

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY OF QUEDGELEY, HELD ON 23RD MAY 2024 AT 7PM

At Kingsway Sports Pavilion,
New Haven Road, Kingsway, Gloucester. GL2 2SN

PRESENT Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Powell, Cllr Lee, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Mrs Wnukowska,
Cllr Mrs Ranford, Cllr Smith, Cllr Mrs Potter, Cllr Mrs Goodge

Cllr Harries – Gloucester City Council
Cllr Mrs Miller – Gloucester City Council

Tom – Apex Events
Chris Haine – GAPTC

Officers – Mrs Jacqueline Webster - Clerk
Mrs Beverley Aldridge – Deputy Clerk.

1. Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Cllr Lee **PROPOSED** to adopt the Minutes dated 15th May 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
Seconded Cllr Mrs Ranford **So Resolved.**
2. Opening address by the Chairman.
Cllr Wilcox opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and offered an overview of the format for the meeting.
3. Presentation from Apex Events, Firework Event
Tom introduced himself and his company explaining he operates an open-door policy and is always available for the community to approach. He will continue to work with Danter's Fun Fair and has already been in discussion with them. Security & 1st aid are in place and he is investigating face/glitter paint for the evening. He will ensure advance notice of the event possibly through a residents' forum. A 10-15 minute show is the industry standard, however this event will be slightly longer due to the armistice day display. The tickets will continue to be sold through the Council office, payment on the evening will be arranged through a management company with Apex Events. All the necessary documentation, ie risk assessment and method statement will be prepared and in place.

Cllr Pearce queried the shorter time but was assured as the event will have a slightly different format, the display will be set to music and therefore the time will not be noticeable. Other areas of concern were parking and clean up after the event, Tom explained most will be cleared on the evening but he will visit the following day to clear the field. All the details will be confirmed through the R&A meetings.
4. Brief update of GAPTC from CEO Chris Haine
Chris introduced himself, he was Town Clerk for Coleford Council for several years and explained GAPTC serve 236 parish & town councils and he has been in the post for approximately 6 months. He was involved in the original NOLAN

principles and has a real passion as a public servant. GAPTC has witnessed a lot of staff changes in recent months and he aims to settle the ship and sort the administrative side of the business. He further offered a breakdown of the services offered ie legal advice and training and confirmed GAPTC is there to serve, support, equip and enable. He encouraged all councillors to take advantage of the training courses offered and he thanked those present for their time and advised it was a privilege to attend.

5. Open Floor for questions and a chance to meet your new Town Councillors
Cllr Harries advised Gloucester is a new Council with a planned change of direction primarily community led.

Cllr Mrs Potter wished to see facilities investigated for older residents. Cllr Pearce suggested this could be adopted through the Futures Committee and incorporated into the 5-year plan.

There being no further questions, Cllr Wilcox thanked everyone for attending, expressing it was refreshing to see so many new councillors.



Meeting concluded 7.50 hrs