

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

held on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7.00pm
At the Kingsway Sports Pavilion, Newhaven Road, Kingsway, Gloucester.

Cllr G Smith opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending the first Annual Assembly of Quedgeley Town Council.

1. Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Cllr G Smith **PROPOSED** to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
Seconded Cllr Logan Vote unanimous
2. Opening address by the Chairman including consideration and agreement that Quedgeley Town Council continues to meet the criteria required to hold the General Power of Competence.

Cllr G Smith explained the structure of the council and advised the many options available to contact the council in the event of a concern, question or complaint. There are currently 13 Councillors giving their time free of charge working for the community they are responsible for Quedgeley Cemetery, Quedgeley Remembrance Garden, Fishers Meadow open space, the Local Nature Reserve, play parks, the War Memorial, maintenance of grass and hedges, litter collection, provide free of charge dog bags to residents, arrange annual events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Dog Show and Firework Display, and recently taken ownership of 43 allotments at Goosebay Drive, 4 community buildings, Quedgeley Community Centre, Kingsway Community Centre, Waterwells Sports Centre and Kingsway Sports Pavilion.

What has been achieved in the past 12 months? New surface to the car park at Waterwells Sports Centre, two new kitchens at Kingsway Community Centre, expenditure approved for new benches at Fishers Meadow open space together with a bridge to access the site over the stream.

He further reported he has recently been elected as Chairman and plans to build on the work of his predecessor and drive the council forward. The Council wishes to obtain Quality Gold Status under the Government Award Scheme, promote the council and reach out to residents. He noted the poor attendance tonight and thanked those who did attend.

Quedgeley Town Council has the General Power of Competence, to retain this 2/3rds of members must be elected and the Clerk must be qualified. Cllr G Smith confirmed this was the case and subsequently **PROPOSED** to adopt the General power of competence for another year.
Seconded Cllr Mrs Slatter Vote Unanimous

3. An opportunity to speak to the Council regarding Town Council status or any other issues you might like to raise on the night.

Cllr Hanna Norman queried if consultation should have been undertaken prior to the decision to become Town Council was made? Cllr G Smith advised it has been discussed over many years, it was advertised on all notice boards and consulted with the elections office at Gloucester City Council.

Mr Sims, resident, congratulated Quedgeley Town Council on their litter pickers who do a great job.

Questions was put about the delay in the provision of the Doctors surgery for Kingsway, Cllr G Smith advised this matter is not dealt with by Quedeley Town Council and Cllr Logan suggested the delay was due to finding someone to take it on.

An appeal for volunteers to join Home Start UK which is a small charity operating to offer help, friendship, advice and support to families with children under 5 years of age, Kingsway is a new area and a lot of families require help. Funding has been made available to support volunteers and full training will be given. She left leaflets and requested anyone interested to contact her.