

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the 397th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 20 February 2008

PRESENT; Cllr R Garner – Chairman IN THE CHAIR
Cllrs, J Dagnall, C Francis-Pester, C Hall, D Hendra, D Jones, L Little, P McNeill, J Middleton,
T Morgan, G Morris, J Norton-Sealey, G Watkins.

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

PRAYERS were said by the Chaplain

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION none
2. NORTH SOMERSET LIAISON OFFICER Viv Thompson was not in attendance.

7.35pm FORMAL BUSINESS

08/14 ABSENCE FROM THE MEETING

Apologies received; Cllrs C Arnold (out of Clevedon), A Cotton (family commitment), P Gannicliff (hospital), D Shopland (prior commitment), C Wring (family commitment).

RESOLVED: Council ACCEPTED the reasons given for absence.

08/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none were made.

08/16 MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 9 January 2008 were approved as a TRUE RECORD and SIGNED by the Chairman.

08/17 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Norton-Sealey presented the report of the Environment & Planning Cttee meeting held on 14 January 2008. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Norton-Sealey invited questions or comments on Part 2 items, E/08/03 – App: 07/P/3138/F – Hither Green, manufacture and sale of biodiesel. An enquiry was made about this application, the information was provided that the application had been withdrawn. There being no other comments, Cllr Norton-Sealey moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

08/18 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Cllr Watkins presented the report of the Transport & Highways Cttee meeting held on 16 January 2008. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Watkins invited question or comments on Part 2 items, there being none Cllr Watkins moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

08/19 AMENITY COMMITTEE

Cllr Francis-Pester presented the report of the Amenity Cttee meeting held on 23 January 2008.

Part 1 items

AM/08/03 – Town Guide – publication for 2009

RESOLVED: To defer this item for 12 months and review the situation again early in 2009.

AM/08/04 – Herbert Gardens Tennis Club – Lease

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendation of the Amenity Cttee

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

AM/08/05 – Amenity Areas – Play Pod; an enquiry was made on when this would be on site and whether the pod required planning permission. It was observed that as the pod was a temporary structure it did not require planning permission and the anticipated time given for its arrival had been sometime during April.

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

08/20 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Norton-Sealey presented the report of the Environment & Planning Cttee meeting held on 28 January 2008. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Norton-Sealey invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

There being none, Cllr Norton-Sealey moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

08/21 LIAISON COMMITTEE

Cllr Garner presented the report of the Liaison Cttee meeting held on 9 February 2008.

Part 1 item

L/08/03 – Local Area Agreement – Performance Indicators

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendation of the Liaison Cttee

Cllr Garner invited question or comments on Part 2 items.

L/08/10 – Town Council newsletter – the observation was made that perhaps 2 editors were needed for this publication. After a short debate it was; **AGREED** to refer this item back for further consideration.

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

08/22 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Norton-Sealey presented the report of the Environment & Planning Cttee meeting held on 11 February 2008. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Norton-Sealey invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

E/08/25 – Moon & Sixpence Licensing Application – the information was provided that this application had been withdrawn. A member enquired if the comments about the use of the car park had been passed on, ie this area is not included in the existing licence but is being used as though it is.

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

08/23 CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION – ORDERS & REGULATIONS

Part 10 of the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 amended the Local Government Act 2000 to provide a revised ethical conduct regime for local government based on the principle of proportionate decision-making on conduct issues by local authorities. In order to implement the revised regime detailed arrangements need to be put in place to allow Standards Committees and the Standards Board to undertake their new roles, these needed to cover operation of;

- Standards Committees' powers to make initial assessments of misconduct allegations
- Other functions by Standards Committees and the Adjudication Panel in issuing penalties/sanctions
- Standards Board's revised strategic role to provide supervision, support/guidance for the regime
- Other matters, such as the rules on the granting of dispensations, the granting of exemptions of posts from political restrictions and the pay of local authority political assistants.

RESOLVED: To forward no comments

08/24 STREET TRADING CONSENT – STRODE ROAD LAY-BY, CLEVEDON – 08/09

Members received the information that the Town Council's comments were contained in the report to the Planning & Regular (Licensing) Sub Cttee meeting scheduled for the 25 February 08.

A member enquired why the hearing could not be heard in Clevedon (to save people travelling to WSM) and the reply/observation was made that issues relating to the whole area of North Somerset were considered at these hearings – not just the item appertaining to Clevedon.

08/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

08/26 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Audit Commission had written advising they proposed to appoint Mazars LLP as auditors to Clevedon Town Council – for 5 years commencing with the 2007/08 accounts. The Audit Commission were inviting comments or questions (in writing) by the 29 February 08.

RESOLVED: To forward no comments

08/27 URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman allowed the following two items with the reasons for urgency being;

- in the case of (27.1) a decision to progress was awaited
- in the case of (27.2) notice for information – 21 day deadline for anyone wishing to comment.

27.1 MARLENS request to erect a plaque in memory of the contribution Arthur Knott made to Marine Lake. The site of the plaque would be adjacent to a similar plaque to Fredrick Nutting and the wording of the new plaque had been provided. NSC had been consulted and did not have any objections and had suggested enquiring if the Town Council had any observations.

RESOLVED: To forward the comments that the Town Council had no objections.

27.2 SCHOOL LANE information had been provided, on the 14 February 08, that a notice was due to be posted in the lane between Old Street and Highdale Avenue during the following week advising it was proposed to name this lane 'School Lane' – this would stay in place for a minimum of 21 days.

It was recalled that this was the Town Council's preferred name for this lane based on the local and informal historic reference.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

The meeting finished at 8.05pm

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