

MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2024 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Powell, Cllr Goddard, Cllr Bradford, Cllr Goodge, Cllr Lee, Cllr McAllan, Cllr Parce, Cllr Potter, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Smith, Cllr Weston, Cllr Wnukowska

Cllr Lewis – Gloucester City Council
Cllr James – Gloucester City Council
Cllr Jones – Gloucester City Council

FC.082/24-25	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Ranford
FC.083/24-25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.084/24-25	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
FC.085/24-25	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council extra ordinary minutes dated 15 th July 2024 Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 15 th July 2024 Adoption of the Full Council extra ordinary minutes dated 29 th July 2024 Cllr Powell PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous So resolved
	KINGSWAY LOCAL CENTRE PARKING – TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM KNIGHTFRANK.COM Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED and it was unanimously agreed to rearrange the agenda to allow for this item to be discussed with City Councillors present. So resolved Cllr Powell raised the issue of the recently imposed parking restrictions at the Kingsway Local Centre and how this will impact on the Kingsway Community Centre. The Clerk read out an e-mail from the management company offering ownership of the car park to Quedgeley Town Council, whilst this at first glance appears to solve the problems, the condition of the surface and the standard of the groundwork were called in to question. There are regularly large dips in the car park and the block paving separates. Following communication with the management company, it was suggested the restrictions have been imposed due to the retail units complaining that the parking is largely being taken by other facilities in the area, eg the Community Centre, church and school. However, this was challenged with members present advising, there is only an issue when large events at the school or the Church are planned but for the most part the car park is empty. Members were concerned with the ongoing costs if ownership were to be transferred, but Cllr Pearce PROPOSED to consider the option and to enter into discussions with the management company and raise the subject of the condition of the car park and if any issues would be repaired prior to transfer of the car park. In addition, query if a financial commitment could be collected from the retail units for the upkeep of the car park. Seconded Cllr Lee Vote For 12 against 1 So resolved.
FC.086/24-25	CLERK'S REPORT a) Complaints and Compliments There were 39 issues dealt with for the month of July.

	<p>b) To note achievement of the Quality Gold Award under the Local Council Award Scheme. The Chairman thanked the clerk and office staff for their hard work obtaining this achievement. He further explained the process can be demanding and much effort is needed to meet the criteria.</p> <p>c) To note the Publication of Exercise of Public Rights, completing on 29th August 2024 – noted.</p>
FC.087/24-25	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Lithium batteries – clarify that no financial support required, only sharing of information it was unanimously agreed to support.</p>
FC.828/24-25	<p>CHAIR'S REPORT Cllr Wilcox was unable to attend the last surgery with City Councillors and the police. He received 1 item of feedback which was a resident expressing his disappointment the Quedgeley Social Club has closed.</p> <p>He attended the annual meeting of GAPTC and attempted again to submit a motion for the APA to be voluntary, but it was rejected.</p>
FC.089/24-25	<p>GREEN BIN ROTA – TO CONSIDER FORMING A ROTA FOR QUEDGELEY CEMETERY GREEN BINS. Volunteers Cllr Smith, Cllr Potter and Cllr Wilcox. Dates to be distributed. It was also suggested volunteers from the Church are sought as 2 of the 4 bins are the responsibility of the Church.</p>
FC.090/24-25	<p>QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – DEFERRED FROM R&A It was unanimously agreed to support a newsletter but not in the conventional paper form but electronically through social media and e-mails etc. Residents would subscribe to the quarterly newsletter but could unsubscribe at any time. Cllr Smith has a background in this and offered to assist to set up. However, the notice boards around the parish could be utilised to assist. The council website to sign post to other resources within the parish.</p> <p>Cllr Smith left the meeting at 20.40 hrs.</p> <p>Cllr Potter PROPOSED to establish an electronic newsletter through e-mail and social media outlets Seconded Cllr Bradford Vote Unanimous So resolved.</p>
FC.091/24-25	<p>KINGSWAY LOCAL CENTRE PARKING – TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM KNIGHTFRANK.COM This was discussed at length during the public forum with the City Councillors present.</p>
FC.092/24-25	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 1st July 2024: accepted by F&GP on 05.08.2024 To consider any nominations for F&GP Committee – none received. Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The September meeting has been deferred due to annual leave. • Income positive position • Large payment for a leak at the allotments • CCTV purchased from Quedgeley Social Club • Additional committee members were sought.

