

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 8th August 2017 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; Mrs L. Sterry, (Chair), R. Sterry, (Mayor), A. Knight (Deputy Chair/Mayor), Mrs L. Bent, Mrs K. Brown, M.M. Coborn, T. R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, R. Pritchard, M.D. Turner, C. Witham, Ms K. Wynn.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

APOLOGIES for Absence - Mrs J. Johnson.

There were no Members of the Public in attendance.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them that the meeting was being live streamed, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Town Council, and as contained in the openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

60. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th July 2017, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

61. ANY URGENT BUSINESS (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR).

None received.

62. TO CONSIDER UPGRADE FOR CCTV.

The Clerk reported on the costings for upgrading the CCTV cameras and system, but advised that the current system for the Town Council buildings was considered to be more than adequate. Therefore Council needed to consider the upgrade of 7 cameras throughout the Town, plus a new ANPR camera, plus 2 new cameras as considered and recommended by the Playing Fields Committee, plus a 32 channel network video recorder. The Clerk was still awaiting the quote for the 2 new cameras, so currently the costs were £4313. plus the outstanding amount. She had also received confirmation that PCC funding was available.

RESOLVED the Clerk submit a bid to the PCC as soon as the final quote was received in order to proceed with the upgrade.

63. CINDYFEST - REQUEST FOR INCREASED GRANT.

A request had been received for an increase in the grant, from £1,000. to £1,500. in order to meet their rising costs. If Council did not wish to increase the grant it was very likely that the event would be cancelled. Members agreed the extra £500. be paid providing full accounts were provided to show all income and expenditure for the event.

RESOLVED accordingly.

64. FISHING 4 KIDS - REQUEST FOR DONATION.

A new community group aimed at 4 to 16 year olds had been set up, to train them in the sport of coarse fishing, working in partnership with the Royal Forest of Dean Angling Club. The group were looking to raise £1900 to set up and meet all the legal requirements and asked if the Town Council would consider making a grant to them.

RESOLVED a donation of £100.
be given, under Section 137.

65. ARRIVE ALIVE - REQUEST FOR DONATION.

Arrive Alive had written requesting financial assistance for the 'Silver Second Appeal', to provide rapid emergency medical response transport to local communities to assist in alleviating the current strain on local ambulance services. Members could not see how this service would benefit the local community and decided that no donation should be given.

RESOLVED accordingly.

66. SUGGESTIONS FOR NAME OF NEW CNQ SPINE ROAD.

Wendy Jackson had asked if the Town Council had given any thought to a preferred name for the new CNQ spine road. Cllr Turner had put out a small survey on facebook to gauge public opinion, and following discussion it was agreed the Council propose the road be named 'Northern United Way'.

RESOLVED accordingly.

67. GCC - FORMER ST. WHITES SCHOOL SITE.

Following receipt of emails from GCC, it appeared they would shortly be submitting the two planning applications to FODDC. Cllr Morgan urged that CTC make representations to FODDC in a bid to get the applications refused, to enable further discussions with GCC to get them to carry out the works as agreed within the current planning permission for the new school, ie a drop off area in Buckshaft Road, and to widen the bottle neck in Buckshaft Road, by reducing the site of the former School.

RESOLVED the Clerk write
to FODDC with strong objections
to both planning applications.

68. PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATOR FOR TOWN CENTRE.

The Clerk confirmed there was no defibrillator available in the Town with 24 hour availability. FODDC still had £500. grants available and recommended a defibrillator package, which would be linked in to the Ambulance Service.

RESOLVED the Clerk apply for the
grant from FODDC and order the
defibrillator package as recommended
by them.

69. FODDC CABINET - TOWN/PARISH COUNCILS.

The newly formed Cabinet were intending to restart Town and Parish Council Forums, hosted by FODDC with agenda's to be set primarily by the Town and Parish Councils. In addition the Leader, Cllr Gooch and Cllr Paul Hiett, Cabinet Member for Communities would be happy to attend any meeting of Town Council.

RESOLVED they both be invited to
attend a future meeting of the Town Council.

70. CORRESPONDENCE.

- GAPTC - Police Open Day at Police HQ in Quedgeley on Sat 16th September between 10 and 3.
- FODDC - Request release of CTC pledge of £100. to road safety campaign.
- FM Community Radio - Request for written permission allowing Rheola House to be used as their transmitter site.

- GCC - Confirmation of enforceable 'School Keep Clear' road markings for Forest View School.
- Cinderford YMCA - Acknowledgement of donation.

71. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- Cllr Mrs Martin gave a District Councillor Report, with useful links to other sites - please see attached.
- Cllr Morgan informed Members that he had given the Clerk a Report from GCC, created on 27th April 2017, which gave a local insight profile for the Cinderford area - this was available for perusal from the office.
- Cllr Witham produced the following reports for Members which are attached to these Minutes
 - (i) Digital and IT update - see attached.
 - (ii) Town Centre Survey - see attached
 - (iii) Town Centre Improvements - see attached.

Cllr Witham had also prepared a fourth Report, which he thought should be considered to the exclusion of the Press and Public, due to confidentiality.

RESOLVED the fourth Report be duly considered in the absence of the Press and Public, due to confidentiality.

- (iv) Town Centre information - see attached for Members.

RESOLVED the proposal be accepted and the Clerk proceed as agreed and to apply to DCLG for borrowing approval.

72. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

No Planning Applications had been received.

73. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

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

RESOLVED the accounts and payroll totalling the following amounts be paid;
 BVC/CTC - £17,433.43
 BVC - £1,594.99
 CTC - £4,296.11

74. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 12th September 2017 at 7 p.m.

75. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.