

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 9th October 2018 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; C. Witham (Chairman), Mrs L. Bent, M.M. Coborn, Mrs E.D. Martin, Ms S. Reader, R.A. Sterry, Mrs K. Turner, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs C. Brown, T.R. Holder, Mrs J. Johnson, G.L. Morgan (Ruspidge & Soudley PC), Mrs L.I. Sterry.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

The Chair 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.

There was no public participation.

73. MINUTES - PLANNING MEETING.

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75. DONATION REQUEST RECEIVED FROM FoD HARD OF HEARING CLUB.

The Hard of Hearing Club, which met at the Belle Vue Centre, had asked for financial assistance towards their running costs, and it was

RESOLVED £70. be given, under Section 137.

76. DONATION REQUEST RECEIVED FROM DEAN HERITAGE CENTRE.

The Centre had written requesting £500. towards a project to provide educational activities for local children at weekends, which had commenced in the school holidays and continue into 2019.

Members recognised the Centre as an important resource, but requested further information, ie, were they working with schools, open access/cost for children, had other Councils contributed.

RESOLVED the Clerk ask for the further information and put on next Agenda.

77. HSBC BANK PROJECT.

The working group had met with the Architects to discuss layout options, to maximise the use of the building, but importantly the best siting for the changing places toilet. It had been agreed to get pre planning advice from FODDC. Members asked if they could have another look around the building, and the Clerk confirmed she would be happy to meet anyone down there at any time. Noted.

78. BT PHONE BOXES.

Several suggestions had been made such as Book Exchange, Defibrillator, but also if there would be any restrictions on painting them different colours . It would be posted on the Town Council social media pages asking residents for ideas and put on the Agenda for the next full Council meeting. Noted.

79. REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN ROAD CROSSING - STEAM MILLS.

A resident of Steam Mills had contacted Highways, who had referred them to the Town Council, once again requesting some form of pedestrian crossing as it was now taking them up to 10 minutes to get across the road, due to increased traffic.

RESOLVED the Clerk contact Highways supporting the request for some form of traffic management.

80. VACANT PROPERTIES - CPO/EDMO - FODDC.

FODDC had confirmed they were only using CPO powers, but only when there was a community group who would be willing to purchase, as the Council had no budget for this. The CPO would cost in the region of £10,000. plus the purchase price of the property. Members discussed the information but agreed the EDMO would be a better option, and that the housing regulations would be changing soon.

RESOLVED the Clerk contact FODDC again for further information on the EDMO.

81. EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT.

The external Auditors had requested further explanation, as listed in the attached final Report and Certificate, but due to problems with the printer/scanner, the Clerk had been unable to provide this to them. However they had now completed the Audit, which had been advertised as required, and a copy attached to these Minutes. Noted.

82. GCC - ROAD CLOSURES.

There were no closure notifications.

83. CORRESPONDENCE.

- FoD Citizens Advice Bureau - acknowledgement of annual grant.
- Sue Ryder - acknowledgment of grant to Leckhampton Hospice.
- Cinderford YMCA - acknowledgement of donation and support.
- St. Stephen's Church - Christmas Tree Festival 30th Nov - 2nd Dec. - Members to bring a decoration to next meeting.

84. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- Cllr Witham - reported on the visit to the fantastic new College, such a brilliant facility and asset for the Town, with a Sixth Form being provided too, as from next year.
- Cllr Witham - FoD Mens Shed - skill sharing project, meeting every Thursday morning and afternoon in Whitcroft - see their facebook page.
- Cllr Mrs Di Martin gave a District Cllr report - see attached.

85. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Members were circulated with the figures for accounts requiring payment and it was;

RESOLVED the accounts and wages
totaling the following amounts be paid;
BVC/CTC - £16,513.72
BVC - £5,167.19
CTC - £2,722.02

86. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

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

87. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.