

**MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT** Cllr Mrs Slatter, Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith,  
Cllr Thompson, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr Mrs Ranford, Cllr Preston, Cllr D Webb,  
Cllr J Hunter and Cllr G Barwood

<b>FC.040/23-24</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Lee, Cllr McAllan, Cllr Powell and Cllr Wilcox Email apologies were received from Cllr Harries
<b>FC.041/23-24</b>	<b>CO-OPTION OF JOHN HUNTER</b> Members were in receipt of Mr Hunter's application form prior to the meeting. Mr Hunter provided a brief overview of himself and why he wished to join the council. Cllr S Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to co-opt Mr Hunter onto the council. Seconded: Cllr Barwood: Vote: unanimous: <b>So resolved</b>
<b>FC.042/23-24</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Cllr G Smith – Agenda Item 13 – Personal Interest Cllr S Smith – Agenda Item 13 – Personal Interest Cllr Mrs Slatter – Agenda Item 13 – Personal Interest
<b>FC.043/23-24</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING</b> None present
<b>FC.044/23-24</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES</b> Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 Cllr Wheatley <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.045/23-24</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT</b> Complaints and Compliments The Clerk reported on the issues raised and dealt with by the office for the month of May. The Clerk reminded councillors that all policies would be on the next Full Council Agenda for updates and approval. Cllr Smith advised members of his forthcoming engagements where he will be required to wear the chain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armistice Day</li> <li>• Youth Sunday</li> <li>• Pilot Plaque unveiling.</li> </ul>
<b>FC.046/23-24</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> Confirmation that Bryony Ellis is no longer a councillor A reminder of the QTC Futures Group seminar due to take place on the 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Kingsway Sports Pavilion.
<b>FC.047/23-24</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b> Cllr S Smith reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual inspection of the cemetery. Grave owners have been contacted.</li> <li>• Dog Show – thanks to everyone who helped.</li> <li>• Meeting at Fieldcourt Infants Academy</li> <li>• Armistice Day arrangements</li> <li>• Fireworks event reminder</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scouts and Guides Remembrance Sunday Service</li> <li>• Best wishes to former councillor Bryony Ellis</li> <li>• Youth Sunday event 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023</li> <li>• Discussions with the Methodist Minister and Anglican Priest and S/V School regarding the access and egress to the QTC Nature Reserve.</li> <li>• ASDA surgery – Saturday 16h September 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>FC.048/23-24</b>	<p><b>DRUIDS OAK</b></p> <p>Cllr Thompson advised that R&amp;A had asked for this to be placed onto Full Council to enable further discussion to take place.</p> <p>Members noted that grants so far have proved unsuccessful, and it would be for the council to pay for any improvements. Members agreed that there was still an appetite to improve the playpark and Cllr Preston advised that improvements, ie painting of equipment etc could take place by means of a working party for far less cost.</p> <p>Cllr Ranford enquired about fund raising. It was agreed that the clerk would seek advise and report back as to whether the council had the power to do this. After much discussion it was suggested that this matter be deferred back to R&amp;A to allow time for full costings to be achieved and to enable grants to QCT and Barnwood Trust to take place.</p>
<b>FC.049/23-24</b>	<p><b>AGM RESOLUTION – To consider and agree resolution from QTC to put forward to GAPTC AGM.</b></p> <p>Members received a copy of the motion prior to the meeting, reading as follows:</p> <p><b>To give councils the discretionary power to not hold an Annual Parish Assembly, subject to meeting specific criteria</b></p> <p><b><i>For example</i></b></p> <p>‘Full time’ i.e. 5 days a week office open to public  Regular update of media and/or web site.  Regular community events. Regular public surgeries  Proof of regular meaningful communication and contact between council and residents throughout the year.</p> <p>Cllr Ranford <b>PROPOSED</b> for the above motion to be put forward to the GAPTC AGM.  Seconded: Cllr Slatter: Vote: unanimous: <b><i>So resolved</i></b></p>
<b>FC.050/23-24</b>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LONG SERVICE AWARDS – To consider</b></p> <p>Cllr S Smith asked members if they wished to support long service awards for councillors in the form of a certificate of recognition of service.</p> <p>Cllr Ranford <b>PROPOSED</b> to agree recognition of long service at 5 years and every 5 years thereafter.  Seconded: Cllr Thompson: Vote: 8 for, 1 abstain, 1 against. <b><i>So resolved</i></b></p>
<b>FC.051/23-24</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE VIRING NOT EXCEEDING £11245.00 FROM QCC CONTINGENCY FUND TO COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AND THEN FOR EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING THE ABOVE AMOUNT FOR NEW FLOORING AT KINGSWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE</b></p>

	Mrs Webster asked for this matter to be deferred as not all steps had been met by the Community Buildings Committee to enable this decision to legally continue.
<b>FC.052/23-24</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE INCREASE TO QUEDGELEY SOCIAL CLUB UTILITY REPAYMENTS IN LINE WITH INCREASED EXPENDITURE AS RECOMMENDED BY F&amp;GP</b>  Cllr G Smith updated members on current utility expenditure, together with the general consensus of F&amp;GP.  Cllr Barwood <b>PROPOSED</b> to increase the monthly utility amount paid by QSC in order to meet the current utility costs.  Seconded: Cllr Ranford: Vote: unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p> <p><b>TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO INCREASE SOCIAL CLUB LICENCE FEE</b>  Members agreed that whilst utility costs are rising, the rent should remain the same temporarily.  Cllr Barwood <b>PROPOSED</b> to keep the rent as it is with a view to reviewing in 3 months time.  Seconded: Cllr Wheatley: Vote: 9 for, 1 abstain: <b>So resolved</b></p>
<b>FC.053/23-24</b>	<p><b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b>  Noting of the Minutes dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023: <b>accepted by F&amp;GP on 05.06.2023</b>  Nothing to report  Cllr S Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> Cllr Barwood and Cllr Powell be nominated onto F&amp;GP  Seconded: Cllr Thompson: Vote: unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p>
<b>FC.054/23-24</b>	<p><b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b>  Noting of the Minutes dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023: accepted by P&amp;D on 17.05.2023  Nothing to report  Cllr S Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> Cllr Barwood and Cllr Powell be nominated onto P&amp;D  Vote: unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p>
<b>FC.055/23-24</b>	<p><b>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</b>  Noting of the Minutes dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023: <b>accepted by R&amp;A on 07.06.2023</b>  Cllr Thompson provided a reminder of the following future events:  Dog Show – 04/06/2023  Fireworks – 11/11/2023  Christmas – 10/12/2023</p>
<b>FC.056/23-24</b>	<p><b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE</b>  Noting of the Minutes dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023: <b>accepted by CB on 12.06.2023</b>  Nothing to report</p>
<b>FC.057/23-24</b>	<p><b>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</b>  Cllr Thompson advised members of his and Cllr S Smith's visit to the Fieldcourt Infant Academy where they had been invited to speak to the children.  Request from Fieldcourt Infant Academy to undertake litter picking in the Nature Reserve and a need for councillors to be present. Cllr Ranford, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr Preston and Cllr Slatter all volunteered to be present.</p>
<b>FC.058/23-24</b>	<p><b>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL</b>  None</p>
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Noted</b>	

Meeting concluded: 20:35 hrs

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