

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

held on Thursday 31st May 2018 at 7.00pm

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

PRESENT Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Mrs Arnold, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs Hanks, Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Mrs Williams

1. Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Copies were made available at the council office, on the website and attached to the annual report provided at the meeting.

Cllr G Smith **PROPOSED** to adopt the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Seconded Cllr Hughes Vote unanimous **So resolved**

2. Opening address by the Chairman
Cllr G Smith thanked everyone for attending advised he has been elected as Chairman for the 2nd year and is supported by a Vice Chair, Clerk, Deputy Clerk and 2 admin staff. He offered a brief account of the achievements over the past year summarized as
 - Saturday surgeries
 - Allotments – Goosebay Drive
 - On-going improvements to the sports pitches
 - Maintaining St James' churchyard following its closure
 - WWI 'There but not There' silhouette, will be positioned at the War Memorial
 - Currently the Council has a full complement of Councillors working to make Quedgeley a better place to live and work.

3. To consider and agree that Quedgeley Town Council continues to meet the criteria required to hold the General Power of Competence.

The Clerk explained the criteria, which is 2/3rds of members must be elected and the Clerk must be qualified, this being the case Cllr G Smith **PROPOSED** to adopt the General Power of Competence for another year.

Seconded Cllr Mrs Williams Vote Unanimous **So resolved**

4. Speaker – Ian Barber from UBB – an opportunity to learn more about the Incinerator at Javelin Park.

Mr. Barber gave an informative speech, offered information about the technology of the plant and assured those present the incinerator will not impact on recycling as this was still a crucial part of dealing with the county's waste. It is estimated 19,000 tonnes of rubbish weekly will be incinerated and will generate sufficient electricity to power 25,000 homes. Legislation states, the minimum temperature must be 850°. All waste is monitored and reported to the Environment Agency, the bottom ash is stored in a waste bunker 13m below ground and is removed from site in a

sealed container. There is no smoke or odour from the plant. There are no plans to sort the rubbish when it arrives however, the technology allows hot spots to be identified and appropriate action taken as a result of identifying a problem. Traffic congestion is a major concern locally, but he was confident the lorries delivering to the site when operational would not exceed those currently arriving on site to construct the incinerator, to his knowledge this has not impacted on traffic and he was confident it would not do so in future.

5. Speaker – Ian Soule from Quedgeley & Hardwicke Cricket Club – an opportunity to hear how the club is progressing.

Mr Soule advised when their home ground was in Hardwicke their numbers were declining however, since the move to Kingsway Sports Pavilion they have reversed this trend, numbers have increased dramatically and they are going from strength to strength. They are now in their 4th season and last season the 1st team won promotion to Gloucestershire County Cricket League. He further reported it is an expensive sport but with the help of Quedgeley Town Council they have improved their equipment with training nets and have funding in place for side screens. The approximate annual cost for the cricket club is £3,000, which includes grounds maintenance, machinery and insurance, sponsors are always welcome to support the Club. It was recently approached to host the Gloucestershire Schools cricket cup final to be held in July. Going forward the club is looking to continue to build on the success and next summer they are hoping to have a cricket week and an ex professional cricket team will visit and play.

Rob Munson manager of the youth section gave a brief outline of the progress that they have made. Previously there were 8-10 children registered within the youth section but no qualified coaches and now the club has recruited 30 children and qualified 4 coaches. They have teams in the U9, U11 and U13 leagues. They also run the ECB All Stars Cricket for 5-8 year old and currently have 65 children attending. Mr Munson also reported that they have 18-20 ladies involved who will be looking to enter ladies' softball.

There were no questions received from the public and therefore the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.