

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 11th October 2016 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; A. Knight (Deputy Chairman), M.M. Coborn (Mayor), T.R. Holder, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, R. Sterry, M. Turner, C. Witham, Ms K. Wynn.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs L. Sterry (Chair), Mrs K. Brown, R. Pritchard.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

97. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th September 2016, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

98. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

(a) F.o.D. Dementia Alliance. (Minute 84).

Lena Maller had now confirmed the best date to try the dementia game would be 10th November, 4 - 5.30p.m. in the Council Chamber. Noted.

(b) Members Report. (Minute 90).

Further to the report given by Cllr Mrs Martin in reference to the Boar, the Clerk had received a letter from Matt Caldwell and Cllr Tim Gwilliam with suggestions on how to control the impact of the Boar, and they had asked if they could attend a meeting of the Town Council to discuss the same.

RESOLVED they be invited to the November meeting of the Town Council.

(c) GAPTC - Accreditation. (Min 94).

The Clerk had downloaded the GAPTC Accreditation scheme but had not been able to go through this in time for the meeting. Members asked for this to be forwarded and for it to be placed on the Agenda for the November meeting.

RESOLVED accordingly.

(d) Circus in the Town. (Min 95).

Positive comments had been received regarding the Circus, some Members had taken their children and thought it was excellent. Noted.

99. ST. JOHNS CRICKET CLUB.

A member of St. Johns Cricket Club had written asking for suggestions for the location of the Old Town Clock. The Cricket Club would like to place it on the front of their Pavilion, but had concerns regarding security due to the isolated location. One suggestion they had made was for the clock to be located on the new College building at Northern Quarter, but they felt the clock should remain in the Cinderford area. Members agreed they would like to see the clock remain in the Town, and offered to keep the clock whilst a suitable location was found, and to make a donation of £500. to the Cricket Club, as a thank you gesture for keeping the clock safe.

RESOLVED accordingly.

100. GRANT THORNTON - AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2016.

Grant Thornton had now completed the Audit, and wished to bring to Members attention the issue of the value of fixed assets. They considered the Council had not take appropriate action due to this, which the Council disagreed with. The Clerk confirmed that she would continue in the future to put in the full insurance value for the assets as had previously been done.

Grant Thornton also wished to ensure that the Council would in future demonstrate that the minute references indicate that the Annual Governance Statement was considered, approved and signed before the Accounting statements.

RESOLVED accordingly.

101. CINDERFORD WELFARE CENTRE - CINDYFEST.

The Clerk had received a letter from the Trustees of Cinderford Welfare Centre expressing their concerns at the lack of involvement of the Hall in the Cindyfest. Members agreed that although they had supported the Cindyfest, the Council had taken no part in the organising of the event, and suggested that the Trustees should contact the organiser if they wished to become involved the following year. Everyone agreed it had been a brilliant event, in spite of the weather, and hoped that it would take place again the following year, with hopefully a bigger format and incorporating other venues, radiating out from the Town Centre.

RESOLVED the Clerk reply
to the Trustees accordingly.

102. HIGHWAYS - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDERS - B4226 ST. WHITES RD & B227 BROADMOOR RD.

Road Closures had been received for the full length of the B4226, St. Whites Road from Abbots Road - Valley Road junction, 14/11/16 - 23/12/16 for resurfacing and the B4227 Broadmoor Road to Speculation Rd. for construction of new foul drainage from 5th - 9th December. Noted.

103. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE - 13/11/16 & REQUEST FOR DONATION.

The Remembrance Parade would be held on the 13th November, assembling at the Belle Vue Centre, ready to march at 10.45 am to the War Memorial for 11a.m. for the Service conducted by Rev Mike Barnsley. This would be followed by light refreshments at the Soldiers & Sailors Club. The RBL had asked if the Council would consider making a donation towards the running costs, as in previous years.

RESOLVED a donation of £100.00
be given.

