

**MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD AT KINGSWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2018 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT** Cllr Pearce, Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith, Cllr Mrs Arnold, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Logan, Cllr Potts, Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr S Wilcox, Cllr Mrs Slatter, Cllr Mrs Hanks and Cllr Hughes

FC.014/18-19	<p><b>TO ELECT CHAIRMAN FOR 2018-2019</b></p> <p>a) Election of Chairman Cllr Hughes <b>PROPOSED</b> to elect Cllr G Smith as Chairman Cllr Wilcox Seconded the proposal there being no further nominations Vote: Unanimous – <b>So resolved</b></p> <p>b) Chairman to sign declaration of Acceptance of Office Cllr G Smith signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office</p>
FC.015/18-19	<p><b>TO ELECT VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2018-2019</b></p> <p>c) Election of Vice-Chairman Cllr A Potts <b>PROPOSED</b> to elect Cllr S Smith as Vice-Chairman Cllr Mrs Slatter Seconded the proposal there being no further nominations Vote: Unanimous – <b>So resolved</b> The Vice Chairman signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office</p>
FC.016/18-19	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received and noted from Cllr N Lee, Cllr Talbot and Cllr Mrs Williams Apologies were also received from Cllr David Norman, Cllr Hannah Norman and Cllr Jennie Watkins</p>
FC.017/18-19	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>None received</p>
FC.018/18-19	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING</b></p> <p>No public present</p>
FC.019/18-19	<p><b>ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES</b></p> <p>Cllr G Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to adopt the Minutes dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Logan Vote: Unanimous - <b>So resolved</b></p>
FC.020/18-19	<p><b>TO AGREE EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING £4614.21 FOR ANNUAL GAPTC MEMBERSHIP 2018.</b></p> <p>Matter deferred from F&amp;GP.</p> <p>Cllr Potts commenced the discussion by confirming the issue remains around the cost in re-joining. Cllr Logan confirmed the council needs to justify the costs to the electorate and ensure value for money.</p> <p>Alison Robinson (AR) from GAPTC was invited to speak. She confirmed that QTC 2<sup>nd</sup> largest council in Gloucestershire with an electorate continuing to grow. GAPTC have recently updated their strategy including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Engagement</li> <li>• Local Democracy</li> <li>• Raising Profile</li> </ul> <p>She confirmed that councils are stronger if working together.</p> <p>Kevin Wilson (KW) from NALC was invited to speak. Kevin confirmed he chairs the larger councils committee for NALC. Membership costs often debated with some winners and losers. He would prefer a council tax base membership.</p> <p>KW confirmed that although at the moment QTC has a competent clerk, this might not always be the case and benefits of membership are not always obvious until a crisis occurs. QTC being a large council has direct access to NALC.</p>

	<p>Largest benefit being having a good relationship with government, the opposition and community groups.  Lobbying has taken place and has successfully achieved:  Data Protection Officer under GDPR for local councils not mandatory, although it is still considered best practice.  No capping of precept  Neighbourhood Plan pioneering and funds available.</p> <p>NALC is a strong, collective, united organisation and by losing councils, NALC becomes weaker and everyone suffers the consequences.</p> <p>Cllr Pearce stated that he agrees with the service, however a smaller council will receive the same service and pay less. KW confirmed this wasn't strictly true as a larger council has direct access to NALC, whereas a smaller council does not.</p> <p>KW also advised that there had recently been a swell in the electorate due to recent elections, however this could also decline.</p> <p>Cllr Logan advised he had attended this meeting as he is passionate about justifying the cost. He argued which services are actually called upon as QTC staff are trained, QTC is a leader in the sector, QTC is working towards Gold Status and others are benefitting from QTC.</p> <p>Cllr Potts stated he had listened with great interest, however had heard nothing new. The fundamental point remains around the cost issue and he would be looking for a commitment from GAPTC that things are going to change. There needs to be a serious charging review. The current system has been in place for many years – will GAPTC review?</p> <p>AR advised this was not a decision she could make on her own.  Cllr G Smith asked if QTC's views could be taken back to GAPTC &amp; NALC  KW advised yes this could be done.  KW went on to say that with an ever-changing agenda regarding unitary councils, this could alter relationships enormously.  Cllr Hughes asked if further time was available in which to decide. The Clerk confirmed that membership was already overdue, the matter having been deferred once from F&amp;GP.</p> <p><b>After much discussion:</b></p> <p>Cllr Logan <b>PROPOSED</b> to lapse GAPTC membership with immediate effect.  Seconded: Cllr Potts: Vote: 10 For, 2 Against: <b>So resolved</b></p>
<p><b>FC.021/18-19</b></p>	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaints and Achievements – The clerk offered an overview of complaints received. 17 in total for April 2018.</li> <li>• The Clerk confirmed that the forthcoming ATA would be held at 7pm at Kingsway Sports Pavilion and refreshments would be provided. 2 speakers had been arranged.</li> <li>• Policies are due for renewal and would be placed on the June Full Council Agenda.</li> <li>• Steps were in place in the office to ensure QTC is compliant for GDPR due to take effect from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Cllr Logan advised that GDPR incorporated the UK Bill 2018 Data Protection Act and that any records held by QTC pivotal to the business did not require consent to be held.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FC.022/18-19</b></p>	<p><b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b>  Cllr G Smith advised of QWFC's plans for having two youth pitches at Fisher's Meadow.</p>

