

**MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2025**

**PRESENT** Cllr Bradford, Cllr Goodge, Cllr Lee, Cllr McAllan, Cllr Smith and Cllr Wilcox  
Cllr Karen James – Gloucester City Council

<b>FC.001/25-26</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Cllr Powell, Cllr Ranford and Cllr Weston Noted
<b>FC.002/25-26</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> None received.
<b>FC.003/25-26</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING</b> The meeting adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
<b>FC.004/25-26</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES</b> Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 Cllr Goodge <b>PROPOSED</b> to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous <b>So resolved.</b>
<b>FC.005/25-26</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT</b> Confirmation of resignation received from Cllr Shelley Potter. Members agreed that Mrs Potter should be offered a vote of thanks from the council. The Clerk advised there were 24 complaints received for March and offered a brief breakdown. Cllr Bradford reported of Rea Bridge traffic obstructions. Cllr Smith advised that he has spoken to local residents and a petition has been set up. Matter to be discussed at the next Planning & Development Committee meeting. The Clerk provided a brief overview of the new staffing structure following a Staffing Committee Meeting which took place on 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025.
<b>FC.006/25-26</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> a) Gloucester Marathon – Members agreed that whilst this event is good for the area and is for charity, communication should be improved from the organiser regarding specifics on road closures and holding the event on Mothering Sunday should not be repeated. b) Email from local resident – Width barriers at St James' – it was agreed that this matter should be referred to City Council to highlight the current issues.
<b>FC.007/25-26</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b> Cllr Wilcox advised he has met with the Police and communication is good. There is a new sergeant for Quedgeley and they will be visiting the office to introduce themselves.  A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Easter Egg Hunt, including Cllr's wives who made cupcakes. Special mention to the Easter Bunny!
<b>FC.008/25-26</b>	<b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b> Noting of the Minutes dated 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025: <b>accepted by F&amp;GP on 07.04.2025</b> The RFO provided a brief overview of the end of year financial position. Nothing further to report
<b>FC.009/25-26</b>	<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b> Noting of the Minutes dated 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025: <b>accepted by P&amp;D on 16.04.2025</b>

	<p>Cllr Wilcox advised that the meeting was not quorate. Representatives from other councils attended regarding the local traffic infrastructure and whilst there was no meeting, all agreed that it was beneficial to meet and discuss with a view to taking things forward to a future meeting.</p>
<p><b>FC.010/25-26</b></p>	<p><b>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</b>  Noting of the Minutes dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025: <b>accepted by R&amp;A on 02.04.2025</b>  In the absence of the Chairperson Cllr Bradford reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Tree contribution – awaiting clarification of type of trees. Cllr Wilcox advised they are Crab Apple Trees.</li> <li>b) The Moat – the bridge remains under discussion as to whether to have a permanent or temporary bridge.</li> <li>c) Allotments.</li> <li>d) Community Garden</li> <li>e) Community Events</li> <li>f) Budget – the final balance for 24/25 was noted.</li> <li>g) Budget – the 25/26 budget to be discussed at the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Wilcox advised that R&amp;A councillors may benefit from learning more of Parish on Line. It was agreed that Cllr Bradford and Cllr Goodge will agree a date with Cllr Wilcox for training.</p> <p><b>To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £9937.59 for Druids Oak playpark – deferred from R&amp;A</b>  It was agreed that as 3 quotes have still not been achieved, this matter should be deferred back to R&amp;A to enable all playparks' expenditure to be encapsulated.</p> <p><b>To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £25.00 for QTC Wreath for VE Day.</b>  Cllr Lee <b>PROPOSED</b> to agree the above expenditure.  Seconded: Cllr Smith: Vote: unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p> <p><b>To agree volunteers for Green Bin Rota for Quedgeley Cemetery.</b>  Matter to be deferred to R&amp;A and Mrs Webster to email all councillors in the meantime to ask for volunteers. Cllr Smith and Cllr Wilcox put forward their acceptance to assist during the meeting.</p>
<p><b>FC.011/25-26</b></p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE</b>  Noting of the Minutes dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 : <b>accepted by CB on 14.04.2025</b>  Cllr McAllan provided a financial overview of expenditure agreed at the meeting including:</p> <p><b>Kingsway Sports Pavilion</b></p> <p>Purchase of Jet Washer for £120.00  Cleaning and Chlorination of water tank for £375.00</p> <p><b>Kingsway Community Centre</b></p> <p>Purchase of hand dryer for children's toilets for £216.00.</p> <p><b>Waterwells Sports Centre</b></p> <p>Renewal of CIA Fire &amp; Security annual intruder alarm service for £801.00.</p>

	<p><b>Quedgeley Community Centre</b></p> <p>Painting completed</p>
<b>FC.012/25-26</b>	<p><b>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</b></p> <p>a) Allotment Association – Chickens being introduced. Hens on site. Turnover of allotment holders being monitored.</p> <p>b) Saturday Surgery – nothing to report</p> <p>c) Futures Group – nothing to report</p> <p>d) Community Pantry –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lost Bookers so donations are down regarding fresh fruit and veg. Food drive at ASDA on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025. More contact being achieved at Lidl &amp; Aldi. Cllr Bradford invited all councillors to come along and view the pantry in action.</li> </ul> <p>e) Community Garden – nothing to report</p> <p>f) Martyn’s Law Working Party – new law will go live in next 18 months.</p>
<b>FC.013/25-26</b>	<p><b>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL</b></p> <p>None received.</p>
<p><b>Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item 14 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>No public present</p>	
<b>FC.014/25-26</b>	<p><b>UPDATE ON FORMER SOCIAL CLUB PREMISES</b></p> <p>Mrs Webster advised of the current covenant on the land on which the empty premises sits. It was agreed that due to the small amount of attendees at Full Council, an extra ordinary meeting should be arranged to discuss this matter in greater depth.</p>
<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b></p> <p>Noted.</p>	

Meeting concluded: 21.00 hrs.

***Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025***

*Karen James – City Councillor Kingsway Ward – advised currently in Election Cycle. No bins now at the Local Centre in Kingsway. They have been removed and as this is private land, the City will write to Knight Frank to find out more information. Members agreed that QTC should do the same.*

*Cllr Wilcox advised Cllr James that representatives from neighbouring Parish and Town Councils attended the Planning & Development Committee meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the infrastructure problems affecting Quedgeley and Kingsway. He further advised that a group is to be formed and named the Gloucester Fringe Infrastructure Group. Local MP’s will be written to and invited to future meetings. Cllr James advised that the City have already written to Highways regarding this matter and the local MP is aware of the matter.*

*There being no further questions the meeting then reconvened.*