CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Wednesday 27th June 2018 commencing at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; M.M. Coborn (Vice-Chair), T.R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, Mrs L.I. Sterry, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs C. Witham, R.A. Sterry, Ms S. Reader.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

38. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2018.

The Clerk circulated the accounts and information for the year ending 31st March 2018, together with the Report from the Internal Auditor, Mr. Iain Selkirk.

RESOLVED the accounts be approved and accepted as presented.

39. APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2017/18.

The Clerk circulated copies of the Annual Governance Statement and went through questions 1 to 8, to which it was agreed the response was 'Yes' to all, with question 9 not being applicable.

RESOLVED accordingly.

40. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING STATEMENT FOR 2017/18.

The figures for the previous year had been restated by the Internal Auditor and amended to take into account historical balances. The Clerk had spoken with him and he had insisted that all the figures were correct and must be used accordingly. As he had stated within his report, he felt there were anomalies within the Sage system, but as Members were already aware, the office had been running Scribe for the year, but the system could not cope with the amount of invoicing done and had proved inadequate.

The Clerk circulated copies of the Accounting Statement for approval, which was in accordance with the accounts previously circulated.

RESOLVED the statement be signed as correct.

41. CINDYFEST 2018.

The Chairman raised this URGENT item, following a meeting held the previous evening, which he had attended, as had Cllrs Turner, Brown and Mrs Martin. The previous event organiser no longer wished to be involved due to personal circumstances, but had confirmed that he would contact the Bands to perform in the Town Centre. They had been informed that the new Community Cafe and the Radio Station had planned to use the Cindyfest event to hold their formal launch. CRFC were also advertising a free fun-day on the same day, and it was thought if the event was planned around the Town Centre, with any Public Houses doing their own events if they wishes, it would work well. It was also agreed that the Town Council deal with all the finances for this year, pending the formation of a properly constituted group to take the event forward next year. The Clerk was asked to contact BIFFA to see if they would consider sponsorship of the event, by providing bins or collection of rubbish.

RESOLVED Town Council would support Cindyfest to ensure its continuity.

42. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.