

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 8th October 2019 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; C. Witham (Chairman), J. Charlton-Wright, Ms R. Lewis, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan (7.45), Ms S. Reader, Mrs L.I. Sterry, R. A. Sterry, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

Five Members of the Public

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. Max Coborn (FODDC meeting)), C. Brown, Mason Coborn, T.R. Holder, G.L. Morgan (late as attending R & S PC), R. Pritchard.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

80. PRESENTATION FROM NICOLA BIRD (K.W. BELL GROUP).

The Chair welcomed Nicola to the Meeting and she then gave a presentation on the planned new Construction Training Centre and Conference facility, which would be built on ground adjoining their offices on the Whimsey Industrial Estate. They had already received a letter of support from Tim Gwilliam, Leader of FODDC as he considered the project would complement the District's thriving economy community outcome and objective and would specifically contribute towards providing the right mix of skills for local employers and potential new employers in the Forest area.

Members were pleased to hear that the Bell Group would be working with the new College, as well as retraining and up-skilling and encouraging women into the construction business.

The Chair thanked Nicola for attending the meeting and wished them well with this exciting project, which he considered would benefit Cinderford and also the wider area of the Forest of Dean. Nicola then left the meeting at 7.25 p.m.

81. PRESENTATION ON UPDATE OF NEW HOSPITAL/URGENT CARE ENGAGEMENT.

The Chair welcomed Caroline Smith (Glos Clinical Commissioning Group), Hazel Braund and Kevin Adams (Health & Care Foundation Trust) to the meeting. They circulated to everyone, a 'Fit for the Future' photocopied sheet of a projection slide presentation giving information on the current programme and explaining the latest engagement document regarding 'Defining Urgent and Emergency Care'.

They confirmed the new hospital would be owned by the Glos Health & Care Foundation Trust.

An Engagement Hearing would be held at the Brockworth Chase Hotel, which would be a public meeting and be live streamed. They urged people to complete the survey which was available with freepost and online. The meeting would be advertised in due course.

The Chairman then allowed the Members of the Public present at the meeting, to ask any questions, or queries they had.

Cllr Witham then thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and the NHS representatives and Members of the Public, all then left.

82. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There was no further public participation.

83. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS.

None.

84. POLICING IN CINDERFORD.

The Clerk had been in communication with Chief Supt Richard Peglar, but was still awaiting a response to her last email, so would update Members at the next meeting of full Council, but it was noted that it was very unlikely that PCSO Dawn Teague would be returning as the Cinderford PCSO. Noted.

85. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

86. PLANNING MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

87. PURCHASE OF NEW TABLES FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The Clerk asked Members to consider purchasing folding meeting tables, as some bookings now being taken did not require tables in the room, which meant that the current tables were constantly having to be taken in and out, which was causing some issues. She had sourced and priced some replacement tables at a cost of £1,783.40. plus VAT.

RESOLVED the Clerk order the new tables, as required.

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

The Clerk had spoken with Jack Fowler and he had confirmed that the field would be used during school hours, so there should be no conflict with other users and they would be using the school facilities. No charges were made to the Parents, with all schools involved in tournaments, paying something towards the winning medals.

RESOLVED that Prostar could use the field for tournaments and school sports.

89. DONATION REQUEST FROM FoD LIONS CLUB.

FoD Lions Club had written asking if Council would sponsor the Wild Boar 2020 MTB Ride. Members agreed it was as good cause for local projects and they would sponsor the small boar package for £65.

RESOLVED accordingly, under Section 137.

90. DONATION REQUEST FROM TOGETHER WE CAN.

'Together We Can' was a local social group set up for people with disabilities, held at CRFC every Wednesday evening and had written asking if Town Council would support them with a donation.

RESOLVED a donation of £80. be given under Section 137.

91. DONATION REQUEST FROM GOLDEN OLDIES CLUB.

The Golden Oldies Club had written asking for a donation towards the costs of their Christmas meal and Members agreed to give the sum of £150.

RESOLVED accordingly and given under Section 137.

92. GCC - VARIOUS ROAD NOTICES.

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

- Speech House Road to junction of Fancy Road for resurfacing - closed for approximately 13 nights (excl w/ends) between 19.00 to 07.00 - planned dates 10th - 28th October 2019.
- A48 Westbury Railway Bridge - full road closure 100 m either side of bridge - 18th to 21st November 2019.
- Office Road from junction of Valley Road to Hillberry Road and then Hillberry Road, from the junction of Office Road to Hastings Road - part of blanket closure for re-surfacing -programme commencing from 1st October 2019 through 31st March 2020.

93. CORRESPONDENCE.

- Acknowledgements of Grants received from; CANDI, Forest High School, St. John's Church, Forest Sensory Services, Artspace, Heart of the Forest School.
- FODDC - Request for publicity for Neighbourhood Watch in Parish Magazines.
- Cinderford Baptist Church - Request to borrow memorabilia to celebrate the 160th year of the Church being built, to be held in May 2020 and to also have remembrances of VE Day 1945.
- FoD Health Forum - Minutes of AGM and emailed out to Members.
- FODDC - Encourage parishioners to contact them with any odour nuisance and to complete log sheets to establish what is causing the problem.
- Cinderford Bowls Club - requesting extension to Lease - referred to Committee.
- GRCC - Invitation to Creating Greener Communities event to be held on 30th October from 1.30 - 4.45 p.m. at Stroud College, Stratford Park.

94. MEMBERS REPORTS.

Cllr Morgan gave his report as the County Councillor;-

- GCC Cabinet had confirmed an overspend on Children's Services.
- Highways - the VAS had now been ordered for St. Whites, which would free up the portable sign for use in other areas of the Town.
- There had been no weed spraying done in the Town Centre, which he and the Clerk had been trying to get done since April.
- St. Whites had now been re-surfaced and he had asked for some grip cleaning to be done on the Speech House Road.
- Friends of the Earth/Climate Change - GCC were looking to address various issues.
- Local Minerals Plan - Cllr Morgan continued to keep a watching brief on the developments in relation to any 'fracking'.
- Healthy Start for expectant Mothers - GCC encouraging take-up.
- St. Whites School development - old site - increased number from 5 to 8 units.

Cllr Turner informed everyone;-

- The builder would hopefully be commencing work on the 'proposed changing places facility in the Bank at the beginning of November.
- Also, with regard to the Town Centre Markets, we had been informed by Publica that we would need an annual operators licence. The Clerk had queried this, but they were adamant that a licence would need to be applied for, so this was now in the process of being done.

Cllr Witham had a report regarding the proposed new hospital site, but due to commercial sensitivities, suggested this item be taken to the exclusion of the Press and Public, at the end of the Meeting. Report attached for Members only.

RESOLVED accordingly and that the Memorandum of Understanding be signed on behalf of the Council.

Cllr. Ms S. Reader left the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

95. 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 - £20,257.03
BVC - £2,722.87
CTC - £5,248.10

96. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

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

97. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.