

**MINUTES OF THE 44TH ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING OF CLEVEDON TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE, 44 OLD STREET, AT 7.30 PM ON
WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 2017**

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr J. Geldart

Councillor: :N. Barton, C Francis-Pester, A. Giles-Townsend, S. Hale, B. Hatch, G. Hill, L. Little, J. Middleton, J. Norton-Sealey, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, C. Starr, G. Watkins, J. West.

In Attendance; Ms P. Heath, Town Clerk, Mrs I Johnson Deputy Town Clerk.

Members of the Public 4

17/773 WELCOME AND THANK YOU BY THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

The Chairman Cllr Geldart expressed her thanks for all the work and support by Clevedon Town Councillors. Cllr Little was thanked for her support as Vice Chairman and presented with a gift. All the staff members were thanked for their support and assistance over the year, their hard work and positive attitude making the role of Chairman easier and viable.

17/774 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: to accept the apology for absence given Cllr C. Blades (work commitment) Cllr C. Hall (illness), Cllr Morgan (family commitment) and Cllr Fone (illness).

17/775 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda

17/776 ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2017/2018

Proposed by Cllr Hill seconded by Cllr West and **RESOLVED by 14 votes to 0** to elect Cllr Linda Little as Chairman of Clevedon Town Council for the year 2017/2018

Members had a short discussion on the length of term a Councillor could serve. The Town Clerk explained that the each year the Council has to elect a Chairman but there was nothing in the standing orders or within statute that restricts the Council from re-electing the same Chairman, providing they are eligible to stand.

17/777 THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – CHAIRMAN

The Chairman read and signed the declaration of office, witnessed by the Town Clerk.

17/778 AWARD THE PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE TO THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Cllr Little awarded the past Chairman's badge to Cllr Geldart.

17/779 ELECT A VICE -CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2017/2018

There were two nominations for Vice Chairman for 2017/18

Cllr West proposed by Cllr G. Hill, seconded by Cllr Hatch

Cllr D. Shopland proposed by Cllr A. Shopland, seconded by Cllr S. Hale.

Following a ballot

RESOLVED: that Cllr West is elected as Vice-Chairman of Clevedon Town Council for the year 2017/2018 by a vote of 9 to 7.

17/780 RECEIVE THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE -VICE CHAIRMAN & AWARD THE VICE CHAIRMANS BADGE OF OFFICE

The Vice-Chairman read and signed the declaration of office, witnessed by the Town Clerk. The Chairman presented the Vice Chairman's badge of office and congratulated Cllr West.

17/781 CHAIRMAN'S NOMINATION FOR CONSORT AND THE PRESENTING OF THE CONSORTS BADGE

The Chairman nominated Mr Brian Little as consort for the year 2017/2018. The Consorts badge was presented by Mr James Geldart.

17/782 APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVED ON THE STANDING COMMITTEES:-

A list for member's preference had been circulated prior to the meeting.

17/782.1 ALLOTMENTS;

Councillors L. Fone, S. Hale, B. Hatch, G. Hill, J. Middleton, J. Norton-Sealey, K. O'Brien.

RESOLVED: To appoint the above nominated members.

17/782.2 PLANNING;

Councillors N. Barton, C. Francis-Pester, S. Hale, C. Hall, B. Hatch, G. Hill, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland, C. Starr, G. Watkins, J. West..

RESOLVED: To appoint the above nominated members.

17/782.3 PROPERTY

Councillors N. Barton, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, G. Hill, L. Little, J. Middleton, D. Shopland

RESOLVED: To appoint the above nominated members

17/782.4 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITY;

Councillors N. Barton, C. Blades, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, B. Hatch, G. Hill, L. Little, T. Morgan, J. Norton-Sealey, A. Shopland, G. Watkins.

RESOLVED: To appoint the above nominated members.

17/782.5 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS ;

Councillors N. Barton, J. Geldart, A. Giles-Townsend, S. Hale, B. Hatch, G. Hill, J. Norton-Sealey, C. Starr, G. Watkins.

RESOLVED: To appoint the above nominated members.

The meeting was adjourned whilst each of the above committees have their first meeting as per the agenda's attached. Upon conclusion of the above committee meetings, the meeting reconvened.

