

MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JUNE 2024 AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Miss Weston, Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr Mrs Roberts, Cllr Mss Bradford, Cllr Miss Goodge, Cllr Mrs Potter, Cllr Robinson

Mr G Smith – member of the public

FC.039/24-25	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Lee, Cllr Mrs Ranford, Cllr B Smith & Cllr Mrs Wnukowska.
FC.040/24-25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.041/24-25	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING Mr G Smith addressed Council setting out the current trading difficulties experienced by Quedgeley Social Club. He advised that if further financial assistance is not forthcoming from Quedgeley Town Council it is likely it will cease trading by the end of July. Much work has been undertaken recently to reduce overheads, but the club is struggling with footfall. He went on to explain, in his opinion, it is a community hub offering services to the community and users of the community centre.
FC.042/24-25	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 13 th May 2024 Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes with the correction to the date from 15 th to 13 th May 2024. Seconded Cllr Miss Goodge Vote Unanimous So resolved.
FC.043/24-25	CLERK'S REPORT There were 35 issues raised for the month of May. Parking in Naas Lane following Quedgeley Wanderers tournament raised a number of complaints, these have been passed to the football club to address.
FC.044/24-25	CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quedgeley Show – Sunday 17th August 2025, local charity offered Council to have a display table at the show, seeking volunteers to attend. • Email regarding campaign to support safety of lithium batteries. Council requested further information to clarify what is meant by 'support'. • Email from Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board offering short presentations on water management work in this area. Council agreed to forward an invite to the next meeting. • Complaint re parking in Naas Lane due to QWFC tournament, all complaints received have been passed to the football club.
FC.045/24-25	ANNUAL RETURN 2023/2024 – Independent Auditor Iain Selkirk (a) To consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement 2023-24 (b) To consider and approve the Accounting Statements for 2023-24 This item was deferred as the Clerk has queried some of the figures which are currently being investigated.

FC.046/24-25	<p>TO UPDATE MEMBERS ON THE MOAT TRANSFER</p> <p>The clerk explained the previous Council agreed to adopt the Moat, the item has been put back on the agenda to allow the new members to be appropriately appraised of the agreement which will fall to the Recreation and Amenities Committee to manage when ownership is transferred to Council ownership. The Clerk will report progress to Council.</p>
FC.047/24-25	<p>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING £24.00 FOR FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATE FOR COMMUNITY PANTRY VOLUNTEER.</p> <p>Cllr Miss Weston PROPOSED the above expenditure Seconded Cllr Miss Bradford Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
FC.048/24-25	<p>UPDATE ON COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES</p> <p>To consider and agree expenditure of £671.00 Councillor Allowance and £1342.00 Chairs Allowance in line with 2022 QTC resolution. To discuss future allowance policy.</p> <p>There is currently no policy for members who claim the allowance and subsequently step down from the Council. It was agreed this should be addressed through a policy for refunds to be made in these circumstances on a pro rata basis. The Clerk to create the document for adoption.</p> <p>Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED the above expenditure for allowances and to create the refund policy which will be brought back to Council for adoption. Seconded Cllr Robinson Vote Unanimous So resolved.</p>
FC.049/24-25	<p>TO DISCUSS AND AGREE FOR 'HELP IF WE CAN' TO RUN THE ANNUAL ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE AT ST JAMES' WAR MEMORIAL.</p> <p>Members took the view this should be a Council led event but to invite Help if We Can to work in partnership with the Council. Cllr Robinson PROPOSED to agree the above Seconded Cllr Miss Bradford Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
FC.050/24-25	<p>CHAIR'S REPORT</p> <p>Nothing to report at this time.</p>
FC.051/24-25	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</p> <p>Noting of the Minutes dated 2nd April 2024: accepted by F&GP on 03.06.2024</p> <p>Chairman Report Nothing to report at this stage.</p>
FC.052/24-25	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Noting of the Minutes dated 24th April 2024: accepted by P&D on 15.05.2024</p> <p>Chairman Report In the absence of the Chairman there was no report available.</p>
FC.053/24-25	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</p> <p>Noting of the Minutes dated 6th March 2024: accepted by R&A on 05.06.2024</p> <p>Chairman Report Cllr Miss Weston reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation provided by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and Sustrans linking the cycle path from Sims Lane with Hempsted and beyond. Council agreed to support this initiative. • Memorial bench provided by a resident in St James' Churchyard agreed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fieldcourt Infant School Young Leaders, Cllrs Mrs Ranford and Cllr Miss Weston will attend. • The Dog Show was successful • Apex Fireworks will lead and provide the event this year. • Volunteers are in place for the playground inspections, new signs have been agreed and the annual safety reports by ROSPA have been received. • Agreed to transfer the finances earmarked to create a footpath linking the church yard to the cemetery to the pavilion to address the damage caused by the travellers. • Water leaks at the allotments are ongoing but one has been identified and repaired. • The partnership managing Quedgeley Ponds has ceased, a new partnership agreed.
FC.054/24-25	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 8th April 2024: accepted by CB on 20.05.2024 Chairman Report Cllr Mrs McAllan reported the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New tables have been agreed for both community centres. • Chlorination of all water tanks has been completed. • Surge protection completed • Agreement to replace the bollards and heigh restrictor at the Kingsway Sports Pavilion following the earmarked funds being transferred from R&A. • Refurbishment of Hall 2 kitchen at Quedgeley Community Centre agreed. • Large increase in demand for the football pitches is being received by Council office. • Clothes bank removed from KSP due to regular vandalism.
FC.055/24-25	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Allotment Association Another leak has been identified which is being addressed. Investigating restarting allotment associations. b) Tesco Surgeries held with City & County Councillors together with the police. It was agreed Cllr Weston and Cllr Mrs McAllan will attend the next one scheduled for 27th June 2024. It was further agreed to restart the Quedgeley Council surgeries. c) Futures Group, Cllr Pearce provided the background and suggested dates be agreed to move this forward. d) Community Pantry – very successful, demand increasing. A document has been created to sign post users to other services. Thanks were extended to the local supermarkets and KFC for their continued support of donations for the panty. e) Community Garden – raised beds provided free of charge by the Mens Shed and thanks were extended to them. All the beds were planted by volunteers and rota for watering established. f) UBB Community Funding – Cllr Miss Bradford volunteered to attend the funding group.
FC.056/24-25	<p>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL Parish On-line</p>
DATE OF NEXT MEETNG : 15th July 2024 – noted.	

Meeting concluded: 21.00hrs