

Minutes of the Meeting of Quedgeley Town Council held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr G Smith, Cllr Mrs Ranford, Cllr Preston, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Harries, Cllr Ms Weston, Cllr Barwood and Cllr Powell.

FC.177/23-24	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Mrs Slatter and Cllr S Smith and in the absence of the Chair, Cllr G Smith Vice Chair took the meeting.</p>
FC.178/23-24	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.</p>
FC.179/23-24	<p>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING 5 members of the public were present supporting the possibility of a Community Garden. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Pantry is a great idea and a community garden is equally as appealing. • All residents present at the meeting happy to be involved. • Community and children enhancing. • As a qualified teacher, it supports learning and echo's everyone else's views. • Lots of apartments in Kingsway with no gardens which impacts on health. • Plenty of volunteers wanting to pursue a community garden. • Previous generations grew/planted/cooked. <p>Cllr Smith thanked everyone for their views and confirmed that their points would be taken forward for a future discussion within the meeting.</p> <p>No Police present. No County or City Councillors present. Following 20 mins of public forum time, the meeting reconvened. Presentation from APEX adjourned</p>
FC.180/23-24	<p>ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 19th February 2024 Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the Meeting. Seconded Cllr Barwood Vote For 7 Abstain 1 So resolved</p>
FC.181/23-24	<p>CLERK'S REPORT The Clerk offered an overview of the complaints received for the month of February.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that a work experience student from Holmleigh Park High School is with them this week and provided members with an overview of what he would be doing, including an invite to all councillors to come into the office on Friday 22nd March to meet the student.</p> <p>Election packs are now ready for collection and number of seats -v- wards and those standing was confirmed.</p> <p>Cllr Powell raised a concern regarding the percentage increase provided on the Council Tax bills for QTC. It was noted that the bill states a 5.1%</p>

	increase which is an error as the correct percentage rate should read 4.9%. The Clerk agreed to investigate.
FC.182/23-24	CORRESPONDENCE Confirmation of Annual Insurance amount of £10477.06 as part of a 3-year contract. Clerk Magazine – noted. Clerk & Council Magazine – noted.
FC.183/23-24	CHAIR'S REPORT In the absence of Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Smith reported that HiWC would in future be running the Armistice Day Service. Mrs Webster advised that this would need to be agreed by the council and members agreed to defer this to the June Full Council Meeting.
FC.184/23-24	TO CONSIDER AND AGREE NEW SAFEGUARDING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY PANTRY *attached* Cllr Ranford advised that once the Safeguarding Policy was agreed, she would be able to achieve a £1000.00 grant award for the pantry. Cllr Ranford PROPOSED to agree the Safeguarding Policy which was sent to all members in advance of the meeting. Seconded: Cllr Harries: Vote: unanimous: So resolved COMMUNITY GARDEN – FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION Cllr Wilcox provided an update on the above and fully endorsed the idea. Various ideas were put forward with regards to how the community garden would work. Cllr Powell advised that allotments are well sought after, endorsed the idea and advised that this should be commenced without delay. All councillors present were provided with an opportunity to speak and the following points were noted: Cllr Barwood - Need to ensure that the allotment list currently in place is not compromised. Cllr Harris - Supportive of space not in use. Need to be aware of insurance. Supportive of idea Cllr Ranford - Members of public put across some good ideas. Concerns about open space, vandalism and security. Setting up most time consuming after which volunteers will run the garden. Cllr Smith – Great idea, reservations about timeline. Cllr Preston - Clarity sought on discussion at R&A as he understood a delay in starting the garden had been agreed. He was disappointed that the discussion remains ongoing as R&A members had previously understood this matter should be delayed. He stated, in his opinion members either resigning or not standing again is directly linked to the continuation of the garden at this current time. Cllr Preston then resigned from the Council with immediate effect and left the room. Cllr Powell advised that any councillors who have subsequently resigned or have raised their intentions not to stand at the forthcoming elections and are wanting to make a complaint should do so using the correct complaints procedure route. Cllr Wilcox and Cllr Ranford agreed to investigate a way forward and bring a proposal to the next Full Council meeting.
FC.185/23-24	FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 5 th February 2024: accepted by F&GP on 04.03.2024

	<p>Chairman Report Cllr Smith congratulated the clerk on a successful budget and confirmed that the 23-24 spend is within budget. Nothing further to report.</p>
FC.186/23-24	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 17th January 2024: accepted by P&D on 21.02.2024 Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wilcox advised there had been concerns regarding parked Tesco lorries on the pavements. There has been an improvement since relaying this to the community champion at Tesco.
FC.187/23-24	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 7th February 2024: accepted by R&A on 06.03.2024 Chairman Report Cllr Thompson has resigned from the council and there is no report.</p>
FC.188/23-24	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 12th February 2024: accepted by CB on 11.03.2024 Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure agreed to fit a new condenser coil in the air conditioning unit at the Council office. • Quedgeley Community Centre decoration costs earmarked. • Quedgeley Community Centre kitchen costs earmarked. • Kingsway Community Centre security control panel replaced. • Two-year maintenance programme was agreed for the astro floodlights @ Waterwells Sports Centre with Christie Floodlighting. • Quedgeley Social Club matters deferred to Full Council as too many Social Club members on the community buildings committee. • Income and expenditure is performing as predicted or better. • Good start to the new financial year. • Possibility for new projects due to incoming of CIL monies
FC.189/23-24	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES Cllr Harries confirmed he is engaging in discussions regarding the fishing club's event parking.</p>
FC.190/23-24	<p>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL None</p>
DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 15th April 2024 – noted.	

Meeting concluded 21:00hrs