104. GAPTC - CONSULTATION ON CAPPING LARGER COUNCILS IN 2017/18.

GAPTC had forwarded a copy of the 2017/18 Local Government Finance Technical Consultation Paper with particular reference to section 3.3 with proposals to cap councils in 2017/18 who had an expenditure budget over £500,000. and a precept of over £75 (Band D), which would trigger a referendum. NALC and SLCC were collecting data and working on a response, and asked for any comments to be submitted by the 28th October.

Members were totally against the proposals and the cost of holding a referendum, when continuing to try and provide services, whilst Government continued to reduce budgets/grants to District/Borough /County Councils, and expecting Town/Parish Councils to continue to provide expected services.

RESOLVED the Clerk respond to GAPTC
accordingly.

105. BT - REMOVAL OF PAYPHONES.

BT had written as part of a formal consultation regarding their current programme of intended public payphone removal, which would close on 21st December 2016. The consultation process gave local communities the opportunity to adopt a traditional red 'heritage' phone box for a £1.00 fee. The following phone boxes in Cinderford were due to be removed

- Steam Mills (GL14 3JD),
- Church Road (GL14 2EA),
- PCO X (GL14 2XX)
- St. Whites Road (GL14 3EP),
- Valley Road (GL14 3HF)
- Edge Hills Road (GL14 2QR)

Cllr Turner confirmed he would inspect the phone boxes to see exactly where they were and what condition they were in, for Council to consider any possible future use.

RESOLVED accordingly.

106. FUSION - NEW 'WELCOME' SIGNAGE DESIGNS.

Cllr. Witham had collated the number of comments from facebook regarding the signs and concept 2 was most popular, but with comments, that Cinderford was the 'Heart' not Gateway. Members agreed and also commented that perhaps the Crest be incorporated onb the signage. Cllrs Witham/Turner confirmed they would speak with Fusion regarding the graphics and the changes to be incorporated into the design.

RESOLVED accordingly.

Due to confidentiality, the Clerk recommended the following item be held to the exclusion of the Press and Public.

RESOLVED accordingly.

107. FOREST FITNESS CENTRE - RESOLUTION REGARDING FUTURE MANAGEMENT.

108. MEMBERS REPORTS.

Cllr. Turner was pleased with the success of the Memorabilia Day on Saturday 1st October, it had been well attended with staff from The Forester Newspaper with their archive material for people to peruse. The Forest Review had also given very good coverage in their newspaper. Noted.

109. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

As Members of the Development Control Committee, Cllr M.M. Coborn, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan and R. Sterry did not take part in the vote on any of the following applications.

- (a) 3 St. Johns Mews - Proposed conservatory. P1302/16/FUL.
- (b) Land to the North of Parragate - Erection of A detached dwelling with associated parking facilities. Construction of a new vehicular access (Revised scheme to previously approved scheme PO720/16/FUL.

RESOLVED No Objections be made to either of the above planning applications.

- (c) Northern Quarter - Discharge of condition 43 parts 2 & 3 (Land contamination) for plot E1 relating to planning permission PO663/14/OUT, the Northern Quarter. P0067/16/DISCON.

RESOLVED No Objections,
providing FODDC was satisfied
that the condition had been met.

- (d) Rackham House Floors Ltd. F.V.I.E - The installation of a concrete Batching plant and integral cement silo to replace existing silo and self loading mixer trucks. P1315/16/FUL.

RESOLVED the above application be Supported.

110. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Members were circulated with the figures for accounts requiring payment and it was;

RESOLVED the accounts and wages
totalling the following amounts be paid;
BVC/CTC - £8,892.12.
BVC - £4,663.57.
CTC - £8,374.01.

111. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on
Tuesday, 8th November 2016 at 7 p.m.

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112. CHRISTMAS PARADE - CAR PARKING.

The Clerk had received an email from the District Council confirming that parking charges would be suspended 12 noon on the day of the Christmas Parade, 26th November, and for the whole day on Saturday 3rd December to mark 'Small business Saturday'. Noted.

113. CRAFT FAYRE.

An invitation had been received for Members to attend a Craft Fayre at St. Stephens Church on Saturday 22nd October 2016 from 10.0 am - 1.00 pm. Noted.

114. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

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