<p>FC.093/24-25</p>	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 19th June 2024: accepted by P&D on 17.07.2024 To consider any nominations for P&D Committee Cllr Powell PROPOSED Cllr Goddard join the meeting Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous So resolved</p> <p>Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested enforcement action to address parking issues at Curtis Hayward Drive following an approved planning application. • In discussion with the Police and County Council to address company vehicles parking in Stephenson Drive. Egress from Waterwells Sports Centre is being made extremely hazardous. • New parking restrictions at Kingsway Local Centre will have serious implications if the current situation cannot be resolved. • Consultation on Phase one of the Strategic Local Plan have closed. Committee will submit responses again at phase 2. • Updating the Emergency Plan.
<p>FC.094/24-25</p>	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 3rd July 2024: accepted by R&A on 07.08.2024 To consider any nominations for R&A Committee – none received Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firework event is being arranged and managed by Apex Fireworks. This is due to the event being so popular and can no longer be safely managed by volunteers. • Expenditure of £27.00 agreed for the wreath for Remembrance Day. • 2 skips have been provided, one at each allotment site. • The Moat is now in the ownership of Quedgeley Council, a grass cutting scheduled and cost to be agreed. • £25.00 per visit to weed kill Druids Oak play park agreed
<p>FC.095/24-25</p>	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 8th July 2024: accepted by CB on 12.08.2024 To consider any nominations for CB Committee Cllr McAllan PROPOSED Cllr Goddard join the committee Seconded Cllr Robinson Vote Unanimous So resolved.</p> <p>Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a request from a user group using the committee room it was agreed, at their cost, the flooring in the committee room can be replaced. • Permanently waived the hiring fee for St James Church annual fair at Quedgeley Community Centre. • Renewed the contract for the air conditioning unit in the Council office. • Replaced the sensors on the automatic doors due to a fault. • Agreed expenditure to replace the letters at the Robin Greaves Sports Centre. • All incorrect street signs in relation to the change of Council name and new office have been masked over to avoid confusion. • Bleed kits have been ordered and will be provided at all Town Council buildings.
<p>FC.096/24-25</p>	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Allotment Association, BBQ planned for 31st August @ 3pm all welcome Saturday Surgery, nothing to report Futures Group, discussed Quedgeley Social Club, on agenda under confidential Community Pantry, proving very successful helped 90 people this week and has received positive feedback. Community Garden, volunteers tidied the garden and lots of produce has been provided for the community party.

FC.097/24-25	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL None received.
<p align="center">Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item 17 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.098/24-25	<p>TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SOCIAL CLUB PREMISES.</p> <p>Cllr Pearce ran through the proposals and circulated a plan of the 5 applications received and discussed the objectives of the council for the facility. Members agreed the objective is to retain the 'community' aspect for the facility.</p> <p>Questions from the floor were received and discussion took place to agree the best way forward, as a result Cllr Pearce PROPOSED to invite Mr Turner to present his proposal together with a 2-year business plan to include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits to the community • Hours of operation • Funding, how will it be secured and from where? • How to deal with anti-social behaviour? <p>Seconded Cllr Robinson Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th September 2024 – Quedgeley Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm - confirmed.</p>	

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 19th August 2024

Cllr James advised on the following:

- fly tipping & litter was raised at the last meeting City Council is seeking more environmental officers as staffing is an issue.
- There are lots of complaints in relation to weeds, a new machine is now being used which will rip out weeds and their roots. The Council is looking at moving away from spraying.
- Road lay out in School Lane by Sholars Walk to be adapted to assist students from Severn Vale School at the end of the school day.
- Cllr Robinson explained chaos was caused in Kingsway recently when temporary traffic lights were erected and queried if redirection would have been a better option? Cllr James advised, that was not possible as at the time Valley Gardens was also closed due to implementation of 5G equipment. Cllr Powell advised there were significant complaints received when New Haven Road was closed and questioned if the underpass by Matalan could be opened permanently. Cllr Lewis advised these complaints should be directed to County Council Highways. It was acknowledged there are lots of issues in Kingsway for a development of that size. Fix my street was put forward as an efficient app. for reporting street issues.