

Minutes of the Meeting of Quedgeley Town Council held at Kingsway Community Centre on Monday 21st January 2019 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith, Cllr Lee, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs Slatter, Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Williams, Cllr Massey & Cllr Powell (arrived at 7.40pm)

1 member of the public Mr Liam Harris

FC.134/18-19	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were noted from Cllr Potts</p>
FC.135/18-19	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received</p>
FC.136/18-19	<p>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.</p>
FC.137/18-19	<p>ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Cllr G Smith PROPOSED to adopt the Minutes dated 17th December 2018 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
FC.138/18-19	<p>CLERK'S REPORT Budget 2019-20 – the clerk confirmed she will prepare the draft budget at the Finance meeting on 4th February and if approved, will present to Full Council on 18th February 2019 for ratification. She further advised two long term loans will be paid in full this year which will ease the budget setting process.</p> <p>Quality Gold Status – Clerk explained the criteria, advising the admin was in place but there is some work to do in relation to engaging with the community. The Saturday surgeries will help but other means of communication should be considered, perhaps suggestion boxes in the community buildings. When the application is submitted, a panel will visit Quedgeley and at least 2 areas/sites should be showcased this will be followed by a meeting of the panel and at least 3 Council members.</p> <p>The Clerk advised Miss Weston has been elected uncontested and will take her position from 14th February 2019.</p> <p>Complaints and Achievements – only 15 complaints received for the month of December including overgrowth, highways, obstruction and overflowing bins.</p> <p>Cllr Powell arrived at 19.40 hrs.</p>
FC.139/18-19	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk Magazine – Vol 50, No 1, January 2019 - noted • Clerks & Councils Direct – Issue 121, January 2019 - noted • Email regarding guidelines to follow in the event of the death of a national figure - noted • Inspector Report regarding Clearwater, members were disappointed but not surprised by the decision. • Correspondence received seeking the fee applied to St James' Church for the use of the office at Kingsway Community Centre to be waived. The Chairman read out the reply from the Clerk advising, that several different faiths hire the facilities and if it were offered free of charge to St James' the same policy would have to be adopted to all and this was not possible. Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED to approve the above <p>Seconded Cllr Williams Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>

FC.140/18-19	<p>CHAIR'S REPORT</p> <p>Discussion to take place regarding Mayor status for QTC.</p> <p>The Clerk advised, legally to appoint a Mayor an area must be a Town. Members queried if Quedgeley met this criteria, a town generally has a town hall and a high street and Quedgeley has neither. Members accepted the change of name but took the view this was approved to raise the profile of Quedgeley and to highlight the size of the parish but had concerns if it was a town.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to further investigation prior to a decision on this matter.</p>
FC.141/18-19	<p>DEVOLUTION</p> <p>Cllr S Smith advised, he has been a member of Quedgeley Council for many years and feels it is time the Council raised its profile and considered the transfer of power from other authorities. He took the view, being a councillor is more than attending meetings and therefore serious consideration should be given to what powers should be taken and how and when this can be achieved. Members supported this view and considered it relates to the question of whether to appoint a Mayor.</p> <p>Cllr S Wilcox PROPOSED the Council agree to devolution of power and meet to discuss further, adding the staff should also be present and the office to be closed for this purpose if deemed necessary.</p> <p>Seconded Cllr Massey Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
FC.142/18-19	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</p> <p>(a) Noting of Minutes dated 3rd December 2018: accepted by F&GP on 07.01.19</p> <p>(b) Report of Chairman – nothing further to add at this time.</p>
FC.143/18-19	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>(a) Noting of Minutes dated 21st November 2018: accepted by P&D on 19.12.18</p> <p>(b) Report of Chairman – nothing further to add at this time.</p>
FC.144/18-19	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</p> <p>(a) Noting of Minutes dated 5th December 2018: accepted by R&A on 02.01.19</p> <p>(b) Report of Chairman – Cllr S Smith reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Egg Hunt – agreed format as previous years. • Local Nature Reserve, pond cleared, chippings to be spread on footpaths • Council currently provide 3 annual community events, members are considering a 4th. • Cemetery – topple testing.
FC.145/18-19	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE</p> <p>(a) Noting of Minutes dated 10th December 2018: accepted by CB on 14.01.19</p> <p>(b) Report of Chairman including feedback from Crime Prevention Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Mrs McAllan advised the Committee discussed the recommendations within the Police crime prevention survey and advised the following was agreed; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kingsway Community Centre – upgrade the camera in the foyer and approach user groups to manage the access/egress procedure correctly. Quedgeley Community Centre – provide low level PIR lights and add additional CCTV in the car park. Kingsway Sports Pavilion – repair the height restrictor.
FC.146/18-19	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</p> <p>(a) Quedgeley Community Trust - at the last meeting the main topic was the future of Quedgeley News following the wish of the Editor to step down.</p> <p>(b) Allotment Association – quiet time of year, there are 2 vacant plots currently under offer.</p> <p>(c) Speeding – Cllr S Smith to report – discussed previously.</p> <p>(d) Royal British Legion – Cllr G Smith represented the Council at the annual conference.</p>

	(e) St James Church - coffee morning 10.00am – noon (when??)
FC.147/18-19	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL None received
DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18th February 2019 @ Quedgeley Community Centre – noted.	

Meeting concluded : 20.45 hrs

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM of Quedgeley Town Council Meeting on the 21st January 2019

Apologies were noted from Cllr David Norman, Cllr Hannah Norman and Cllr Mark Hawthorne

Police – the clerk read out the report provided by the Police.

There being no further questions and in the absence of City or County Councillors the meeting reconvened.