

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 12th February 2019 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS; C. Witham (Chair), R.A. Sterry (Mayor), M.M. Coborn, T.R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, G. L. Morgan (7.45), R. Pritchard, Ms S. Reader, Mrs K. Turner, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs Mrs L. Bent, C. Brown, G.L. Morgan, Mrs L.I. Sterry.

DECLARATIONS 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.

### **129. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **130. GCC - ROAD CLOSURES.**

The Clerk had received the following road closure notifications:

- Woodside Avenue, between no's 37 - 47 to replace a leaking communication pipe from the 18th to the 20th February 2019.
- Dockham Road resurfacing - first section of road to be closed on 17th February and second section to be closed 18th and 19th February.
- St.Johns Square for Openreach works - 4th and 5th March.
- Office Road and Hillberry Road for gas mains and service replacement - 13th May to 21st June 2019.
- Northern United Way, Newtown Road, Broadmoor Road - installation of double yellow lines.

### **131. HIDDEN HERITAGE APP - FORMATION OF WORKING GROUP.**

Following budget approval, Cllr Brown was keen to get the working group agreed to commence work on the project. Cllrs C. Brown, C. Witham, Graham Morgan, Mrs Martin, M. Turner and Ms S. Reader all expressed their interest to be involved, but all Members would be informed of working group dates should they have any information to add.

RESOLVED accordingly.

### **132. WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH - COMMUNITY ASSET LISTING.**

Although Cllr Brown had given apologies for the meeting, he had asked Council to consider applying for the Wesley Methodist Church to be listed as a Community Asset in order to safeguard the building for community use.

RESOLVED the Clerk apply for the Wesley to be listed as a Community Asset.

**133. PINDERS NON-ANIMAL CIRCUS - STEAM MILLS REC GROUND.**

Pinders had asked for permission to use Steam Mills Recreation in September. They had previously visited Cinderford and used the area in 2016, which had been successful. Members agreed they be allowed to use the area.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**134. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR.**

Iain Selkirk had written offering his services as the independent external internal auditor for 2018/19.

RESOLVED Mr. Selkirk be duly appointed.

**135. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- Aladdin Pantomime - Acknowledgement and thankyou in their programme.
- Cobalt - Acknowledgement of support and Annual Accounts and Review.
- Cinderford British Legion - Thankyou letter to all staff of the Town Council for their efforts in decorating the Triangle and creating the cascade and blowing poppies.
- Forest Community Transport - Acknowledgement of donation.
- Community Dementia Links - Catch up on 7th March - Clerk would be attending.
- Council Vacancy - Due to non attendance Cllr Knight was no longer a Member of the Town Council.
- Cinderford War Memorial had now been awarded Listed Building Status.
- Great British Spring Clean - help tidy up your Town/Parish 22nd March - 23rd April.
- Shared Forest Briefing - Cllr Morgan had confirmed that Kevin Stannard had now agreed to replace the pedestrian link bridge from Valley Road onto the Linear Park.
- Dean Heritage Centre - Invitation to Opening of the new Welcome Gallery - Saturday 23rd February.
- GCC - Notice of submission of Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire (2018-2031) to the Secretary of State.
- Tim Gwilliam (FODDC) - Letter asking all four Town Mayor's to support asking all Forest Supermarkets to reduce their use of single use plastics. Roger to sign.
- FODDC - inviting suggestions for areas of land to be used for housing. Members to inform Clerk of any possible sites.
- Future High Street Funding - Meeting - work progressing, Chris Brown preparing Report for Cinderford proposals, to submit to Wendy Jackson by 22nd February.
- FODDC working with GCC and Monmouthshire CC to look at improving traffic and transport links across the border between the two Counties.

**136. MEMBERS REPORTS.**

- Cllr Coborn expressed his concern that as there was no longer any matters arising on the Agenda, that it prevented him from asking questions of Members and getting updates. Chairman and Clerk to look at a mechanism to satisfy updating Members.
- Cllr Witham had been invited by the Head, Paul Holroyd to visit Forest High School, and had been very impressed with the School and Students. Several District Members had been invited on a separate occasion and they too expressed how much the school had improved, and the exemplary behaviour of the students.
- Cllr Witham had also prepared a further report, which he considered should be discussed in the absence of the press and public, due to confidentiality. Report attached for Members information and formation of Steering Group, consisting of Cllrs Witham, Coborn, Holder, Mrs Martin, Morgan and M. Turner.

RESOLVED the final report be taken to the exclusion of the press and public.

**137. 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 - £13,730.47  
BVC - £2,819.54  
CTC - £2,968.89

**138. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on  
Tuesday, 12th March 2019 at 7 p.m.

**139. CLOSURE.**

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.