

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY OF QUEDGELEY, HELD ON 30TH MAY 2019 AT 7PM

At the Kingsway Sports Pavilion,
Newhaven Road, Kingsway, Gloucester.
GL2 2SN

PRESENT Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Miss Weston, Cllr Williams,
Cllr Mrs Williams, Cllr Harries & Cllr Powell (7.30pm)

Cllr Mark Hawthorne – Gloucestershire County Council
Cllr Hannah Norman – Gloucester City Council
Cllr Cook – Gloucester City Council

Alison Robinson – GAPTC
5 members of the public

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 Williams **PROPOSED** the Minutes be adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and there being no objections, the Chairman duly signed and dated the Minutes.
2. Opening address by the Chairman.
Cllr G Smith thanked everyone for attending and introduced himself as Chairman of Quedgeley Council, a position he has held for 3 years. He advised, all members are volunteers, non-political and work together for the benefit of Quedgeley. The Council is forward thinking, looks to the future and is currently developing a new 3-year plan.
3. To consider and agree that Quedgeley Town Council continues to meet the criteria required to hold the General Power of Competence. The clerk confirmed the criteria has been met, future consideration will be deferred to the annual council meeting.

"The General Power of Competence can only be awarded if the council meets the following criteria: Qualified Clerk and 2/3rds of the council elected. It provides more power to the council and enables the council to generally do anything that an individual can do provided it doesn't break any other laws".

Cllr G Smith **PROPOSED** to adopt the General Power of Competence
Seconded Cllr Harries Vote Unanimous

4. Speaker, Will Lee, County Commander from South West Ambulance Service explained, a new structure was introduced last year, it is a county based model. Performance is assessed on categories relating how quickly medical attention is required.

- Category 1 - Life threatening
- Category 2 - Chest pain, potentially life threatening
- Category 3 - Bleeding, road traffic accidents
- Category 4 - Urgent, but not life threatening

All but category 2 is being achieved or exceeding the national standard.
However, category 2 is the largest category and therefore hardest to accomplish.

£12m investment has been secured for front line services, this will provide 63 fully staffed emergency vehicles and will have a significant impact. It is referred to as the 'People Plan' and should be complete by the end of 2020-2021.

Questions from the floor were received in relation to the qualification of ambulance staff and funding received for the air ambulance service. Mr Lee explained, all emergency vehicles usually travel with one paramedic and two emergency care assistants. Regarding the air ambulance, the pilot and the aircraft is funded by charity, the staff by the ambulance service.

He further advised the ambulance service is active in public relations and is always willing to attend a school or community group, contact him and he will be very willing to arrange.

5. Speaker, Elin Tattersall, Starting a Neighbourhood Development Plan. She explained a little of whom GRCC is and how it helps community groups in Gloucestershire. She explained the difference between various plans
- Parish Plan – communities look at the area to establish what people in the area want.
 - Community Design Statement – what makes the area look special i.e., buildings, open space. New plans should conform to the design statement.
 - Infrastructure Development Plan – looking to the future, what will be needed over the next 10 years i.e., schools, childcare, community group?
 - Neighbourhood Development Plan – policies in the area in relation to developments that are going ahead. New powers for communities, developers whom want to develop an area must abide by the NDP.
 - Quedgeley Council take the lead and advise Gloucester City Council of intention to create a NDP
 - Create a group of people (steering group) but they will be accountable to Quedgeley Council
 - Communication Plan – reach out to community
 - The time table, involves a lot of research, must understand Gloucester City Plan and JCS. Engage with the community establish what is important, visit groups, must go to the people.
 - When you have an idea of the vision, write objectives
 - What should be tackled to reach the vision for example wildlife, approach experts, security the police, have an open mind to the possibilities.
 - Consultation document, prove how you consulted.
 - Create draft, opportunity to address comments made. If no amendments made explain why?
 - Pass to Gloucester City Council who will consult again and then pass to an independent inspector to decide if it conforms to all documents in planning.
 - Examination then adopted and use for future decisions.

It cannot prevent development; it takes time and effort approximately 1-2 years and she warned against spending too much time in the research stage.

There is more information on their website and how GRCC can give support.

A resident queried if Quedgeley Council plan to create a NDP, Cllr G Smith responded advising the decision has not yet been made but considering doing so. Cllr Hawthorne suggested contacting other Parish & Town Council who have been through the process and Cllr Powell queried how long it will last? Elin

responded advising approximately 10-15 years but it should, if possible, fall in line with Gloucester Local Plan and be reviewed and revised.

6. Open Floor for residents. This year's topic is Car Parking, however all concerns/compliments are welcome.

Parking is a problem in the whole of Quedgeley and one suggestion was to make some roads one way. Cllr Hawthorne explained he is happy to set up a meeting to discuss further and encouraged consultation if serious.

One resident queried if a large horse chestnut tree with a Tree Protection order on his property could be cut back. Cllr Hannah Morgan advised it is possible but there is a process to work through and suggested they contact Justin Hobbs at Gloucester City Council who would be able to assist.

A small discussion took place regarding fly tipping, in particular, around the communal area at the flats in Shawbury Avenue and the ongoing issues getting this removed due to it being on private property. It was suggested the management agency is responsible.

There being no further questions the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.00 hrs.