



29TH MAY 2024

ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

**Quedgeley Town
Assembly**

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COUNCIL**

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THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY OF QUEDGELEY

2024

Will be held on Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7.00pm

At Kingsway Sports Pavilion, Newhaven Road, Kingsway, Gloucester.

AGENDA

1. Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Copies may be viewed at the Town Council Office and will be taken as read unless there are objections to their accuracy. A draft copy will be available on the website.

2. Opening address by the Chairman.
3. Presentation from Apex Events
4. Brief update of GAPTC from CEO Chris Haine
5. Open Floor for questions and a chance to meet your new Town Councillors

Cllr Steve Wilcox - Chair

Quedgeley Town Council

Annual Town Report 2023-24

Following the recent local elections held on 2nd May 2024, 14 Councillors were elected onto this council, providing representation for 4 out of 5 wards. There are still two vacancies so we urge anyone who feels they can make a difference to their community and wants to work as part of a team to contact the office to talk through the role of a councillor in greater depth.

All the councillors have their own areas of expertise and are members of committees, such as Finance & General Purposes, Planning, Community Buildings and Recreation & Amenities. This enables the council to perform its duties efficiently with tasks distributed according to skill sets and interests. A small biography of each of our councillors can be seen on our website. The annual meeting took place on the 13th May 2024, where Cllr Steve Wilcox was voted in as Chair and Cllr Julian Powell as Vice Chair. Both are long-standing councillors and well respected in their role. Sadly we have had to say goodbye to some of our longer standing councillors who have served for this council for many years and for this we say thank you for everything you have done for the community over the years.

The council over the last 12 months has provided numerous community events including the ever popular Fireworks Display, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Dog Show. Sadly, our Christmas event had to be cancelled however we are confident that this will be back in place this year.

All our events involve much behind the scenes organisation, as well as volunteers on the day, however it is a pleasure to put these events on when we see so much of the community getting together. Our Fireworks display is due to take on a different dimension with the organisation side of things having been outsourced, this year to Apex Events who we are proud to welcome to this assembly.



Our biggest success and something we are extremely proud of is the implementation of the Community Pantry. This council agreed to support Cllr Vicky Ranford, both by providing the venue, finance and staffing support in achieving her goal to provide the community with this much needed service. Our thanks go to other organisations who have also supported this initiative by providing grants.

This year we are pleased to have been part of a project to include bleed kits with our defibrillators at Kingsway Community Centre and Kingsway Sports Pavilion, providing life saving equipment to the community 24 hours a day. .

Staffing remains consistent with no turnover in staff and professional development for both staff and councillors still considered a high priority.

With all this in mind, behind the scenes, the council continues with its day-to-day priorities, ensuring that good service is provided to the community -v- effective finance control and this is further endorsed by a successful audit and a provision of transparent accounts to the community.

Behind the scenes are the Council Staff, The Town Clerk is both CiLCA qualified and has a Distinction in Certificate of Higher Education in Local Council Management and has achieved 1 year of her Foundation Degree level. The Deputy Clerk is CiLCA qualified. There are 2 Administrative Staff who manage day to day customer service and numerous staff who conduct litter picking daily, update noticeboards and ensure our community buildings are clean and fit for daily use. Provided within this report are the spending plan figures for year ending 2023/24, including spending plans for this financial year and details of your current councillors.

Spending Plans 2023-2024

Service Provided	2023/24	2024/25	Income	2023/24	2024/25
Recreation, amenities & the environment	£98543	£146844	Hiring of facilities etc	£248,260	£295,829
Planning & Development & Strategic Development	£11040	£11599	Contribution by Gloucester City Council	£0	£0
Two Community Centres	£172,491	£179,722	Contribution by Gloucestershire County Council	£0	£0
Waterwells Sports Centre & Sports Pavilion	£144,919	£153,556	Miscellaneous	£500	£500
Town Council Office & administration of the council	£135,479	£142,320	Transfer from Reserves	£0	£0
Repayment of Long-Term Loans	£0	£0	Balances brought forward	£50,000	£60,000
Grant Allocation from Glos City Council	£0	£0		£0	£0
Grants to Local Organisations	£7,100	£7,100	Total Income	£298,760	£356329
Contingency Sum	£0	£0	Leaving Council Taxpayers to fund	£270,812	£284812
Budget Required	£569,572	£641,141			

YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

	Cllr Steve Wilcox – Chair Central Ward
	Cllr Jan McAllan Central Ward
	Cllr Janet Weston Central Ward
	Cllr Nick Lee Central Ward
	Cllr Chris Pearce Severn Vale Ward
	Cllr Julian Powell – Vice Chair Severn Vale Ward
	Cllr Vicky Ranford Severn Vale Ward
	Cllr Ben Smith Severn Vale Ward
	Cllr Shelley Potter Fieldcourt Ward

	Cllr Laura Bradford Kingsway Ward
	Cllr Lisa Goodge Kingsway Ward
	Cllr Robyn Roberts Kingsway Ward
	Cllr Mike Robinson Kingsway Ward
	Cllr Tina Wnukowska Kingsway Ward
Town Council Staff	Jacquie Webster – Town Clerk & RFO Beverley Aldridge – Deputy Clerk Debbie Hughes – Town Council Administrator Sharon Barnett – Town Council Administrator
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