

**Minutes of the meeting of Quedgeley Town Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Quedgeley Community Centre at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT** Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Powell Cllr Pearce, Cllr Goddard, Cllr Lee, Cllr McAllan, Cllr Goodge, Cllr Wnukowska

Cllr Victoria Miller and Cllr Karen James – Gloucester City Council

Mr G Smith - resident

<b>FC.147/24-25</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Potter, Cllr Ranford, Cllr Robinson Cllr Smith Cllr Weston & Cllr Bradford.
<b>FC.148/24-25</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> None received.
<b>FC.149/24-25</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING</b> The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
<b>FC.150/24-25</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES</b> Adoption of the Full Council extraordinary Minutes dated 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 Cllr Powell <b>PROPOSED</b> to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meetings. Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous <b>So resolved.</b>
<b>FC.151/24-25</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT</b> The Clerk reported the complaints received for November and explained the 3 complaints received in related to the firework display, all have received a response from Council.
<b>FC.052/24-25</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> Congratulations to Vicky Ranford for nomination of Councillor of the Year acknowledged and congratulations recorded.  Email regarding Woodburners and adopting a smoke control area. Complaint received in relation to neighbours woodburner omitting black smoke and an acrid smell which radiates into his property, he is seeking a smoke control area be adopted for Quedgeley/Kingsway which will legislate regarding what can be burnt. Cllr Wilcox believed legislation already exists for log burners. The Clerk instructed to investigate and report.  Kingsway Local Centre – Signage and adoption of car park. E-mail received from management company suggesting the tenants of the retail units are complaining regarding vehicles parking but not using the retail units. The company has offered the car park to Quedgeley Town Council for £1.00 however, Council felt there was some serious repair and maintenance work needed before any serious conversation could take place. If the decision was made to proceed a commuted sum and the business plan for management would also be sought. It was agreed to arrange another meeting and to contact the planning officer and the school and to ask for copies of the complaints.
<b>FC.153/24-25</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b> Presentation of Long service award 25 years Julian Powell, congratulations and thanks for his service were made.

	<p>Martyns Law – Chair to advise. The legislation was circulated and following discussion Cllr Powell <b>PROPOSED</b> to opt out of the standard tier requirements for events of less than 200. Seconded                      Cllr Lee                      Vote                      Unanimous                      <b>So resolved.</b></p> <p>Xmas Event thanks were extended to Cllr Powell for stepping in as Santa at the recent Xmas event. Cllrs thought although the event was well received felt the hall could be better decorated next year.</p>
<b>FC.154/24-25</b>	<p><b>COMMUNICATION STRATEGY</b> To discuss further (Cllr B Smith) In the absence of Cllr Smith this item was deferred.</p>
<b>FC.155/24-25</b>	<p><b>TO DISCUSS LOBBYING FOR HYBRID MEETINGS – Clerk to advise.</b> The Government has launched an investigation into holding hybrid meetings explaining the pros and cons of doing so. All Councils are being approached for their views by 19<sup>th</sup> December. Following discussion, it was agreed not to support hybrid meetings.</p>
<b>FC.156/24-25</b>	<p><b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b> Noting of the Minutes dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024: <b>accepted by F&amp;GP on 02.12.2024</b> Chairman Report Cllr Pearce reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants policy being reviewed</li> <li>• Budget on track</li> <li>• Seeking alternative options for an independent auditor</li> </ul>
<b>FC.157/24-25</b>	<p><b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b> Noting of the Minutes dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024: <b>accepted by P&amp;D on 20.11.2024</b> Chairman Report Nothing to report.</p>
<b>FC.158/24-25</b>	<p><b>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</b> Noting of the Minutes dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024: <b>accepted by R&amp;A on 04.12.2024</b> Chairman Report Nothing to report.</p>
<b>FC.159/24-25</b>	<p><b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE</b> Noting of the Minutes dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024: <b>accepted by CB on 09.12.2024</b> Cllr McAllan reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed Rex Bishop to un undertake an asbestos survey at Quedgeley Community Centre &amp; Quedgeley Social Club.</li> <li>• Approved purchase of smart water for the new ground's maintenance equipment, this has been registered with the police.</li> <li>• Approved the astro re surface to include kick boards.</li> <li>• Waste collection provider being transferred for a cheaper option, delegated final decision to the Council office.</li> <li>• Investigating automatic locks to all council buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>FC.160/24-25</b>	<p><b>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Allotment Association – nothing to report, too wet.</li> <li>b) Saturday Surgery – dates to be circulated in the new year.</li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) Futures Group – nothing at present, use of previous QSC to be discussed later at this meeting.</li> <li>d) Community Pantry – Cllr Ranford stepped back from the day to day running of the party a replacement volunteer has been agreed and Cllr Bradford has volunteered to be the Council representative.</li> <li>e) Community Garden – nothing to report.</li> <li>f) Incinerator – Cllr Powell suggested funding possible through S106 should be sought for air monitoring equipment. Defer to planning.</li> </ul>
<b>FC.161/24-25</b>	<b>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL</b> None received.
<p><b>Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item 16 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.</b></p> <p>Cllr Wilcox <b>PROPOSED</b>, and it was unanimously agreed to discuss the following item under confidential.</p>	
<b>FC.162/24-25</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING £20,000.00 FOR SOCIAL CLUB REMEDIAL WORKS AND NEXT STEPS.</b></p> <p>The Clerk explained the preferred tenant has pulled out, advising the business model was not profitable. To allow an income to be made from the facilities some remedial work and maintenance is needed. It is impossible, at this stage, to provide an exact cost, therefore delegated authority is being sought to the Clerk and two Councillors to move forward with arranging the work and all expenditure will be reported to Council. Upon completion the facility can be let for ad hoc bookings until a permanent tenant is secured. Cllr Wilcox and Cllr Powell volunteered to work with the Clerk on this project. Cllr Wnukowska <b>PROPOSED</b> the above.</p> <p>Seconded      Cllr McAllan                      Vote              Unanimous</p>
<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Quedgeley Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm</b></p>	

Meeting concluded 21.00hrs.

***Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024***

A local resident addressed the Council with a plea to find a tenant for the Quedgeley Social Club building. They advised there is a group of elderly residents who met regularly, played bingo and socialised who have currently transferred to the Q Club, the cost of hire has been met by Quedgeley Community Trust. However, the funds are limited, and the group are keen to see the building used as a community hub and suggested a tenant should be sought for this purpose and felt it was in the council's interest to bring the building back into use.

Cllr James advised she has received numerous complaints in relation to the bins not being emptied at the Local Centre. She has contacted Knight Frank who manage the site, who advised it is costing £8k annually to empty the bins and felt this could be put to better use. Consequently, she is investigating if the City Council will take over this service. All bins emptied by the City Council are now electronically recorded so a better understanding of how often each bin needs to be emptied is known.

Highways are dealing with travellers by the fly over. Housing application submitted to Stroud District Council. There are some welfare issues to overcome.

The cycle barriers have been removed from the vicarage footpath due to a complaint received from one resident that he was unable to use the footpath with his mobility scooter. The local Unit 8, Olympus Park Business Centre, Quedgeley, Gloucester. GL2 4NF

resident already present advised unfortunately, as a result of this, the footpath is being used by electric scooters and mopeds etc. and the Town Council has received a number of complaints. When they were removed it was suggested the City Council should monitored the situation for 6 months and it was believed the barriers went into storage.