

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 11th September 2018 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS; C. Witham (Chairman), C. Brown, T. R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, R. Pritchard, Ms S. Reader, R.A. Sterry, Mrs K. Turner, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs M.M. Coborn, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs L.I. Sterry, G.L. Morgan.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them that the meeting was being audio recorded, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Town Council, and as contained in the openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

There was no public participation.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Mrs Julia Gooch and Mrs Wendy Jackson to the meeting to discuss ideas previously raised in May with Cllr Roger Sterry, regarding various ideas to improve how the Town Centre looked and to increase footfall. Some of the ideas has already been tried by the Town Council, some had failed but some had worked, following the Report presented by the Chairman, (CT Centre July 2017) Cllr Gooch felt that Cinderford could make more of its successes on the web page, such as EMF, Jimmy Young and the excellent sporting clubs and attractions in the Town. Wendy said she would be happy to support the Council on any work towards a Neighbourhood Development Plan, and suggested that maybe Nigel Gibbons be invited to a future meeting of the Town Council to discuss the same.

The Chair thanked Wendy and Julia for their input, and they then left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

### **56. MINUTES - PLANNING MEETING.**

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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### **58. MINUTES OF BELLE VUE/FINANCE MEETING.**

The Minutes of the Belle Vue/Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 24th July 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **59. DONATION REQUEST RECEIVED FROM YMCA.**

Cinderford YMCA had requested financial assistance to help with their running cots, and it was

RESOLVED £100. be given, under Section 137  
and to offer assistance with publicity through CTC  
social media.

**60. DONATION REQUEST RECEIVED FROM CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.**

Cinderford and District Chrysanthemum Society had written asking for sponsorship to support their 38th Annual Show, taking place on 27th October.

RESOLVED that £70. sponsorship be given under Section 137.

**61. DONATION REQUEST FROM SUE RYDER LECKHAMPTON COURT HOSPICE.**

A request had been received from the Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice, being the only inpatient hospice in the County.

RESOLVED a donation of £150. be given under Section 137.

**62. DONATION REQUEST FROM EARLYBIRDS PLAYGROUP.**

The Playgroup had written to Ruspidge PC who had suggested they also write to Cinderford TC, but they had not included any information regarding where they were based or any further information. The Clerk had emailed requesting this information.

RESOLVED the request be deferred until further information was received.

**63. FODDC - BIOSPHERE PRESENTATION.**

An invitation had been received for a representative to attend an exploratory presentation on Biosphere Reserves, on Tuesday 2nd October. Both Cllr R. Sterry and Ms Reader expressed an interest in going. It was agreed that Cllr R. Sterry attend, but Ms Reader could attend if another place was available.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**64. GAPTC - BREACH OF PLANNING RULES WITH NO ENFORCEMENT ACTION.**

Winchcombe TC had asked member councils, at the AGM in July, to identify cases where there had been a breach of planning rules, with no enforcement action being taken. The Clerk had previously emailed the request to Members, asking they bring any examples they wished to raise to the meeting. Nothing was raised by Members and the Clerk confirmed the information had to be provided by the end of the week. Noted.

**65. BILSON MISSION BELL.**

On reading an article in the press regarding the imminent closure of the Bilson Mission, the Clerk had contact the Vicar to find out what would be happening to the Bell, (formerly Bilson School Bell, donated by the Town Council, when the original Bell had been stolen from the Mission). St. Stephens Church wished to commemorate the history of the site, and were planning on moving items up to the Church, including the Bell, which they hoped could then be rung. Members were happy to hear that the Bell would continue to be used and had no objection to the proposal.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**66. VACANT PROPERTIES - FODDC EDMO OR CPO.**

A derelict property next to the Post Office in Woodside Street, appeared to be attracting unwanted visitors to the area, which the Police had been informed of. FODDC had the Power (EDMO) to take over properties which had been empty more than six months (the house in question had probably been empty for at least 25 years) or CPO.

RESOLVED the Clerk write to FODDC regarding the process.

**67. GCC - ROAD CLOSURES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS.**

- A48 from Elton to High Street, Newnham - Thursday 1st Nov, 21.00 hrs to Fri 2nd Nov. 04.00 hrs, to allow safety examination of the Railway Bridge Structure.
- A4151 Steam Mills Road from Valley Road junction to A4136 junction 19th Nov - 23rd Nov (09.30-15.30) for carriageway resurfacing.
- A4151 Broad Street/Church Street, Littledean from War Memorial to Grove Farm, 22nd Nov - 3rd Dec (09.30 - 15.30).

Cllr Mrs Di Martin left the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

**68. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- Letters of acknowledgement and thanks for donations had been received from the following organisations; FoD Angling Club, Forest Health Forum, Forest Sensory Services, CANDI, Cinderford Churches and Artspace.
- Lengthsman Works Form - showing works completed under the Scheme.
- Glos Clinical Commissioning Group - Confirmation that space is planned within the new health centre facility to accommodate the same range of services currently provided at the existing health centre. Further work would be carried out to establish the most appropriate location for the services, some of which will be dependent on the final location and service model for the new Forest of Dean Community Hospital.
- Forest Sensory Services - Invitation to attend their 25th Anniversary, at Bells Club, Coleford on Saturday 6th October.
- British Telecom - Signed Agreements received for adoption of red telephone boxes as previously agreed by the Town Council - to include as item on next Agenda.

**69. MEMBERS REPORTS.**

The Chair confirmed to all Members that the appointed Architects for the Bank project, Architype had now had an initial meeting with the working group to push the project forward, and hopefully would be looking at an 8/10 week programme, aiming to get any planning applications submitted prior to the end of May. The project would now be an ongoing item on the Agenda, to keep everyone informed and up to date. Noted.

**70. 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;  
Paid during August recess - £33,042.54  
BVC/CTC - £6,813.14  
BVC - £2,461.95  
CTC - £2,459.93

**71. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 9th October 2018 at 7 p.m.

**72. CLOSURE.**

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.