

## **CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the 387<sup>th</sup> meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 10 January 2007

PRESENT; Cllr D Shopland – Chairman IN THE CHAIR

Cllrs C Blades, A Cotton, J Daganll, C Francis-Pester, P Gannicliff, R Garner, C Hall, R Kendall,  
L Knott, L Little, P McNeill, T Morgan, G Morris, J Norton-Sealey, G Watkins, C Wring (Vice Chairman)

PRAYERS were said by the Chaplain – Pastor Hilder

### 7.35pm FORMAL BUSINESS

NORTH SOMERSET LIAISON OFFICER – Viv Thompson had sent her apologies and provided information on provisions made available by North Somerset Council to replace the closed Marson Rd office.

#### 07/01 ABSENCE FROM THE MEETING

Apologies received; Cllrs M Adames (holiday), I & S Bates (another meeting).

**RESOLVED:** Council ACCEPTED the reasons given for absence.

#### 07/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

02.1 Cllr D W Shopland, personal interest in CAB – report of Financial & General Policy Ctte

02.2 Cllrs J Dagnall & D W Shopland, personal interest, School Governors – Environment & Planning Ctte

07/03 MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 6 December 2006 were approved as a TRUE RECORD and SIGNED by the Chairman.

07/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES – Bristol International Airport Master Plan consultation  
Members received and noted a reply to their comments as contained in 06/159.2. The Chief Executive of North Somerset Council advised on the consultation arrangements for planning issues and deadlines imposed on determining these. He felt that the festive season had not hindered this process.

#### 07/05 QUESTION Submitted by Cllr Cotton

*'Members will be aware that there has been on going discussions concerning a major rearrangement of the layout at the junction of Old Church Road / Elton Road / Pizey Avenue. I now find that North Somerset Council intend to proceed with this work before the end of the financial year. Furthermore, they claim to have the full support of Clevedon Town Council. I think the proposal is seriously flawed and will create problems which will reflect badly on the Town Council. I am informed that although the decision process is at the eleventh hour a clear indication of lack of support from the Town Council would curtail the proposals without adverse contractual consequences. My question to Council is; Are we happy for this work to proceed?'*

The debate on this question included comments as follows;

- the layout had always been as it is and had caused no problems in the past (only one accident could be recalled) therefore there seemed to be no reason to change it,
- it was reported, by a District/Town Councillor that North Somerset Council had not carried out a survey to support such a major change in this area, so he had carried out his own - his observations were that; the most vehicle turns were from Elton Road into Old Church Road in a westerly direction, the second most were from Elton Road progressing around into Old Church Road in an easterly direction and the third most were vehicles travelling from an easterly direction to a westerly direction along Old Church Road. His opinion was that, based on this, these alterations would cause a backup of vehicles in Elton Road,
- while it was appreciated that the money allocated was to improve facilities for pedestrians it was felt; (1) pedestrians movements this area were limited and, therefore, (2) for what was gained it would cause a lot of annoyance to vehicle drivers,
- another District/Town Councillor observed that the greater need was at the junction of Strode Road into Old Church Road but that he had been advised the Elton Road junction project had to be completed before the Strode Road one could be considered.

On a VOTE of; 14 FOR 1 AGAINST

**RESOLVED:** Clevedon Town Council did not wish the project outlined for the area in the vicinity of Elton Road/Old Church Road/Pizey Avenue to proceed.

07/06 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS  
Civic Night will be on the 16 March 2007.

The Chairman reported the following;

07/07 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Cllr Francis-Pester presented the report of the Finance & General Policy Cttee meeting held on 13 December 06. Part 1 items

FGP/06/59 – Precept 2007/08

FGP/06/60 – Earmarked Reserves

FGP/06/61 – Major Works, Clevedon Community Association

**RESOLVED:** To approve the recommendations of the Financial & General Policy Cttee.

Election Contingency – Members received a letter from North Somerset Council outlining the possible costs of the forthcoming elections in May 2007. For Clevedon it was anticipated the cost (should all 7 wards be contested) would be £8912. A contingency of £6000 (including the 07/08 figure) had been set aside.

**RESOLVED:** Any additional spend, over the contingency sum, to be taken from General Reserves.

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

FGP/06/63 – Clevedon Pier An enquiry was made as to whether the Pier Trustees had made a enough of a case for the continuance of these funds. The Committee Chairman responded that this issue needed to be reviewed each year. Another Member considered the Town Council should be seen to be showing their support bearing in mind the sums provided by North Somerset Council (NSC) for this structure. The Chairman of Council observed that the Pier was in the ownership of NSC, therefore, it was their responsibility to fund its upkeep.

No other questions or comments, Cllr Francis-Pester moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/08 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Gannicliff presented the report of the Environment & Planning Cttee meeting held on 18 December 06. Part 1 item

E/06/272 – North Somerset Replacement Plan – Further Modifications

Members felt observations could have been made regarding; more use of the train service to the site and the car importers having to provide multi-storey car parks instead of surface ones.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the recommendation of the Environment & Planning Cttee.

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

07/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

07/10 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDITOR

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Mr M Kingshott, who provided this service in the past, and enquire if he was available to audit the accounts for the Financial Year 2006/07.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

The meeting finished at 8.15pm

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