17/782.6 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY

Members of the Committee by right of position

Chairman of the Council – Cllr L. Little

Vice Chairman of the Council – Cllr J. West

Immediate past Chairman – J. Geldart

Chairman of Allotments – Cllr Middleton

Chairman of Property – Cllr J. Geldart

Chairman of Planning –Cllr Hill

Chairman of Transport & Highways – A. Giles-Townsend

Chairman of Town Events & Amenities – Cllr Francis-Pester

The following members also requested to sit on the Committee

Councillors; N. Barton, L. Fone, C. Hall, T. Morgan, J. Norton-Sealey, C. Starr, G. Watkins, J. West

RESOLVED: To appoint the above nominated members.

The meeting was adjourned whilst Finance & General Policy committee had their first meeting as per the attached agenda. Upon conclusion of the committee meeting, the meeting reconvened

17/783 TO CONFIRM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEES AS ELECTED.

Chairman of Allotments – Cllr Middleton

Chairman of Property – Cllr J. Geldart

Chairman of Planning – Cllr Hill

Chairman of Transport & Highways – A. Giles-Townsend

Chairman of Town Events & Amenities – Cllr Francis-Pester

Chairman of Finance & General Policy - Cllr Francis-Pester

17/784 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE SUB COMMITTEES REPORTING DIRECT TO COUNCIL.

17/784.1 Community Resilience;

Councillors; N. Barton, J. Geldart, C. Starr

RESOLVED: To appoint the above nominated members.

17/784.2 Public Toilets;

Councillors; N. Barton, J. Geldart, T. Morgan, G. Watkins, J. West

RESOLVED: To appoint the above nominated members.

17/785 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES - LIST ATTACHED

A list of the outside bodies had been circulated with the agenda and the following Councillors were appointed.

Civic Society`	Cllr West
Clevedon Community Ass	Cllr Francis-Pester
	Cllr Norton-Sealey
Clevedon Pact	Cllr Hill
	Cllr Geldart
Clevedon Pier Trust	Cllr Hall
	Cllr Francis-Pester
Clevedon Sailing Club	Cllr Hatch
Clevedon Twinning Assoc	Cllr Watkins
Clevedon Local Commissioning Network	Cllr Geldart
Clevedon Community Hospital CCG	Cllr Watkins
Farmers Market co-op	Cllr West
Gwilliam & Woodward Trust	Cllr A Shopland
NS Safety & Coastal Advisory	Cllr Giles-Townsend
Nailsea & Dist Community Transport	Cllr Hill
CANS	Cllr Hatch
Strode Centre users Group	Cllr Blades

Youth Centre Management	Cllr Norton-Sealey Cllr Geldart Cllr N. Barton Cllr D Shopland Cllr A. Shopland
Hinkley Point Community Forum Clevedon Tides	Cllr Watkins Cllr Francis-Pester Cllr Hatch Cllr Watkins
Marlens Trustees Clevedon CCT	Cllr Hall Cllr Geldart Cllr Little Cllr Francis-Pester Cllr Watkins
Land Yeo Friends	Cllr Watkins Cllr J. Geldart

Gordano Greenway Project - Cllr Hatch. As this group had not met Cllr Hatch asked for it to be removed from the Council's representation list.

Marlens Trust – the Town Clerk confirmed that as far as the Council was aware Cllr Hall sat as an observer on the trust board and not as a trust member.

17/786 NOTIFICATION AND TO APPOINT CHAPLAIN'S TO THE COUNCIL

17/786.1 Chairman to appoint the Chaplain

The Chairman nominated Reverend Trevor Cranshaw of St Andrews

17/7860.2 Council to appoint the Deputy Chaplain

Following a short discussion it was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to request Reverend Clive Jennings of Christ Church to be the Deputy Chaplain

17/787 SIGNATORIES SHALL BE 2 OF THOSE SO AUTHORISED FOR ALL ACCOUNTS HELD BY CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL,

Cllr Francis-Pester, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Geldart, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Norton-Sealey, Cllr West, Cllr Hill, & Cllr Starr

Proposed Seconded and **RESOLVED** that the above signatories are confirmed.

17/788 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members were invited to join the Chairman and her consort for drinks and nibbles after the meeting

17/789 MEMBERS FEE

The Deputy Chairman collected the Members fee of £1 per Councillor.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....