

MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Goddard, Cllr Bradford, Cllr Goodge, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Wnukowska, Cllr Ranford, Cllr Powell, Cllr Smith and Cllr Potter

Cllr Miller – Gloucester City Council
Cllr James – Gloucester City Council

FC.133/24-25	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Lee, Cllr Weston and Cllr McAllan
FC.134/24-25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.135/24-25	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
FC.136/24-25	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 21 st October 2024 Cllr Ranford PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes Seconded: Cllr Goddard: Vote: Unanimous So resolved
FC.137/24-25	CLERK'S REPORT a) Complaints and Compliments There were 29 issues dealt with for the month of October which the clerk summarised. Mrs Webster also provided a separate update on complaints received from the Fireworks Event. 4 complaints were received in total 2 relating to car parking and inadequate lighting, 1 relating to litter left from the event and 1 relating to inappropriate language heard within the music lyrics at the event. Mrs Webster advised that all complaints have been dealt with including a statement provided by Apex Events. It was clear that from all of the feedback received, the compliments have far outweighed any complaints and Cllr Wilcox asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Apex Events, in particular for the running of the event but also for pre and post communication. All members agreed that a full debrief needs to take place by the Recreation & Amenities committee with a view to considering areas that may need addressing next year. Members further agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to HiWC for the organisation of the Armistice Day Event. Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED that a letter of thanks be sent to both Apex Events and HiWC. Seconded: Cllr Powell: Vote: Unanimous: So resolved
FC.138/24-25	CORRESPONDENCE None
FC.139/24-25	CHAIR'S REPORT Cllr Wilcox reported on the Police Advocacy Scheme. The Neighbourhood team is working on hotspots of anti social behaviour which will soon be focussed on this area. Links with the police as a result are being enhanced and he will feedback further after the next meeting. He further advised that Restorative Justice can be used to resolve neighbourhood disputes. Cllr Wilcox offered his thanks to everyone who came along and helped at the Fireworks Event.

FC.140/24-25	<p>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE DRAFT YEAR PLANNER 2025 Members received the year planner in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Powell PROPOSED to agree to the above year planner. Seconded: Cllr Smith: Vote: Unanimous: So resolved</p>
FC.141/24-25	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of Minutes dated 7th October 2024: accepted by F&GP on 04.11.2024 Cllr Pearce provided an update: Grant application received but due to be reconsidered at next meeting, together with the Grants Policy All centres appear to be performing well.</p> <p>Nothing further to report</p>
FC.142/24-25	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 21st August 2024: accepted by P&D on 24.09.2024 Cllr Powell reported on the following: Parking on verges in specific areas in Quedgeley and parking in Stephenson Drive being looked at with a view to considering parking issues in general. Cllr Powell asked all councillors to be aware of any parking issues brought to their attention and to send them to P&D. Cllr Powell updated members of the current planning applications being considered by the committee. Meeting due to take place with Highways regarding the traffic in Kingsway and the need to open up further routes in and out of Kingsway to alleviate the problem. Cllr Wilcox advised he would update the council once this meeting has taken place, however all members agreed that this needs to be looked into and a solution found. Nothing further to report.</p>
FC.143/24-25	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 4th September 2024: accepted by R&A on 06.11.2024 With the absence of the chair, Cllr Goodge reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Maintenance Plan agreed for the update of The Moat, including signage. • Next event is the Christmas Event on 8th December and volunteers are required to help set up and clear away. <p>Nothing further to report.</p>
FC.144/24-25	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 14th October 2024: accepted by CB on 11.11.2024 With the absence of the chair, Cllr Wilcox reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asbestos survey agreed to incorporate the Social Club premises. • WIFI to be looked at for all centre. <p>Nothing further to report.</p>
FC.145/24-25	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Allotment Association – Renewals currently taking place which will then show any plots still available. b) Saturday Surgery – to be looked into in the New Year. c) Futures Group – following the previous extra ordinary meeting, an invite as gone out to the interested party to meet with the now agreed working party of 3 councillors. Mrs Webster advised she is still awaiting an availability window from the interested party. Cllr Pearce confirmed that this matter takes priority at the moment, however is keen to consider future aspirations in the new year. Cllr

	<p>d) Community Pantry – 100 members on average per week. Grants are still being gratefully received and some fund raising events are organised for the future. Bingo Night coming up followed by a Car Boot Sale on the 1st December. Spaces still available. Cllr Ranford asked all members to share her posts if on social media. There will also be a toy stall at the Christmas event. Cllr Ranford advised she has recently spoken on BBC radio regarding the pantry which went very well. Fundraising links are available on Social Media which enables the pantry to receive a percentage of funds when items purchased.</p> <p>e) Community Garden – handed over to Mike Robinson. Waterwells School have shown some interest, other than that quite quiet at the moment.</p>
FC.146/24-25	<p>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL Communications Strategy Cllr Potter raised a concern regarding the removal of the width restrictors on the pathway leading from St James' to Tesco. She cited a danger to people with motor cycles now coming down the pathway and narrowly avoiding pedestrians. Cllr Powell provided a history on why the restrictors were put in place and it was agreed that complaints log would be beneficial to show whether the restrictor needs to be reinstated.</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th December 2024 – Quedgeley Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm.</p>	

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 18th November 2024

- City Councillor Karen James – expressed a thank you to the Town Council for making her feel welcome at the Armistice Day Service held at St James' War Memorial. Nothing further to report at this stage. Cllr Ranford expressed her thanks for the £500.00 grant award for the Community Pantry.
- City Councillor Victoria Miller – invited councillors to ask questions. Cllr Miller expressed her congratulations on a successful Fireworks event. Cllr Miller asked for an update on the Canary Girls memorial. Mrs Webster confirmed she had attended a joint meeting with other City Councillors. This matter is moving forward slowly, however there is some further discussion taking place on where the memorial should go. Mrs Webster confirmed that a Poll had been placed on Facebook and there is a clear favourite. She advised she would update the council further once a second meeting has taken place.