

Minutes of Quedgeley Town Council Meeting held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Monday 20th January 2025 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Powell, Cllr B Smith, Cllr Pearce, Cllr McAllan, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Goddard, Cllr Bradford, Cllr Potter, Cllr Wnukowksa (8pm)

1 member of the Public

FC.161/24-25	APOLOGIES Cllr Weston, Cllr Lee, Cllr Ranford, Cllr Goodge
FC.162/24-25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.163/24-25	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
FC.164/24-25	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 16 th December 2024 Cllr Goddard PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr McAllan Volt Unanimous So resolved.
FC.165/24-25	CLERK'S REPORT Complaints and Compliments The Clerk offered an overview of the items for December. To provide confirmation to PATA payroll for change of administrator. The Clerk explained due to the current member of staff who administers the payroll leaving Council employment in March, the Deputy will be picking up the duties and a resolution is needed. Cllr Potter PROPOSED the monthly payroll duties be transferred to the Deputy Clerk Seconded Cllr Bradford Vote Unanimous So resolved.
FC.166/24-25	CORRESPONDENCE a) Clerks & Councils Direct January 2025 Issue 157 b) The Clerk Magazine – January 2025 c) Invite from HiWC re VE Day May 8 th 2025 The above items were noted. d) HiWC reminder, the Quedgeley Show is being arranged on 17 th August at Severn Vale School from 10.00am – 5.00pm and the Town Council is invited to have a Council stall, volunteers were sought. e) Request received from Rev Siddall from St James' Church to attend future Full Council Meeting to discuss access requirements. Approved.
FC.167/24-25	CHAIR'S REPORT Martyn's Law – to discuss further. Cllr Wilcox provided details of the proposed legislation which is to protect and mitigate against terrorist attacks for events in excess of 200 people. The time scale for implementation is unknown at this stage as the Act is still working its way through parliament. A working party is to be established with Cllr Smith, Cllr Bradford, Cllr Wilcox and possibly Cllr Potter depending on work commitments. The Clerk to provide a copy of the current risk assessment.

	Cllr Wnukowska arrived, as previously advised.
FC.168/24-25	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 2nd December 2024: accepted by F&GP on 06.01.2025 Chairman advised, a new grants policy was ratified and the budget for 25-26 has been ratified.</p>
FC.169/24-25	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 20th November 2024: accepted by P&D on 18.12.2024 Chairman advised nothing to report.</p>
FC.170/24-25	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 4th December 2024: accepted by R&A on 08.01.2025 Chairman absent, Cllr Potter reported, working with HiWC for the Armistice Day remembrance and fishing rights at the Moat are being explored.</p>
FC.171/24-25	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 8th December 2024 : accepted by CB on 13.01.2025 Chairman reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trade waste bins have been replaced for a cheaper option. • Considerable extra time was requested for weekend use by a user group but was declined to allow for adhoc community use. • The lighting protection survey has been approved for Kingsway Sport Pavilion and Kingsway Community Centre. • Agreed the budget for 2025/2026 to include <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repainting Kingsway Community Centre 2. Replace foyer matting 3. Install concrete ramp from Hall 1 fire exit 4. Remote locking and wifi at Kingsway Sport Pavilion 5. Replace main access doors at Waterwells Sports Centre.
FC.172/24-25	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Allotment Association several of the raised beds at site 1 are in a poor condition several wood panels are rotting so an order has been placed to address. b) Saturday Surgery – still waiting for confirmation of dates. c) Futures Group – former Social Club premises to be discussed later. d) Community Pantry – consistently helping 100 families a week, some stock is low and a plea has been put on social media. There are problems with rubbish and storage. It was agreed not to collect donations from one superstore due to the amount of out-of-date stock and the problems of disposal this created. e) Community Garden, Cllr Robinson volunteered to engage with Waterwells Primary School who wish to use some of the site for their curriculum. f) Incinerator Community Liaison Group, Cllr Powell advised new government figures reveal incinerators are the 4th largest cause of pollution in the country. <p>It was agreed to add 'Martyns Law' to this item on future agendas.</p>

Fc.173/24-25	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL Communication Strategy
<p>Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item 14 & 15 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.</p> <p>Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED, and it was unanimously agreed to discuss the following item under confidential.</p>	
FC.174/24-25	TO DISCUSS COVER OF MEETINGS/BUDGET ETC IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CLERK The Clerk explained she will possibly be absent for 6 weeks following planned surgery. She will prepare the accounts early in February and the Deputy Clerk will be attending the Finance meetings. The Clerk will return to work in time to prepare the end of year accounts.
FC.175/24-25	UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS FOR SOCIAL CLUB PREMISES. Members discussed the points previously raised by the resident present and noted their concerns. After much discussion it was agreed that there are several groups operating from Quedgeley Community Centre and St James Church specifically targeting senior citizens as well as facilities available to hire at a favourable rate for adhoc gatherings. When pressed about the management and operating structure of any future group the resident was unable to offer any ideas or options to support the request. It was noted the office, with the exception of the resident present, has not received a single request, since Quedgeley Social Club closed for it to be reopened as a community hub or any ideas of what shape this would take. Members unanimously agreed the space should be put to use as soon as possible; it was accepted the space should be equipped with a small kitchen, which the council has previously agreed to fund, together with some remedial work. It was disappointing that the original option was not viable, especially as members agreed that a community hub was their first consideration however it was agreed to proceed with a new expression of interest. Details to remain confidential at this stage. Cllr Bradford PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Robinson Vote Unanimous So resolved.
DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th February 2025 – Quedgeley Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm	

Meeting concluded 21.00hrs

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 20th January 2025

Unit 8, Olympus Park Business Centre, Quedgeley, Gloucester. GL2 4NF

A local resident present spoke in relation to the facilities recently vacated by Quedgeley Social Club and requested the space be reserved for activities for senior citizens expressing their disappointment that there was nowhere for this side of Quedgeley for events such as bingo, quizzes or a meeting point particularly at Xmas. Many senior citizens are unable to travel far and feel there is a shortfall of facilities this side of Quedgeley. Members were interested to understand what vision they had for the facilities in relation to attendance and management, but no suggestions were put forward.

Cllr Miller, Gloucester City Council was unable to attend but sent a written report to the Clerk advising, she had asked questions in relation to the removal of the bollard on the footpath adjacent to the rectory to the rear of Tesco unfortunately however, City or County do not appear to have any knowledge of why it was removed or by whom.