# MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 17th July 2023 AT 7.30PM

# **PRESENT**

Cllr Mrs Slatter, Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr J Hunter, Cllr G Barwood, Cllr Harries, Cllr Lee, Cllr McAllan, Cllr Powell, Cllr Weston and Cllr Wilcox

FC.059/23-24	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Ranford.
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FC.060/23-24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None
FC.061/23-24	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING None present  Long Service Awards were presented to the following Councillors:  • Cllr Powell – 20 years • Cllr Lee – 20 years • Cllr S Smith – 10 years • Cllr Mrs Slatter – 5 years • Cllr Wilcox – 5 years
FC.062/23-24	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES  Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2023  Cllr Slatter PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.  Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote 9 for, 4 abstain: So resolved.
FC.063/23-24	CLERK'S REPORT Complaints and Compliments The Clerk reported on the issues raised and dealt with by the office for the month of June.
FC.064/23-24	CORRESPONDENCE Confirmation that Reece Preston has resigned from the council. Thank you email from Quedgeley Social Club regarding rent. Gloucester Marathon – Easter Sunday 2024 – request for comments. No comments made. Cllr Harries advised that Police and County Council are aware of parking issues in Elmore Lane during fishing events. County Council are in the process are trying to arrange a meeting with the Canal Trust.
FC.065/23-24	<ul> <li>CHAIR'S REPORT</li> <li>Cllr S Smith reported the following:</li> <li>The unveiling of the plaque at Quedgeley Community Centre in memory of Flight Lieutenant Robert Coventry. The plaque was unveiled by the Head Girl and Head Boy of Severnvale School. Thanks were given to everyone who came along to support.</li> <li>Clarification of the unfortunate resignation of Reece Preston and a welcome to newly co-opted councillor, John Hunter. A short tour has already been conducted to show Mr Hunter some of the council assets.</li> <li>Saturday Surgery taking place at ASDA in the next few weeks. Tesco Quedgeley to be contacted regarding arranging another surgery.</li> <li>Travellers at Kingsway Sports Pavilion.</li> </ul>

### FC.066/23-24

# TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

Members received all policies or amendments to policies prior to the meeting.

CCTV Policy – deferred to next Full Council to allow for amendments re GDPR.

The remaining Policies were considered:

Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy

Code of Conduct

Community Engagement

Complaints

Constitution

**Data Protection** 

Electronic & Social Media

**Equal Opportunities Policy** 

Financial Regulations

Public Forum

**Publication Scheme** 

**Training** 

**Standing Orders** 

**Grants Policy** 

Health & Safety Policy Statement

Cllr Lee **PROPOSED** to accept the above listed policies with any relevant amendments already notified.

Seconded: Cllr Powell: Vote: unanimous: So resolved

#### FC.067/23-24

#### UPDATE ON THE MOAT INCLUDING ADVISE FROM QTC SOLICITOR

Mrs Webster provided councillors with an update regarding the trees around the bank of The Moat, together with options provided by Bloor Homes. Bloor Homes will undertake to determine the ownership of any trees along the bank and ask that QTC adopt the Moat within the next 4 weeks.

# Option 1

If the trees come under the ownership of the transfer document, ie QTC, Bloor Homes will undertake to fell all trees.

# Option 2

If the trees come under the ownership of the transfer document, ie QTC, Bloor Homes will address any trees of concern only.

#### Option 3

If the trees come under the ownership of the residents, they will be notified accordingly.

The survey will show how many trees there are in question and the ownership and QTC will be kept involved throughout.

Advise from the QTC Solicitor is for Bloor Homes to retain ownership of the bank and therefore the trees which has been rejected by Bloor.

Cllr Lee **PROPOSED** that Bloor Homes should be informed that QTC will be happy to adopt the moat once a survey has taken place to undertake ownership

	and if trees come under the transfer document, to carry out work to a satisfactory level to any trees that cause concern. No tree felling to take place unnecessarily and QTC will not complete within the 4 week deadline, only once works have been undertaken to QTC's satisfaction.  Seconded: Cllr McAllan: Vote: unanimous: <b>So resolved</b>
FC.068/23-24	FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  Noting of the Minutes dated 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023: accepted by F&GP on 03.07.2023  Nothing to report
FC.069/23-24	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  Noting of the Minutes dated 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023: accepted by P&D on 28.06.2023  Nothing to report  Cllr Powell advised on the following:  Additional Flats in Kingsway – objections to be registered  20's plenty – presentation to take place at Full Council in October  Unregistered land – is there an appetite for QTC to ascertain what pieces of unregistered land are available? The majority of councillors agreed that this should be discussed further at the next planning meeting.
FC.070/23-24	RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Cllr Thompson nominated Cllr Hunter to join R&A. Seconded: Cllr Slatter: Vote: unanimous: So resolved Cllr G Smith nominated Cllr Weston to join R&A Seconded: Cllr McAllan: Vote: unanimous: So resolved  Cllr Thompson asked members to keep event dates free: Fireworks – 11/11/2023 Christmas – 10/12/2023  Cllr Thompson advised that he and Cllr S Smith had recently visited Fieldcourt School followed up by a visit to the Nature Reserve.  Cllr Lee left the meeting at 20:21.
FC.071/23-24	COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE  Cllr McAllan nominated Cllr Weston to join Community Buildings. Seconded: Cllr Barwood: Vote: unanimous: So resolved  Noting of the Minutes dated 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023: accepted by CB on 10.07.2023  Cllr Wilcox reported on the following: Kingsway Short Mat Bowls – Committee have agreed to a request to hold approximately 12 full Saturdays in Hall 1 during 2024/25.  GCC have 2 Bleed Kits available for Kingsway Sports Pavilion and Kingsway Community Centre. Committee have agreed where they should go and have asked for 2 further kits for the remaining centres.  Defibrillators – memorandum of understanding agreed. Funds to be met 50% by CIL and 50% from vired funds. To be deferred to Full Council.
FC.072/23-24	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES Nothing to report
FC.073/23-24	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL Cllr Powell requested a letter be sent to Gloucester City Council regarding rewarding prior to elections. Action: JP to liaise with Mrs Webster regarding the wording of a letter.

	Cllr Lee rejoined the meeting at 20:28
DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st August 2023- Noted	

Meeting concluded: 20:30 hrs