 6th December 2023: accepted by R&A on 03.01.2024 Chairman Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dates for the diary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Egg Hunt – 1.4.24 • Dog show – 9.6.24 • Xmas Event – 8.12.24 To nominate Reece Preston onto R&A Cllr Thompson PROPOSED Cllr Preston join the committee. Secoded Cllr Mrs Slatter Vote Unanimous So resolved The refurbishment at Druids Oak Play Area is underway. Cllr Preston volunteered to monitor the work at Druids Oak Play Area as he has knowledge in this area and Cllr Thompson PROPOSED he does so. Secoded Cllr Ranford Vote Unanimous So resolved
	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 11th December 2023: accepted by CB on 08.01.2024 Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wilcox explained the current situation with the Severn Trent water checks at Kingsway Community Centre and the regulations in place. • Internal doors for hall 2 have been replaced. • Accepted a quote to remove the moss from the boundary of the astro pitch.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual service to the boilers at all the buildings identified some faults and these are being addressed. • Provided income and expenditure for all the sites. <p>To nominate Cllr Preston onto Community Buildings Cllr S Smith PROPOSED Cllr Preston join the committee. Seconded Cllr Powell Vote Unanimous So resolved.</p>
FC.162/23-24	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES None received.
FC.163/23-24	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL None received.
Date of next meeting: 19th February 2024 – noted.	

Meeting concluded: 20.15 hrs.