

MINUTES OF QUEDGELRY TOWN COUNCIL EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 2024 AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6.30PM

PRESENT Cllr S Wilcox, Cllr J Powell, Cllr J Weston, Cllr J McAllan, Cllr L Bradford, Cllr C Pearce, Cllr V Ranford, Cllr S Potter, Cllr T Wnukowska.
Cllr N Lee (6.35pm)

<p>FC.057/24-25</p>	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr L Goodge, Cllr R Roberts, Cllr M Robinson and Cllr B Smith</p>
<p>FC.058/24-25</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr J Weston – personal interest in Agenda Item 3 Cllr N Lee – personal interest in Agenda Item 3</p>
<p>Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The Council will by resolution exclude the public from Item 3 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.</p> <p>Cllr Powell PROPOSED to exclude any public from Item 3 Seconded: Cllr Potter: Vote: unanimous: So resolved</p>	
<p>FC.059/24-25</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FROM QUEDGELEY SOCIAL CLUB DUE TO CLOSURE ON 31/07/2024</p> <p>To consider and agree waiving rent of £875.00 for July and Utilities of £414.00 for July To consider spreadsheet provided by Quedgeley Social Club (QSC) regarding utilities paid from 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024 and agree offset of possible overpayment against arrears outstanding. To consider and agree access by QSC to the empty Social Club premises post 31/07/2024 for approximately 2 weeks to assist with removal of goods and leaving the premises in line with the QTC licence requirements.</p> <p>TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING To consider next steps of use for the empty premises post 31/07/2024, including handover between QSC and QTC. To consider security of premises post 31/07/2024 To review and consider any covenants in place. To consider outcome of independent valuation. To consider loss of revenue and budgetary impact to the Council. To consider any other points raised by councillors.</p> <p>Cllr Powell commenced by providing all councillors a history of the Social Club, the land on which the Community Centre and Social Club is built and relevant financial information including PWLB loans and covenants.</p> <p>The following points were raised by councillors: Consideration should be given to the financial impact this will have on the council. Concerns about the management of the Social Club and why it has fallen into debt. The previous years' Social Club's accounts were reviewed.</p>

Following an in depth discussion:
Cllr V Ranford **PROPOSED** to waive July's payments of £875.00 and £414.00.
Seconded: Cllr J Weston: Vote: 6 for, 4 against: **So resolved**
Cllr Powell wished to have his name noted as voting against this proposal.

Mrs Webster confirmed that a spreadsheet had been received from the Treasurer of the Social Club showing evidence that from 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024, there had been a slight overpayment in utilities.
Cllr Wnukowska **PROPOSED** to offset this against the arrears outstanding, thus negating any outstanding balance.
Seconded: Cllr Potter: Vote: unanimous: **So resolved**

Councillors were then invited to have their say on the request from the Social Club for 2 free weeks post 31/07/2024 to be able to enter the empty premises.
Following an in depth discussion:
Cllr V Ranford **PROPOSED** that there should be no extension post 31/07/2024. An inventory should be provided by the Social Club detailing what is to be removed and all goods listed must be removed by 31/07/2024. Cllr Ranford further **PROPOSED** that if goods are to be removed, it should be all goods, not partial. Therefore either all goods are left in situ, including bar, tables chairs etc or all goods are removed, leaving an empty room. This arrangement is agreed on the basis of good will, having exempt the Social Club from any outstanding debts.

Seconded: Cllr L Bradford: Vote: unanimous: **So resolved**

Cllr Bradford **PROPOSED** to give the Town Clerk delegated authority to spend the necessary amount to make the Social Club premises safe and secure post closure on the 31st July.
Seconded: Cllr Lee: Vote: unanimous: **So resolved**

Cllr Pearce **PROPOSED** that a joint statement should be issued on Facebook from QTC and QSC explaining the closure of the social club and negating blame to the council.
Seconded: Cllr Ranford: Vote: unanimous: **So resolved**

Cllr Powell **PROPOSED** to hold a second extraordinary meeting on Monday 15th July 2024 from 6.30pm – 7.30pm to discuss next stages.
Seconded: Cllr Ranford: Vote: unanimous: **So resolved**
It was also agreed that Mrs Webster should contact the social club with a view to agreeing a walk around on Monday 15th July.

DATE OF NEXT MEETNG : 15th July 2024 – noted.

Meeting concluded: 19.40hrs