

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 10th September 2019 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; C. Witham (Chairman), Max Coborn (Mayor), Mrs L. Bent, C. Brown, Mason Coborn, J. Charlton-Wright, Ms R. Lewis, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, R. Pritchard, Ms S. Reader, Mrs L.I. Sterry, R. A. Sterry, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

AN APOLOGY for Absence was received from Cllr. T.R. Holder.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs Max Coborn and G. Morgan (as Governors of Steam Mills School), both declared an interest in item 12 on the Agenda.

61. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No Members of the Public were present.

62. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS.

None.

63. POLICING IN CINDERFORD.

The Clerk reported to Members that PCSO Dawn Teague had been removed from Cinderford, and was now working from Coleford. She had raised the issue with Inspector Hodgetts and had invited someone from the Police to attend the meeting to discuss these actions, but obviously no-one had turned up. PCSO Teague was the longest serving PCSO in Cinderford and had made many connections in the Town, together with PCSO Sue Pritchard. Both Dawn and Sue were working on projects for the benefit of the Town, and it was worrying that such a move be made without any consultation whatsoever. The fact that two PCSO's from adjoining parishes were covering the Town, was not good enough as they just did not know the area, or the contacts well enough.

Members were understandably appalled at the situation and asked the Clerk to write to the Police Crime Commissioner and Chief Superintendent.

RESOLVED accordingly.

64. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

65. PLANNING MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

66. PLANNING MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 7th August 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

67. ACTION LOG REPORT.

See Minute 68.

68. LAND OFF HIGH STREET/LIDL's & PURCHASE OF TWO BENCHES.

Following the meeting the Mayor had with the Management at the opening of the refurbished store, Lidl had now agreed that Town Council could do the grass cutting on the land leading off the High Street, and that they would give £1500. towards the purchase of two steel 'Miners Benches' which the Clerk had sourced. This would mean Town Council, making up the shortfall of £242. The Clerk had also written to the adjoining land owner to see if any arrangement could be made to tidy the area up, but had received no reply.

RESOLVED the Clerk order the two benches
and CTC to pay the agreed shortfall.

69. FOYLES ABATTOIR - COMPLAINTS.

As complaints had been received from local residents regarding the smells coming from the Abattoir, the Clerk had written to the District Council. She had also raised the issue of lorries carrying waste from there, and then having spillages on the roads and had asked whether there were regular inspections made by FODDC. They had confirmed that they were investigating smells as they had also received 2 complaints from business units. Regarding inspections, there was a veterinary inspector on site at all times, and Abattoirs were primarily under the Food Standards Agency who would do their own monitoring. They confirmed that waste material was collected in articulated trailers on a daily basis, which had always been the case, and they were currently working with Foyles to ascertain why at certain times there were stronger smells in the air. If anyone had further complaints they should be directed to FODDC in order to complete log sheets to assist FODDC in establishing any pattern of when it was happening. Members had also been receiving complaints, and asked that the Clerk write again to find out why this was not a problem when Ensors were running the Abattoir, and what was causing the problem now.

RESOLVED accordingly.

70. STEAM MILLS RECREATION FIELD - REQUEST FOR USE BY PROSTAR.

Jack Fowler, the Operations Manager at Prostars (primary school sports provider) had asked if they could use the Steam Mills Ground for a schools competition. As the Town Council already allowed the School use of the field, Members asked the Clerk to gain more information regarding dates, whether toilet facilities would be required and if Parents were charged for children attending.

RESOLVED the Clerk write for
further information.

71. DONATION REQUEST FROM CINDERFORD CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

The Chrysanthemum Society had written asking if Town Council would once again sponsor two classes in their 39th Annual Show taking place on 26th August.

RESOLVED to sponsor the two
classes for the sum of £70. under
Section 137.

72. DONATION REQUEST FROM FOREST HIGH SCHOOL.

Forest High School had asked if the Town Council could give a grant to help fund an art trip to the Anthony Gormley Exhibition at the Royal Academy in London. They would also like to develop further links with the Council and perhaps to display some of the amazing art work being produced by Students at the School.

Members agreed they would fund 50% of the cost of the coach (£500. maximum) and that they would love to work with the School. The Mayor confirmed he would donate £50. from his Mayors Allowance towards the cost of the trip.

RESOLVED accordingly, with the donation
being made under Section 137.

73. DONATION REQUEST FROM AGE CONCERN.

The Trustees of Age Concern had written asking for financial support towards the cost of their volunteer delivery drivers mileage allowances. It was decided to invite a representative from Age Concern to the November meeting of Council to discuss how the Council could help them to plan for the future.

RESOLVED accordingly.

74. GCC - VARIOUS ROAD NOTICES.

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

- B4226, St. Whites Road - Advanced notice for the carriageway resurfacing works - Monday 23rd September - Monday 30th September, 9.30 - 15.30 excluding weekends.
- Heywood Road, from outside 13a to outside 11 - full road closure for a new gas supply - Monday 14th October - Thursday 17th October

75. CORRESPONDENCE.

- Glos Wildlife Trust - email circulated to Members with update on information regarding ideas for the future conservation of the Church Bank site (off Greenway Road).
- CPRE - FoD AGM - Thursday 12th September at the Church of St.Mary, St. Peter and St. Paul, Westbury-on-Severn.
- Cinderford RFC - Thank you letter for continued support including 'words' from The Chairman and Director of Rugby.
- Walking with Wheels - Launch of the Speech House Service - Wednesday 25th September 10 am - 1 pm.
- St. Stephens Church - Christmas Tree Festival - Friday 29th November - Sunday 1st December.
- Cinderford Town Centre Audit Report 2019 - copies emailed to Members - any comments to be submitted by 27th September.
- Open Heritage - Memorabilia Day - Saturday 14th September 2019 - 10 am to 4 pm Also at St. Stephen's Church based on the poetry of Leonard Clark and with Pillowell Silver Band 10 am - 5 pm with performance at 2pm.

76. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- Cllr Mrs Martin gave a District Council Report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.
- Cllr Brown confirmed that Cinderford was the only Town in the County to go through to the High Street Fund. The deadline for the Business Plan to be completed was the 30th April, so a working party would be formed to look at moving this forward. He understood that the Wesley Church would be placed up for sale in June 2020, so this would also need to be considered.
- He also confirmed that Cindyst has been a huge success and had been done just under the allocated budget.
- Cllr Turner confirmed that the HSBC project was also moving forward and now awaiting quotes for the first piece of work to be carried out.
- Cllr Morgan gave a County Council Report - he had been able to fund 10 play sessions and funding had been made available for a further 10 sessions. He had also been able to access £1,200. funding for CANDI 'dance'. He had recently had a meeting with Richard Mundy from Glos Wildlife Trust regarding historic flooding and possible future impact on Cinderford. GCC were currently supporting the planting of more trees and wild flowers which he agreed was a brilliant idea, especially as it seemed Forestry England were currently removing so much timber from the Forest.
- Cllr Charlton-Wright informed Members that Forest Fiddle would be returning, but from Coleford Town Centre in November.

Cllrs R.A. Sterry and Mrs L.I. Sterry left the meeting at 9 p.m.

77. 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 - £36,254.57.
BVC - £4,586.87.
CTC - £2,801.04.

78. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Full Meeting be
held on Tuesday, 8th October 2019 at 7 p.m.

79. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.