

MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Goddard, Cllr Bradford, Cllr Goodge, Cllr Lee, Cllr McAllan, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Weston, Cllr Wnukowska and Cllr Ranford. Cllr Ranford left the meeting at 8.40pm.

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

FC.099/24-25	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Potter, Cllr Smith and Cllr Powell
FC.100/24-25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.101/24-25	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
FC.102/24-25	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 19 th August 2024 Cllr Robinson PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes Seconded: Cllr Goddard: Vote: Unanimous So resolved
FC.103/24-25	CLERK'S REPORT a) Complaints and Compliments There were 30 issues dealt with for the month of August.
FC.104/24-25	CORRESPONDENCE Members noted the resignation of Robyn Roberts and thanked her for her time on the Council. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine – September 2024 Issue 155 The Clerk Magazine – September 2024
FC.105/24-25	CHAIR'S REPORT Cllr Wilcox advised he has been invited to the cake cutting ceremony at Tesco Quedgeley on Saturday 14 th September to celebrate 40 years since it opened. Cllr Wilcox and the clerk have arranged a meeting with Knight Frank and Gloucester City Council on Monday 30 th September 2024 to discuss the current parking restrictions. The council will be updated on progress.
FC.106/24-25	COUNCIL WEBSITE TO CONSIDER AND AGREE EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING £600.00 TO SET UP COUNCIL WEBSITE USING PARISH ONLINE Cllr Wilcox provided a brief overview of the website and confirmed that a link showing a demonstration of the website had been sent to all councillors. He further advised that as members already of Parish Online, a discount would be provided should the council sign up for the website. The costs involved would be for the setting up only and do not include the annual running of the website. Mrs Webster advised that these costs would need to be reconsidered at a future meeting. Cllr Ranford PROPOSED to agree to the above expenditure for the setting up costs. Seconded: Cllr Bradford: Vote: Unanimous: So resolved
FC.107/24-25	COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

	In the absence of Cllr Smith, it was agreed that this matter should be deferred to the next Full Council meeting.
FC.108/24-25	FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE No minutes to note. Nothing financial to report other than what is already included within the agenda.
FC.109/24-25	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 17 th July 2024: accepted by P&D on 21.08.2024 Cllr Lee reported on the following: Strategic Local Plan deferred due to ongoing changes. Traffic Survey Emergency Plan Nothing further to report.
FC.110/24-25	RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 7 th August 2024: accepted by R&A on 04.09.2024 Cllr Weston reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apex Fireworks attended R&A on the 4th September to discuss the display and what would be involved. • Expenditure agreed for costs attributed to a Santa at the next Christmas Event. Cllr Weston advised that any Santa must be DBS checked. • Expenditure agreed for the new sign at Druids Oak Playpark. • 5 Bird Boxes agreed for the Nature Reserve and Bat Boxes to be looked into. • Grass cutting schedule agreed for The Moat
FC.111/24-25	COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 12 th August 2024: accepted by CB on 09.09.2024 Cllr McAllan reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £3720.00 transferred to R&A to assist with unexpected Water Leak Costs at the Allotments. • Expenditure agreed to renew the annual maintenance contract for Access and Intruder Alarm at Kingsway Community Centre • Ram Lock approved for the Tractor at Kingsway Sports Pavilion
FC.112/24-25	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Allotment Association – First annual BBQ has been held and it was a great success. Prizes given out for the best kept plot and a community feeling is beginning to form within the new allotment site. Skips have been provided for both sites which are now full. There is a possibility of a WhatsApp group forming bearing in mind GDPR compliancy. Cllr Ranford asked to be added to the WhatsApp group if formed as it would benefit the community garden project. Cllr Wilcox advised that a Facebook page will be set up by the office. Cllr Wnukowska reported that a financial initiative is in the pipeline to help generate more funds for reinvesting into the allotments. b) Saturday Surgery – joint surgeries already taking place between the Police, City and Town Councils however members agreed that there is an appetite for restarting Saturday Surgeries. Members who volunteered were: Cllr Weston, Cllr McAllan, Cllr Wnukowska, Cllr Bradford, Cllr Ranford, Cllr Lee, Cllr Pearce and Cllr Wilcox. Cllr Ranford asked if the surgery could be coordinated with the planned food bank meetings. Members agreed to investigate. c) Futures Group – Keen to get a meeting set to discuss future aspirations and projects. The empty social club premises is the main agenda item at the moment. Cllr Robinson advised that he is keen for R&A to look into holding an annual fun day. Cllr Lee asked if members would like a monthly update on St

	<p>James' Church. Members agreed that anything specific would be asked and there is no requirement for a monthly update.</p> <p>d) Community Pantry – 80 members on average per week, however last week there were 93 members. No longer advertising the pantry as it is proving very successful in its own right. Financially stable with a Household support grant earmarked for £1000.00. Kate Morris will be taking over more responsibility over the next few weeks</p> <p>e) Community Garden – not as much take up as hoped. 10 volunteers at the moment. The garden will be maintained with a view to trying to get more interest.</p>
FC.113/24-25	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL None received.
<p>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.</p>	
FC.114/24-25	<p>TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS FOR SOCIAL CLUB PREMISES.</p> <p>Cllr Pearce referred to the presentation earlier from an interested party and confirmed that the proposal meets all of the criteria set by the council at former meetings. The proposer goes into great detail and Cllr Pearce fully supports this project. He advised that further consideration should be given into seeing if separate metres for the empty premises can be supplied. He summarised by saying that the other expressions of interests received have become non-viable with limited usage and scope and do not meet all of the criteria and covenants. Other members were then invited to speak.</p> <p>General comments made:</p> <p>There should be an investment made by the council and costs need to be reviewed. The proposal is reasonable and could increase the value of the building. Costings need to be fully investigated, and the appearance needs to change to create a more inviting entrance.</p> <p>Excited by the proposal. The applicant seems willing to meet the council halfway and we should do the same. We need to receive the whole picture now.</p> <p>Following much discussion Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED that the proposal put forward by the interested party should be accepted subject to investigation of a business plan and costings and that utility metres should be separated wherever possible between the Community Centre and the empty premises.</p> <p>Seconder: Cllr Bradford: Vote: unanimous: So resolved</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st October 2024 – Quedgeley Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm - confirmed.</p>	

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 16th September 2024

- Presentation from interested applicant on the reopening of the empty Social Club premises to back up written proposal already circulated to all councillors in advance of the meeting. Comments were raised by councillors, including costings, work involved, working partnership etc. Cllr Wilcox thanked the applicant for their very thorough proposal and confirmed that this would be discussed further under confidential business.
- City Councillor Andrew Lewis – attending meeting however nothing to report at this present time.
- City Councillor Karen James – Ongoing parking issues at The Local Centre, Kingsway. Cllr Wilcox confirmed that the Town Council have now arranged a joint meeting between Gloucester

City Planning Department, City Councillor Karen James, Quedgeley Town Council and Knight Frank to discuss parking restrictions at the Kingsway Local Centre. Meeting to take place 30th September 2024.