

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 9th July 2019 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; C. Witham (Chairman), Max Coborn (Mayor), C. Brown, Mason Coborn, J. Charlton-Wright, T. R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, R. A. Sterry, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs Ms. R. Lewis, R. Pritchard, Mrs L.I. Sterry.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

46. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No Members of the Public were present.

47. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS.

None.

48. CINDERFORD REGENERATION UPDATE.

The Chair welcomed Louise John to the meeting, who then proceeded to give a report to Members, a full copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

Cinderford Northern Quarter Activity

- The project had received £100,000. from One Public Estate Funding, to further develop the next stages of the Northern Quarter.
- FODDC and GCC were currently working through the adoption of the first phase of the spine road, and FODDC would be running a tender to design commercial units for plots F1 and F2.
- Steam Mills Housing, Homes England anticipated launching the marketing at the end of August through to the end of September.
- Ecological Monitoring - specialist consultants continued to monitor work with all results on FODDC Regeneration webpages.

Wildtowns

- Glos Wildlife Trust had been awarded funding to run the project, and site meetings would be arranged at the Church Bank site.

Future High Street Fund

- As Council were already aware, Cinderford had not been shortlisted to the next stage of the process.

Town Centre Audit Reports

- The annual reports were currently being completed, which was showing a drop in footfall but the weather could have been a factor in this.

Members asked several questions of Louise, but overall, thanked FODDC for their input and that Cinderford had a new college providing for the youth of the Forest as a whole.

The Chair thanked Louise for attending and she then left at 7.30 pm.

49. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

50. PLANNING MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

51. EXTRAORDINARY MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 18th June 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

52. ACTION LOG REPORT.

As attached to the Minutes.

53. CINDYFEST.

Cllr Brown confirmed that all the bands had been booked, stalls and rodeo sheep booked together with other other attractions for the children which would all be free of charge. They would also like to order recyclable plastic cups printed for Cindyfest, which would be extra, and asked if the Town Council would consider underwriting the event for a further £500. to ensure it could happen.

Members discussed the request but as this was a positive event for the community agreed to underwrite Cindyfest for a further £500. as requested.

RESOLVED accordingly.

54. PLANNING MEETING - CO-OPTION.

Cllr Charlton-Wright had asked to be co-opted to the Cinderford Planning Committee, which was agreed by Council.

RESOLVED accordingly.

55. GCC - VARIOUS ROAD NOTICES.

The Clerk had received notification of the following temporary road closures and notices:

- The Ruffit, Littledean from outside Bromleigh to outside Wayside Cottage - full road closure for old pole to be removed and new one installed - from 9.00 am 2/09/2019 - 16.30 on 3/09/2019.
- A4136 Gloucester Road and A4136 New Road, Mitcheldean - resurfacing - 25th July - 8th August (9.30 - 15.30 but excluding weekends).

56. CORRESPONDENCE.

- North Glos Orienteering Club had asked for permission to use the Steam Mills Recreation Ground for their 50th Anniversary event on Sunday 19th January 2020 to be used as their parking and assembly area. Members agreed it would be good for the area to be used and confirmed the Clerk contact them accordingly.
- Rank Outsiders Football Club had raised concerns with the Circus using the Steam Mills Area, as on a previous occasion there had been problems and asked Council to ensure that no vehicles would go on the pitch and that the meter be read daily to ensure there is no use of the electricity. Members agreed the request.

- FODDC had confirmed that the Future High Street Fund bid had been unsuccessful, which was disappointing and Members thanked Cllr Brown for all his work on the bid. He did ask that the Belle Vue Centre/Finance Committee consider options regarding the Wesley Church.

57. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- Cllr Brown confirmed that the Hidden Heritage App for Cinderford was progressing well and they would soon be at the stage for picking photo's.
- Cllr Morgan confirmed he had asked about funding for planting trees in boxes around the Town Centre, but the fund was only for tree planting in the ground. It was suggested that an application for funding could be submitted for next year, for tree planting in the recreation areas or Victoria Street.

58. 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 - £13,718.79.
BVC - £19,530.06
CTC - £4,405.08.

59. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Full Meeting be
held on Tuesday, 10th September 2019 at 7 p.m.
Clerk to arrange for a photograph to be taken.

60. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.