

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the 393rd meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 12 September 2007

PRESENT; Cllr R Garner – Chairman IN THE CHAIR
Cllrs C Arnold, C Blades, A Cotton, J Dagnall, C Francis-Pester, P Gannicliff, C Hall, D Hendra,
D Jones, L Little, P McNeill, T Morgan, G Morris, S Vyce, C Wring

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

PRAYERS were said by the Chaplain

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

2. NORTH SOMERSET LIAISON OFFICER Viv Thompson had sent her apologies.

3 CLEVEDON CHILDREN'S CENTRE Mr Paul Tompkins, Business Support & Project Manager, Childcare, Learning & Play Team of North Somerset Council gave a presentation of the proposed plans for extending the Clevedon Youth & Community Centre (The Barn) to enable this provision to be developed at the same site. Members made enquiries about funding for both the capital and revenue costs.

7.45pm FORMAL BUSINESS

07/109 ABSENCE FROM THE MEETING

Apologies received; Cllrs E Blades (family), J Middleton (holiday), J Norton-Sealey (holiday), D Shopland (another appointment), G Watkins (out of Clevedon).

RESOLVED: Council ACCEPTED the reasons given for absence.

07/110 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Blades declared a prejudicial interest, he has a business situated off Moor Lane.

07/111 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 1 August 2007 were approved as a TRUE RECORD and SIGNED by the Chairman.

07/112 STANDING COMMITTEES Vacancies still to be filled following the Statutory Annual meeting;

Allotments – 1 vacancy Cllr Cotton volunteered to fill the vacancy

07/113 OUTSIDE BODIES APPOINTMENTS Vacancies still to be filled following the Statutory Annual meeting;

Nailsea & District Community Transport – No one expressed an interest in filling this vacancy

07/114 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Gannicliff presented the report of the Environment & Planning Cttee meeting held on 6 August 2007. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Gannicliff invited questions or comments on Part 2 items, there being none, Cllr Gannicliff moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/115 AMENITY COMMITTEE

Cllr Francis-Pester presented the report of the Amenity Cttee meeting held on 8 August 2007.

Part 1 items

AM/07/48 – North Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr Cotton to this outside body.

Cllr Francis-Pester invited question or comments on Part 2 items.

AM/07/49.1 – Travellers, Marshalls Field – a Ward Cllr wished the Chairman to convey his thanks to named NSC officers for their speedy installation of bollards to prevent this area being accessed again.

AM/07/49.2 – Marine Lake fence, concern at the time taken to repair this and resulting possible danger

AM/07/49.4 – Play Areas, update received that there was still no progress on the refurbishment of these

AM/07/49.6 – Queens Sq, an enquiry on progress to get the Management Co to carry out their commitments

AM/07/50 – Play Pod, a member expressed concern the NSC funding for the MUGA had been withdrawn

when he felt this was more useful than the proposed play pod – which is being provided by grant funding.

There being no other comments, Cllr Francis-Pester moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/116 ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr Wring presented the report of the Allotments Cttee meeting held on 15 August 2007. There being no Part 1 items, Cllr Wring invited questions or comments on Part 2 items. There being none Cllr Wring provided a short summary of the Tenants Meeting and then moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/117 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Gannicliff presented the report of the Environment & Planning Cttee meeting held on 21 August 2007.

Part 1 items

E/07/161 – General Weekly Market Agreement

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E/07/162 – Area 486 Western Bristol Channel, Aggregate Extraction Licence

E/07/163 – Review of Additional Gypsies & Travellers Pitch Requirements in the South West; consultation

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations of the Environment & Planning Ctte

Cllr Gannicliff invited questions or comments on Part 2 items. There being none Cllr Gannicliff moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/118 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Cllr Francis-Pester presented the report of the Finance & General Policy Ctte meeting held on 22 August 07.

Part 1 items

FGP/07/34 – CCTV Clevedon Digital System upgrade

VOTE: 13 F – 1A

RESOLVED: Approve the Finance & General Policy Ctte recommendation, also request assurances there will be no additional sum added to Special Expenses to assist with this provision.

FGP/07/35 – Draft Calendar of Meetings for 2008/09

FGP/07/36 – Disability Discrimination Policy

FGP/07/37 – Racial Equality Statement

FGP/07/38 – New Model Code of Conduct = Public Participation Sessions & amendment to Standing Orders

FGP/07/39 – Identity Badges for Town Councillors

FGP/07/40 – Town Coat of Arms

FGP/07/41 – Appointment of External Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations of the Finance & General Policy Ctte

Cllr Francis-Pester invited question or comments on Part 2 items. There being none, Cllr Francis-Pester moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/119 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Cllr Francis-Pester presented the report of the Property Ctte meeting held on 29 August 07. There being no Part 1 items (see below 07/125 & 07/126) Cllr Francis-Pester invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

PC/07/34.1 – Council House Notice Board, a Member advised he was carrying out a survey.

There being no other questions or comment, Cllr Francis-Pester moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/120 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Gannicliff presented the report of the Environment & Planning Ctte meeting held on 3 September 2007.

There being no Part 1 items Cllr Gannicliff invited questions or comments on Part 2 items. There being none Cllr Gannicliff moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/121 DRAFT HOMELESS STRATEGY – deadline for comments 30 September 2007

There was a debate on members being provided with hard copies of such documents – rather than by email.

RESOLVED: Not to make any comments, individual councillors could comment on their own behalf.

07/122 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: Accounts (Appendix 'A') be approved for payment.

07/123 MEMBERS' FUND The Vice Chairman advised that due to anti fraud measures it was becoming increasing difficult to change signatories on bank accounts. He suggested closing the existing account and putting funds into a locked cash box to be kept in the Town Council safe. A simply ledger would be kept requiring the Chairman & Vice Chairman to administer and approve any expenditure. **AGREED**

07/124 EXEMPT BUSINESS – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED: In view of the exempt nature of the business about to be transacted the press and public be temporarily excluded from the meeting.

RESOLVED: MINUTES 07/125 & 07/126 REASON FOR EXCLUSION

1. Paragraph 1, Section 2, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

2. Paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972

07/125 CLEVEDON CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The Clerk reported some addition information obtained by the Property Ctte Chairman.

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations of the Property Ctte and in addition to offer the lease to NSC subject to The Barn remaining a Youth & Community Centre for the remaining term of the lease. If this is not accepted the integrity of the existing building must maintained.

07/126 LAND BETWEEN HIGHDALE ROAD AND HIGHDALE AVENUE

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations of the Property Ctte.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

The meeting finished at 8 55nm

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