

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 10th April 2018 commencing at 6.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors; C. Witham, (Chair), R.A. Sterry (Mayor), M. Coborn, T.R. Holder, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, R. Pritchard, Mrs L.I. Sterry, M. Turner.

Town Clerk; Mrs L.L. Thomas

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. A. Knight, Mrs K. Turner.

### **1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting and commented there had been lots of good progress, and with more positive work to follow, and thanked everyone for their input. The highlights over the past 12 months had been:-

- April - the return of the old Town Clock
- May - Cllr Mrs Sterry appointed to Chair, Cllr R Sterry as Mayor, Cllr Knight as Deputy
- June - Flooding presentation from the Environment Agency and beautiful planters placed around the Town
- July - Regeneration Update and Town Centre Imps Report
- Aug - Imps to CCTV and proposal to purchase HSBC
- Sept - Positive feed back on Music Festival and Defib provided in Town Centre
- Oct - Linear Park works and FODDC Town Centre Report
- Nov - NHS consultation, Purchase of live stream equipment, Christmas light switch on, with thanks to Staff and Members.
- Dec - Meeting cancelled due to weather conditions
- Jan - Positive input on social media for updated weather/road conditions
- Feb - Public Space Protection Order to prevent dog fouling on recreation areas, Formation of Tourism working group
- March - meeting followed the funeral of Cllr Lloyd Wilce

### **2. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR - CLLR R.A. STERRY.**

Cllr Sterry had enjoyed the Civic Role of being the Mayor, without any political influence, and to promote Cinderford in a positive way. He confirmed his attendance at:-

- Ross-on-Wye - Mayoral Appointment, Civic Service and Civic Dinner
- Newent - Civic Service and Onion Fayre
- Coleford - and Civic Dinner
- Gloucestershire College - Prize Giving
- FODDC - Chairman's Dinner
- RBL - Faulkland Memorial in Triangle
- Several Annual General Meetins of various organisations
- Two Carol Services with two Readings
- Forest High School - Showcase
- Tourism Forum
- Visist to new College Campus with Cllr Morgan
- CFRC - Dinner and watched the Barnstaple game
- Foresters Forest - Grazing Conservation and Litter Picking
- Snow - provided taxi for Cinderford Nurse - he was given £19.30 for his fuel, and had decided to donate this to CANDI, with a cheque for £20.

and finally he had received an invitation from Mayors for Peace to a conference in Ngasaki, but had declined, due to the cost!

### **3. REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR. G.I. MORGAN.**

Cllr Morgan then proceeded to read his Report on the budget set by the County Council, for 2018/19, which had been set at £413.5 million, and split into the following headings;

- Children & families - £102.974 million
- Adult Services - £133.172 million
- Public Health - £24.271 million (ring-fenced grant)
- Business Support - £27.917 million
- Communities & Infrastructure - £80.426 million
- Technical & Corporate - £44.721 million

Cllr Morgan also informed Members of the 6 Projects being discussed at County in connection with Gloucestershire 2050, being:

- Cotswold Water Park
- Regional Parks
- Cyber Park
- Lydney Sharpness
- Cotswold Airport ) There was currently not a lot of support for these last 2 projects.
- Super City )

Further information on the County budget and on the 6 projects are attached to these Minutes.

### **4. REPORT FROM DISTRICT CLLR. MRS E.D. MARTIN.**

Cllr Mrs Martin gave her Report, on the changes taken place at FODDC under the following headings;

- Housing - National and local Housing Crisis
- Economy - Forest Economic Partnership
- Environment - Recycling and AONB status
- Leisure - New Leisure strategy
- Value for Money - budget
- Health - Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles

The full Report is attached to these Minutes.

### **5. CLOSURE.**

As there were no Members of the Public present, the Chair once again thanked everyone for their input throughout the year, and for attending, and the Meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.