	<p>Members agreed that there was a risk that this could become permanent and over time could lead to increase usage and therefore less open space.  Cllr G Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to continue further discussions with QWFC.  Vote: Unanimous: <b>So resolved</b>  Cllr G Smith advised members of a new group now managing Waterwells Fishing Pond at no cost to QTC.</p>
<b>FC.023/18-19</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk Magazine – May 2018, Vol 49, No 3</li> <li>• Clerks &amp; Councils Direct – May 2018, Issue 117 – The Clerk advised that she had sent in an article relating to the QTC Saturday Surgery.</li> </ul>
<b>FC.024/18-19</b>	<p><b>TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning &amp; Development:</b> Cllr S Wilcox, Cllr J Logan, Cllr A Potts, Cllr C Pearce, Cllr G Smith and Cllr Hughes</li> <li>• <b>Community Buildings:</b> Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith &amp; Cllr A Potts</li> <li>• <b>Recreation &amp; Amenities:</b> Cllr C Pearce, Cllr Mrs Slatter, Cllr Mrs Arnold, Cllr P Arnold, Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Smith and Cllr Mrs McAllan</li> <li>• <b>Finance &amp; General Purposes:</b> Cllr Mrs Hanks, Cllr C Pearce, Cllr A Potts, Cllr G Smith and future chairs to committees.</li> <li>• <b>Staffing Committee:</b> Cllr A Potts, Cllr S Smith, Cllr Mrs Slatter, Cllr S Wilcox and Cllr Mrs Hanks</li> <li>• <b>Appeals Sub Committee:</b> Cllr G Smith, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Mrs Arnold &amp; Cllr Mrs McAllan</li> </ul> <p>Cllr G Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> the above nominations  Vote: Unanimous - <b>So resolved</b></p>
<b>FC.025/18-19</b>	<p><b>TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES AND OUTSIDE BODIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kingsway Resident’s Association</b> – Deferred</li> <li>• <b>Quedgeley Community Trust</b> – Cllr G Smith</li> <li>• <b>GAPTC</b> – N/A</li> <li>• <b>UBB</b> – Cllr G Smith – Cllr G Smith advised that Glosvain had been disbanded and money in bank had been donated.</li> <li>• <b>Allotment Association</b> – Cllr S Wilcox</li> </ul>
<b>FC.026/18-19</b>	<p><b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>(a) Noting of Minutes dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018: <b>accepted by F&amp;GP on 08.05.178</b>  Noted</p> <p>(b) Nothing to report.</p>
<b>FC.027/18-19</b>	<p><b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>(a) Noting of Minutes dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018: <b>accepted by P&amp;D on 25.04.178</b>  Noted</p> <p>(b) Nothing to report.</p>
<b>FC.028/18-19</b>	<p><b>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>(a) Noting of Minutes dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018: <b>accepted by R&amp;A on 02.05.18</b>  noted</p> <p>(b) Report of Chairman  Cllr S Smith reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog and Animal Show</li> <li>• Firework Display</li> <li>• Woolstrop Play Area &amp; Bristol Road Rec Stream</li> <li>• Quedgeley Nature Reserve</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'There but not there' World War 1 Soldier</li> <li>• Quedgeley Cemetery</li> <li>• Armistice Day</li> <li>• Waterwells Fishing Pond</li> <li>• Meetings with Tesco regarding bad parking/drivers</li> <li>• World War 1 Tattoo at Fisher's Meadow – 1.7.18</li> </ul>
<b>FC.029/18-19</b>	<p><b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>(a) No minutes to note.</p> <p>(b) Nothing to report – meeting not quorate</p>
<b>FC.030/18-19</b>	<p><b>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</b></p> <p>(a) Kingsway Residents Association – Big Lunch 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018. Richard Graham opening event.</p> <p>(b) Quedgeley Community Trust – Quedgeley Show cancelled</p> <p>(c) GAPTC – No longer relevant.</p> <p>(d) UBB – Copy of plan of work shows most supply cable to sub-station. Ian Barber from UBB attending ATA.</p> <p>(e) QUVL – Cllr Logan confirmed he is chasing but no further information</p> <p>(f) Allotment Association – Cllr Wilcox confirmed that there are currently 2 plots available. Lawn mower broken. Water leak continues with contractor confirming that original work undertaken whilst under developer very poor and sub-standard.</p> <p>(g) Saturday Surgery – Cllr Pearce advised it was good PR and a good opportunity for residents to express their views or raise concerns.</p>
<b>FC.031/18-19</b>	<p><b>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL</b></p> <p>Cllr Wilcox asked for speeding to be discussed.</p> <p>The Clerk asked for the minutes to record her objection to Resolution R.020/18-19. She confirmed she had advised F&amp;GP not to withdraw from GAPTC and was concerned and surprised that the councillors had chosen to do so.</p> <p>Cllr Logan confirmed that QTC must justify a hand on heart argument to the community regarding the expenditure.</p>
<b>Meeting concluded: 21:00 HRS</b>	

**Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

*No public present*