

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS; G.L. Morgan (Chairman) M. Coborn (Mayor), T.R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, L. Wilce, D. Wildin.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs M. Cook, A. J. Knight, B. O'Neill, R. Pritchard, Mrs L.I. Sterry, R. Sterry.

One member of the public.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing declared.

### **136. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record, but it was noted that two members of the public had also been present.

### **137. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

(a) CTC Open Day. (Minute 127).

The Clerk had received an email from Mark Turner with some suggestions regarding the open day and that it be held on a Saturday morning. Members were happy with the suggestions made, including the Mayor being put in the stocks (if it could be arranged).

### **138. GAPTC - BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY NOMINATIONS.**

GAPTC had written, asking for nominations to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

RESOLVED Cllr. Max Coborn be nominated from Town Council.

### **139. GCC - ROAD CLOSURE FOR FOREST HALF MARATHON 29/03/15.**

Notification had been received for the closure of the roads around the Speech House Hotel, to allow the Forest Half Marathon to take place, on 29/03/15 from 8.30 - 11.30 am or until the last runner has gone. Noted.

### **140. HIGHWAYS AGENCY - IMPS. TO A40 OVER ROUNDABOUT.**

The Highways Agency had written with notification of the road improvement works to the A40 roundabout at Over, to create an additional lane on the eastbound approach for vehicles heading towards Gloucester and widening the roundabout to three lanes to improve the capacity. The works planned for the Huntley road had been delayed, whilst this work was carried out, and whilst it was frustrating for drivers, it would hopefully improve the situation when completed. Noted.

### **141. POST OFFICE, DOCKHAM ROAD - MODERNISING POST OFFICE.**

The Post Office had decided to change the branch in Dockham Road to one of their main style branches, which would mean longer opening hours for customers. Noted.

**142. FODDC - MOBILE CCTV CAMERA.**

The Community Safety Partnership had submitted a bid and had been awarded funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner to purchase five mobile CCTV cameras to be owned by the four Town Councils and Tidenham PC. These would be available for hire to adjoining Parish Councils for a hire fee which was anticipated to be in the region of £315. plus VAT, regardless of how long the camera would be needed for. Noted.

**143. FODDC - PRIDE OF THE FOREST AWARDS.**

The District Council was asking for nominations for this years Pride of the Forest Awards there being seven categories and it was

RESOLVED Cllr. LLOYD Wilce be nominated as he had served over 60 years as Parish/Town Councillor.

**144. MEMBERS REPORTS.**

As part of a Scrutiny exercise the District Council had issued a questionnaire to all Parish/Town Councils, to determine the level of support offered to the various communities. It seemed that Lydney Town Council did not wish to complete the form, so the Clerk asked if Cinderford Members were happy for her to complete the survey.

RESOLVED the Clerk complete the questionnaire.

**145. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL INDEPENDENT AUDITOR – Mr IAIN SELKIRK.**

Mr Selkirk had contacted the Clerk offering his services once again, as the independent, Internal Auditor and it was

RESOLVED Mr Selkirk be duly appointed for the Internal Audit of Accounts for the year ending March 2015.

**146. BUDGET 2015/16.**

The Clerk circulated to Members a copy of her report on the budget for 2015/16, which was considered in detail, and it was agreed to include the following:

- Music Festival – grant of £1000.
- Playing Fields - £2,500.
- Friday Night Project – £500.

This made a total estimated expenditure for 2015/16 of £192,700. which minus the Revenue Support Grant of £22,618. (as calculated by FODDC) would result in a precept of £170,082.

RESOLVED the Precept be set at £170,082.

**147. DONATIONS.**

As Members had dealt with donation requests during the year, there remained a balance of £445.00. The Clerk circulated the list of applications requesting donations, and following consideration it was

RESOLVED the following donations be given, under Section 137.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cinderford Brownie Pack - £75.  
Cinderford Darby & Joan - £75.  
Cinderford YMCA - £100.  
County Air Ambulance Trust - £100.

**148. TO REVIEW THE RISK ASSESSMENT AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2015.**

The Clerk circulated to Members model Financial Regulations which had been slightly adapted to suit the requirements of the Town Council. On going through the adaptations, Members were happy with the model Financial Regulations and agreed they be adopted by the Town Council. The Clerk had also circulated the updated Financial Risk Assessment for 2015, and Members agreed these also be adopted.

RESOLVED that the Financial Risk Assessment and also the Financial Regulations for 2015 be approved and adopted.

**149. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

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

- (a) 9 Parragate - Rebuilding of demolished detached garage and construction of new pitched roof over attached workshop. P1914/14/FUL.
- (b) 1 Hodges Way - Single storey extension at rear of existing property to enlarge kitchen. P1920/14/FUL.

RESOLVED no objection be made to any of the above applications.

- (c) Hollyhill Park, Hollyhill Road – Application seeking confirmation that conditions posed upon planning permission DF2151/2/C have been complied with. P0129/14/DISCON.
- (d) Hollyhill Park, Hollyhill Road - Application seeking confirmation that conditions posed upon planning permission DF2151/1/J have been complied with. P0128/14/DISCON.
- (e) Hollyhill Park, Hollyhill Road - Application seeking confirmation that conditions posed upon planning permission DF2151/1/F have been complied with. P0130/14/DISCON. P1817/13/FUL.

RESOLVED no objections be made to the the above applications providing FODDC was satisfied that conditions had been met.

- (f) 142 High Street - Erection of a pair of semi detached dwellings. P1949/14/OUT.

RESOLVED objections be made to the above planning application due to the density of the site and the un-made up track for access.

- (g) Land at Steam Mills Road - Outline application for a class A1 retail store of up to 4,645 s.q.m including ancillary uses, recycling centre, associated accesses off Steam Mills Road and Estate Roads, car parking and landscaping. (Demolition of existing buildings). P1132/11/OUT.

RESOLVED strong support for this application as previously submitted.

**150. 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 - £11,402.89  
BVC - £2,274.15  
CTC - £1,483.86

**151. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

**152. CLOSURE.**

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.