

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Powell, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Ranford, Cllr Goodge, Cllr Goddard, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Bradford, Cllr Potter, Cllr McAllan, Cllr Lee (arrived at 19.45hrs)

Representing Gloucester City Council - Cllr Lewis, Cllr Harries, Cllr Jones
Cllr Mrs Chambers & Cllr Chambers

FC.115/24-25	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Smith, Cllr Weston and Cllr Wnukowska
FC.116/24-25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.117/24-25	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
FC.118/24-25	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council Minutes dated 16 th September 2024 Cllr Robinson PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Goddard Vote Unanimous So resolved.
FC.119/24-25	CLERK'S REPORT Presentation of John Crompton Cup Award for Mentoring The above cup has been awarded to the Clerk, it recognises the important and challenging work mentoring new clerks through their 1 st year in post. Compliments and appreciation were passed to the Clerk acknowledging the dedication and effort given, not only to this council but others within Gloucestershire. Complaints and Compliments The Clerk gave an overview of the issues dealt with by the office for the month of September.
FC.120/24-25	CORRESPONDENCE None received.
FC.121/24-25	CHAIR'S REPORT Cllr Wilcox advised he attended the Police surgery, majority of items discussed were in relation to parking and overgrowth which have been passed to the relevant department. The parking restrictions at Kingsway Local Centre have been resolved following a meeting with Quedgeley Clerk and himself, the planning officer and the management company. Parking signs will be removed as soon as possible. Cllr Wilcox advised he is a member of the Neighbourhood Police Scheme and will be attending the meetings going forward.

FC.122/24-25	<p>RELIEF KEYHOLDERS FOR ALL BUILDINGS</p> <p>The clerk explained that very occasionally there is a need for an emergency key holder to step in for annual holidays or sick days subsequently, volunteers are being sought. The following was agreed:</p> <p>Kingsway Community Centre – Cllr Goddard, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Goodge, Cllr Bradford, Cllr Ranford, Cllr Wilcox & Cllr Potter</p> <p>Quedgeley Community Centre – Cllr McAllan, Cllr Ranford, Cllr Wilcox & Cllr Lee</p> <p>Kingsway Sport Pavilion – Cllr Ranford & Cllr Wilcox</p> <p>Waterwells Sports Centre – Cllr Wilcox</p>
FC.123/24-25	<p>COMMUNICATION STRATEGY</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Smith, this item was deferred.</p>
FC.124/24-25	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</p> <p>Noting of Minutes dated 5th August 2024: accepted by F&GP on 07.09.2024</p> <p>Successful Annual Audit with no exceptions. PKF Littlejohn - noted Chairman Report, accounts forecast is currently 36% overspend due to some large emergency repairs and maintenance.</p>
FC.125/24-25	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Noting of the Minutes dated 21st August 2024: accepted by P&D on 24.09.2024</p> <p>Chairman Report, nothing to report.</p>
FC.126/24-25	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</p> <p>No Minutes to note.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider & agree expenditure not exceeding £2,400.00 to carry out work to all trees identified in Treeworks Annual report. Cllr Ranford PROPOSED to approve the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Branford Vote Unanimous So resolved. • Reminder of Firework Display on Saturday 9th November 2024 at Fishers Meadow, gates open at 5pm fireworks at 7pm. The event this year is being managed by Apex Fireworks, but the Chairman reminded members it was still necessary to be present on the night to offer support and deal with any obstacles that may arise. <p>Clearwater School was approached to assist with parking spaces for the event and the head is happy to offer support however, there is some obstacles to overcome in relation to managing the site on the evening to prevent inconsiderate parking, the school has worked hard to ensure residents are not inconvenienced during school hours and this cannot be compromised. Cllr Bradford volunteered to attend if necessary.</p>
FC.127/24-25	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE</p> <p>Noting of the Minutes dated 9th September 2024: accepted by CB on 14.10.2024</p> <p>Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Mrs MacAllan was pleased to report the recent MacMillan coffee morning supported by the Council by offering the facilities free of charge raised £430.00. • Expenditure agreed for the following Remedial work at QCC following the fixed wire testing. Aquasafe Environmental to undertake a full service of the thermostatic mixer valves at Kingsway Sports Pavilion.

	<p>Agreed signs to display emergency location details using 'what3words' to quickly direct emergency services to the sites. Agreed to the CIL contribution to be used to replace the surface of the astro at Waterwells Sports Centre, the cheapest quote was agreed at £85,000.00</p>
FC.128/24-25	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Allotment Association, quite time of year b) Saturday Surgery – nothing to report. c) Futures Group - Cllr Pearce advised, the Business Plan provided by the preferred user of the now vacant Social Club is only for 2 years and there appears to be some gaps in matters relating to funding. He prepared Council, an alternative user may need to be considered but wished to arrange another meeting to discuss. Cllr Powell suggested Council imposes a timeline. The Clerk to arrange meeting. d) Community Pantry - Cllr Ranford advised it is still proving to be very successful and approx. 100 residents are helped each week. The current balance in the bank is reasonably healthy but other applications are being prepared. e) Community Garden - this was tidied last weekend, and a few winter crops planted. Cllr Robinson volunteered to take this over and help with management and attendance of volunteers. f) Incinerator Liaison Group -
FC.129/24-25	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL – none received.
DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18th November 2024 – noted.	

Meeting concluded 20.50hrs

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 21st October 2024

Cllr Lewis advised, the former RAF site now Kingsway during the 1st world war was an ammunition filling station and in excess of 4,000 ladies worked at the site to aid the war effort. As a result of handling the toxic substances their skin discoloured and they were known locally as 'The Canary Girls'. In recognition of the former use of the land at Kingsway and in memory of the ladies who worked at the site, Cllr Chambers has suggested it be recognised in some way and a working group is being arranged to agree what format this should take. The 1st planned meeting is 5th November and details will be sent to the Clerk for a representative from Quedgeley Town Council to attend. The unofficial deadline for the memorial is 2028 which will be the 110th anniversary of the end of the war.

Quedgeley Town Council will create a media poll and report responses to the meeting.

Members wholeheartedly supported the proposal and City Councillors left the meeting at 20.00hrs.