

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 14th April 2015 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS; G.L. Morgan (Chairman), M.M. Coborn (Mayor), Mrs M. Cook, Mrs J. Gouha (7.25p.m), T. Holder, Mrs J. Johnson, A. Knight, Mrs E.D. Martin, B. O'Neill (7.45p.m.), L.S. Wilce, D. Wildin.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. R. Pritchard, Mrs L.I. Sterry, R. Sterry.

Two Members of the Public.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr. Wildin declared an interest in item 187 (Girl Guides - request for donation).

### **183. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th March 2015, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **184. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.**

- (a) Open Day 14th March 2015. (Minute 168b)

The Open Day had been very successful, with a good turnout of people, interested in looking at memorabilia and the old photographs, with thanks given to Mark Turner who had supplied a lot of them. It was suggested that something similar be done again in the future, but this would be something for the newly elected Council to consider.

- (b) Carnegie Fields - Location of field/Carnegie grant. (Minute 169).

Cllr. Morgan had been able to confirm that the Miners Welfare Field had not received a Carnegie grant so it was most likely to be St. John's Playing Field. Noted.

### **185. DEPT FOR TRANSPORT - PROPOSED STOPPING-UP OF HIGHWAY AT NEWTOWN ROAD.**

The Clerk had received the draft order and plan for the stopping-up of Highway at Newtown Road, Cinderford, which was part of the plans for the Northern Quarter.

RESOLVED the Order for  
the stopping up, be fully supported.

### **186. FODDC - ALLOCATIONS PLAN PUBLICATION VERSION.**

The Allocations Plan which would guide development in the area up until 2026, had been approved by FODDC on 25th February, which together with the Core Strategy and Cinderford Northern Quarter AA Plan, would comprise the new style Local Plan for the district. The document had now been published for public consultation, and the Clerk held a copy in the office for inspection, up to 12 noon on 20th May 2015. Noted.

### **187. GIRL GUIDE - REQUEST FOR A DONATION.**

A request for a donation had been received from the 2nd Girl Guides to help pay the Census fee and it was

RESOLVED a donation of £75.00 be  
forwarded, under Section 137.

Coleford Market Town Initiative was trying to raise a minimum of £15,000. to provide a Living History Weekend at Speech House, with a free entrance. They had put together a proposal to celebrate Magna Carta, and the implications this had on the Forest of Dean.

Members agreed it was a good idea, but considered it should be included for the May Agenda, to allow the new Council to make a decision on funding. The Clerk confirmed she would try to get updated income/costs, for the meeting.

RESOLVED accordingly.

#### **189. CINDERFORD TRADERS - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT AND DONATION.**

The Clerk and Mayor had met with a group of Town traders on Tuesday, 31st March 2015, and they had highlighted some issues concerning the Town Centre, and had asked for the support of the Town Council. The issues raised were;

- Traffic Wardens much too onerous, ask for a 5 minute warning rather than issuing a ticket immediately.
- Request for parking spaces in Market Street.
- Ask for parking charges to be waived on a Friday.
- Make more use of the Town Centre, with the Traders also having a market, free of charge.
- More lighting on the zebra crossing with maybe advance led warning lights.
- Request for donation to assist them with increased advertising.
- The no-right turn in the Triangle to be removed.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the first five requests be supported by the Council, and that a donation of £100. be given to assist with more advertising.

However, the Town Council would not support the request for the removal of the 'No right turn', as this was done partly to protect the War Memorial, and to make the area more pedestrian friendly.

RESOLVED accordingly, and to give a donation of £100.00 under Section 137.

#### **190. MEMBERS REPORTS.**

**Cllr. Mrs E.D. Martin/B. O'Neill** - had both attended the defibrulator training session arranged by FVAF, which they found very interesting, but there had been a very low attendance, and another training session may be arranged for the future. Noted.

**Cllr B. O'Neill** - confirmed that the Friday Night Project at the Cinderford Welfare Centre would be called 'Forest Fighting Fit', and was now in the process of being fitted out, and should be open within the next two weeks. Noted.

#### **191. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

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

- (a) 14 Woodgate Road - Retrospective application for a porch on existing dwelling - P0237/15/FUL.
- (b) The Old Coach House, Foundry Road - Change of use from former day centre (D1) to 3 residential self contained apartments - P0478/15/FUL.
- (c) 7 Church Road - single storey extension to side - P0487/15/FUL.

- (d) Land adjacent to The Blandings, Mousel Lane - Approval of reserved matters for the erection of one dwelling with ancillary works - P0490/15/APP.

RESOLVED no objections be raised to any of the above applications.

- (e) 29 Market Street - Prior notification for change of use from retail to residential with associated building works - P0495/15/PIAPA.

RESOLVED strong objections be raised to loss of retail unit.

- (f) Beechenhurst Lodge, Speech House Road - Construction and operation of a Go Ape junior high ropes course with associated reception cabin - P1990/14/FUL.

RESOLVED strong support.

**192. 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 - £17,812.54  
BVC - £35,125.59  
CTC - £11,620.15

**193. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 19th May 2015 at 7 p.m.

**194. WORKING GROUP.**

Cllr Coborn thought a Working Group should be set up to work with the Street Wardens, to address areas in the Town that needed tidying up.

RESOLVED this be an Agenda item for the new Council.

**195. TOWER PLANTING.**

Cllr Wilce commented that the Tower tubs in the Town Centre were untidy and under planted, compared to those situated outside the offices. The Clerk confirmed this was due to budget restrictions, and that the top tiers only were planted in the Winter. Noted.

**196. CLOSURE.**

The meeting closed at 8.20p.m.