

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 13th February 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; Mrs L.I. Sterry (Chair), A. Knight (Deputy Chairman), R.A Sterry (Mayor), Mrs K. Brown, M.M. Coborn, T.R. Holder, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan (7.55), R. Pritchard, M. Turner, C. Witham.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

1 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs Mrs K. Turner, L.S. Wilce.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs M. Coborn and Mrs J. Johnson declared an interest in Minute 144 (current School Governors of other Primary Schools).

Cllr. Mrs Sterry 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.

The Chair asked if the Member of Public present wished to ask any questions or raise anything with the Council, but he declined.

The Chair then welcomed Shaun Stammers to the meeting to give his presentation on the new Cinderford Health and Wellbeing Project, being delivered from the Forest Voluntary Action Forum, and initially based on the Hilldene and Denecroft areas. The aim of the project was to enhance individual health and well-being through community focused activities encouraging community participation, cohesion and resilience. This would hopefully result in decreased GP appointments, decreased emergency hospital admissions and sustained growth reduction. The full presentation is attached to these minutes for reference. Shaun was thanked for his presentation and then left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

143. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th January 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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

A letter had been received from the Head of St. Anthony's School regarding the reported possible closure of the School, and for support in taking part in the protest march taking place on Friday 9th February at 1.45 pm from the School, into the Town Centre. Members agreed to liaise with the School Head and asked the Clerk to contact the School to arrange a meeting with Cllrs Mrs Sterry, A. Knight, K. Brown and the Clerk.

RESOLVED accordingly.

145. GCC - ROAD CLOSURES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

The Clerk had received notification of the following temporary road closures;

- Valley Road - from junction of St. Whites Road to junction of Victoria Street - relining of existing sewer pipe and excavation of broken pipe. 9th (08.00)-11th (17.00) April 2018.
- A48 High Street, Newnham - Surfacing work - 16th to 23rd June 2018, overnight closures 19.00 -07.00.
- A48 Jordan Hill and Wintles Hill, Westbury-on-Severn - surfacing work - 6th to 15th June 2018, overnight closures 19.00-07.00.

146. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR.

Mr. Iain Selkirk had once again offered his service as the Council's independent internal auditor for 2017/18, at a fee of £420.

RESOLVED Mr. Selkirk be appointed accordingly.

147. DONATION REQUEST FROM DARBY & JOAN.

The Cinderford Darby & Joan Club had written requesting a donation to assist them with their transport costs.

RESOLVED that £100. be given, under Section 137.

148. FOREST FITNESS CENTRE.

Following the sale of the obsolete training equipment, the sum of £810. had been raised which would be paid to the Town Council for distribution to local charities, as previously agreed. The Clerk suggested it would be a nice gesture to allow the volunteers to decide the beneficiary's, in acknowledgment of the time and work they have volunteered to the Centre.

RESOLVED accordingly.

149. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER.

A PSPO could cover as many areas as the Town Council wished to have protected, with a total dog ban. The cost (£350) of two adverts would be paid for by the Council and the Order would remain in place for 3 years, with instant fixed penalties of £80. issued.

All signage would be paid for by the Town Council. Members agreed unanimously to apply for the PSPO as soon as possible, to cover all the recreation areas.

RESOLVED accordingly.

150. PRESENTATION BY FOREST & WYE VALLEY TOURISM

Cllr Julia Gooch (Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Business Support and Jobs) would like to organise a presentation by Forest & Wye Valley Tourism for Cinderford Businesses. She had already held a successful one in Newent, and asked if the Town Council would assist her to hold one in Cinderford.

Cllr Graham Morgan had recently attended a tourism meeting in Monmouth and agreed this was a positive thing for Cinderford, and urged the CTC to join as well. Members agreed CTC should join, and that Cllrs Morgan, R. Sterry, Mrs L. Sterry and M. Turner would all assist Cllr Gooch.

RESOLVED accordingly.

151. CORRESPONDENCE.

- GCC Major Schemes - A40 Over Roundabout Improvements to allow the A40 westbound widening of the carriageway. Vegetation and tree clearance will take place in February 2018, with main work planned to start in May 2018 for approximately 16 weeks.
- Local Government Boundary Commission - Final Recommendations that Cinderford District Reps will be reduced from 5 to 4, and that Cinderford Town Council would comprise 15 reps, (7 in East Ward, 1 in North Ward, 7 in West Ward).
- Forestry Commission would be installing a barrier at Ruspidge Halt, where the current height barrier is situated (not used). It will be opened around 7.30/08.00 and locked at dusk. The action is due to reports of anti-social behaviour.
- Black Mountains were organising an orienteering event based in Speech House field the weekend 4-6 May with competitors taking part on foot or bike. See www.theomm.com for more information

152. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- Cllr Morgan prepared a Report on the proposed County Council Budget 2018/19 of £407.17 million, subject to ratification by GCC at the meeting scheduled for 14th February 2018. The budget had been based on 1.99% council tax increase and 2% National Adult Social Care levy. The full Report is attached to these Minutes for reference.
- Cllr Mrs Martin reported on a presentation by the Barnwood Trust, given to the FoD Health Forum, regarding funding available, and that there was a very low take up on this from the Forest.
- Cllr Mrs Martin also raised the fact that the £50k Youth Activity Fund had disappeared from the Forest allocation, within the GCC budget and asked that Cllr Morgan raise this at the GCC budget meeting on the 14th February.

Cllr Mrs K. Brown left the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

153. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

(a) 17 Foundry Road - variation of condition 04 (removal of the words 'by Merry Den Care') of planning permission P1200/11/FUL. P0116/18/FUL

(b) Colliers Court, Latimer Road - Discharge of condition 04 (soft landscaping) of planning permission P1807/15/FUL. P0004/18/Discon

(c) 16 Woodville Road - Erection of a two storey rear extension, decking and detached garage with associated works. Alteration to driveway. P1877/17/FUL.

(d) Land between 14 & 16 (14a) Woodville Road - Erection of two storey detached dwelling - Revised plans/information. P1997/17/FUL.

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

(e) Corinium Business Park, Speculation Road - variation of condition 02 (approved plans) to combine two previously approved units into one of planning permission P0046/12/FUL.

RESOLVED Support for this application.

(f) 13 High Street - Alterations and conversion of first floor existing flat to create 2 two bedroom flats with associated works. Installation of ground floor window to the rear. Construction of vehicular access. P0111/18/FUL

RESOLVED concerns raised with the proposed vehicular access/parking bays onto Heywood Road which is very narrow at this point and with little or no footpath for pedestrians and already dangerous. Would suggest this area be utilised as amenity/bin area, as the public car park is situated very closely to the site.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN - 41 Church Road - Erection of three storey extension. Demolition of existing rear extensions. P1789/17/FUL.

154. 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 - £15,533.61
BVC - £14,026.72
CTC - £8,768.15

DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY, THE CLERK SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING ITEM BE TAKEN TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.

The Member of the Public was thanked for attending the Meeting and he then left.

155. REQUEST FOR CCTV FOOTAGE.

Confidential item.

156. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on
Tuesday, 13th March 2018 at 7 p.m.

157. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.