

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Miss Weston, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr Harries, Cllr Hunter, Cllr Mrs Ellis

FC.089/23-24	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Mrs McAllan & Cllr Mrs Slatter
FC.090/23-24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.091/23-24	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING None present.
FC.092/23-24	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 21 st August 2023 Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Thompson Vote FOR 7 Abstain 2 So resolved.
FC.093/23-24	CLERK'S REPORT Complaints and Compliments, 29 received for the month of August all have been actioned or passed to the relevant authority. To note Future Chair Commitment, the clerk explained this part of the agenda in future will provide details of the events attended by the Chair when representing Quedgeley Town Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Sunday and Affiliation Service
FC.094/23-24	CORRESPONDENCE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk & Councils Direct – September 2023/Issue 149 SLCC, The Clerk Magazine. Hunts Grove Parish Council, recognise the increase in development and are concerned how the infrastructure will affect existing residential areas. Members are heading up a joint association of all local parish councils to submit concerns to relevant bodies. Cllr G Smtih volunteered to represent Quedgeley Town Council at this forum. Cllr S Smith PROPOSED he be elected to attend and report back to this meeting. Seconded Cllr Harries Vote Unanimous So resolved. Gloucester City Homes, St James Close. Residents raised concerns to Cllr G Smith who contacted the local City Councillors and Gloucester City Homes to attend a meeting to discuss their concerns. Confirmation received from Gloucester City Homes they are working through the list and are confident they can be addressed.
FC.095/23-24	CHAIR'S REPORT Cllr S Smith reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Service – 21.4.24 Saturday Surgery – Asda well attended by residents, lots of feedback. Thanks went to Cllr Ranford, who due to commitments by some Councillors she was, at times, on her own.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Open Day 25th September, Cllr Hunter queried their attendance at this meeting, Cllr S Smith advised, unfortunately no one from the Police has attended for many months but he would make contact again and seek some representation.
<p>FC.096/23-24</p>	<p>QUALITY GOLD STATEMENTS: To agree by resolution that the council either publishes online or has in the place the following:</p> <p>Standing Orders Code of Conduct and link to councillor's register of interests Publication Scheme Last Annual Return Information of council payments Calendar of meetings Minutes for at least one year of Full Council meetings, including draft minutes Current agendas Budget and precept information for the current or next financial year Complaints procedure Council contact details and Councillor profiles Action Plan and related budget Risk Management Document Register of Assets Contracts for all members of staff Disciplinary and Grievance Policies Training policy A record of all training taken by councillors and staff over the last 12 months A clerk who has achieved at least 12 CPD points in 12 months Health & Safety Policy Equality Policy Community Engagement Policy Grants Policy Evidence of contribution to Annual Town Assembly Evidence of Community Engagement including Events Scheme of Delegation Up to date insurance Addressed complaints received over the last 12 months At least 2 thirds of councillors have stood for election A printed annual report A Qualified Clerk A formal appraisal process Engagement with groups using a variety of methods Community engagement leading to positive outcomes Customer Service A broad range of council activities including new initiatives Cooperation with other organisations Ensures that the council delivers value for money Meets its duties in relation to bio-diversity and crime & disorder Provides leadership in planning for the future of the community Manages the performance of the council as a corporate body Manages the performance of each individual staff member to achieve its business plan.</p> <p>Mrs Webster informed members that Quality Gold Status was previously awarded in 2019 and it was now time to reapply. Mrs Webster enabled members to view all of the above on the website prior to the vote.</p>

	<p>Cllr Thompson PROPOSED to agree that all criteria listed, apart from the Election criteria is current and in place and can either be viewed on the website or by means of attending the Town Council Office. Seconded: Cllr Hunter: Vote: unanimous: So resolved</p> <p>Members agreed that it was unfortunate, due to some recent resignations, that the council did not quite meet the criteria for 2 thirds elected by 1. Cllr G Smith PROPOSED that the council aspire to meet this criterion during the May 2024 elections and that any vacancies incurred in the meantime be filled by election wherever possible. It was noted that it was hoped by members that the accreditation panel would look favourably upon this decision with a view to meeting the standard required for Quality Gold. Seconded: Cllr J Weston: Vote: unanimous: So resolved</p>
FC.097/23-24	<p>To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £720.00 inclusive of VAT annually for Parish Online subscription. Cllr Thompson PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Wilcox Vote Unanimous So resolved.</p>
FC.098/23-24	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 7th August 2023: accepted by F&GP on 04.09.2023 Chairman Report, nothing to report at this stage. Cllr Thompson PROPOSED to elect Cllr Mrs Ellis to this committee. Seconded Cllr Wilcox Vote Unanimous So resolved.</p>
FC.098/23-24	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 26th July 2023: accepted by P&D on 16.08.2023 Chairman Report, Cllr Wilcox reported the appeal at Kestrel Gardens has been dismissed.</p>
FC.099/23-24	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 2nd August 2023: accepted by R&A on 06.09.2023 Chairman Report, Cllr Thompson reported the following: Events: Firework Display 11th November, all members to attend to assist setting-up, on the evening and the next day to take down. It was recognised the dates this year conflict with Armistice Day and to recognise this, a firework poppy will close the display. Xmas Event – 10th December 2023 Armistice Day – 11th November at the war memorial 10.45am. Cllr S Smith PROPOSED Cllr Mrs Ellis be elected to this committee. Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote Unanimous So resolved.</p>
FC.100/23-24	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 14th August 2023: accepted by CB on 11.09.2023 Chairman Report, Cllr Wilcox gave an overview of the income and expenditure for the buildings and reported the following: Quedgeley Community Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £6,566.80 refurbish kitchen and replace floor in hall 2 kitchen. Kingsway Community Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £654.00 for a deep clean of the entrance foyer, kitchens, toilets and baby change. </p>

	<p>Waterwells Sports Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,625.00 new three-year maintenance contract for the astro with Replay Maintenance. • £433.01 per annum for a mixed waste recycling unit collection fortnightly.
FC.101/23-24	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES None received.</p>
FC.102/23-24	<p>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL None received. The Clerk reminded members this item was for referral to another meeting or to the next Full Council but was not to be treated as 'any other business'</p>
<p>Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The Council will by resolution exclude the public from items 15 and 16 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.</p>	
FC.103/23-24	<p>QUEDGELEY SOCIAL CLUB RENT REVIEW Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Thompson & Cllr Miss Weston all declared an interest in this item.</p> <p>The Clerk set out the current position and a full discussion took place subsequently, Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED to defer the decision for one month at the previously agreed reduced rate to offer an opportunity to discuss the financial position with Quedgeley Social Club and to seek evidence of their up to date financial position.</p> <p>Cllr Harries took the view the Social Club are aware the current arrangement is coming to an end and as such if further assistance was required it should have been made known to the Clerk and he sought a small amendment to the above and PROPOSED the decision be deferred until next month, but the rent be returned to the pre agreement level. If this is unaffordable Council can meet to discuss options and have sight of the up to date financial position. Vote For 3 AGAINST 6</p> <p>The motion was lost and a vote took place on the original proposal Vote For 6 AGAINST 3 So resolved.</p>
FC.104/23-24	<p>H&S request: To consider and agree setting QTC's contribution towards glasses for DSE equipment at £50.00 Cllr Thompson PROPOSED to accept the above. Seconded Cllr Wilcox Vote Unanimous So resolved.</p>

Meeting concluded : 21.00 hrs.