

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 10th October 2017 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs L. Sterry (Chair), G.L. Morgan, R. Pritchard, C. Witham.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: No Members of the Public present.

Cllr Knight 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.

95. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th September 2017, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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

None received.

97. COMMUNITY HOSPITALS IN THE FOREST OF DEAN - CONSULTATION.

A public consultation and survey booklet had been produced by the NHS regarding the community hospitals in the Forest of Dean. Members wished to speak to more local people prior to responding to the consultation, and asked that the item be on the Agenda for the next full meeting of Council. The Clerk confirmed a speaker would hopefully attend the next meeting from the NHS.

RESOLVED accordingly.

98. POLICING PRIORITY - COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP.

As the expected information had not been received, the item was deferred to the next meeting of full Council.

99. FORESTRY COMMISSION - LINEAR PARK WORKS.

Further to the email already forwarded to Members, the Clerk had received a further email confirming the actual works to be carried out at The Linear Park which would see the removal of one of the footbridges, opposite the Victoria Street junction. As this bridge was the one most used by local residents, the Clerk had requested a site meeting to discuss the options, but had not yet received any reply. Members agreed they would wish to see the bridge remain, and it was suggested that the Town Council could consider a financial contribution towards it.

RESOLVED the Clerk try to arrange a site meeting to discuss options.

100. FODDC - TOWN CENTRE REPORT.

The District Council had produced a Town Centre Audit Report presenting key findings which could be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the Town Centre, by focusing on key themes such as footfall, vitality and economic characteristics to highlight emerging trends so that strategic actions could be taken to enhance the town centre performance. Noted.

101. FODDC - ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

Posters and boards highlighting the road safety campaign would be available from the District Council and would be distributed through the Town and Parish Councils. Noted.

102. CINDERFORD ACADEMY BAND - REQUEST FOR A DONATION.

Cinderford Academy Band had written requesting financial assistance towards their running costs and it was

RESOLVED a donation of £200.00 be forwarded under sec. 137.

103. CORRESPONDANCE.

- The Clerk showed Members a piece of mining sculpture by Phylis Lewis. which had been given on loan to the Town Council.
- St. Stephens Church - Christmas Tree Festival 2017 - the Church would be holding a Christmas Tree Festival at the church between Friday 1st Dec. - Sunday, 3rd Dec. and had asked if the Town Council would like to participate.
- An invitation had been received for Members to attend the Conservation grazing meeting at the Forest High School on Sunday, 12th Nov. 2017. A representative would also attend a future meeting of the Town Council.
- An email had been received with concerns over HGV lorries still using Station Street and the safety of the junction of Wesley Road/High Street, which the Clerk had forwarded to Highways.
- Details of improved GP hours in the Forest of Dean had been received and a link www.forestgpsurgeries.co.uk had been set up
- An invitation had been received from Cllr. Jane Horne, Chairman of the District Council for members to attend a Carol Service at the Baptist Chapel, Newland on Wed. 13th December 2017.

104. MEMBERS REPORTS.

No Members Reports had been received.

105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Any Member of the Development Control Committee, took no part in the vote on any of the following applications.

- (a) 4-5 Berisford Court - Change of use from Class A1 to Class A2. P1481/17/FUL.
- (b) 37 Foxes Bridge - Change of use of existing industrial unit to gym. No alterations to existing building. P1466/17/FUL.
- (c) 99A Victoria Street - Works to Copper Beach T1 of TPO148 to crown lift to 4m. above ground level and crown thin and rebalance by 25% and works to Willow T2 of TPO 148 to remove broken limbs and deadwood and crown reduce by 35%.

RESOLVED No Objections be made to any of the above applications.

Application withdrawn - Deneside 19A Stockwell - Construction of an outbuilding/summer house for ancillary accommodation. Demolition of existing garage/storage building.

Appeal Decision - 4 St. Whites Terrace APP/P1615/D/17/3174484 - Removal of front fence, block paving and the lowering of the kerb to allow access and parking. **Dismissed**

106. 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 - £14,861.42.
BVC - £27,456.68.
CTC - £3,083.08.

107. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 14th November 2017 at 7 p.m.

108. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.00p.m.