

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 26th April 2016 commencing at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mrs J. Johnson(Chair), M. Coborn (Mayor), Mrs K. Brown, T.R. Holder (6.20), Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, R. Pritchard, Mrs L.I. Sterry, M. Turner, C. Witham.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs L. Bent, A. Knight, R.A. Sterry, Mrs K. Wynn.

The Chair welcomed two Members of the Public, to the Meeting.

1. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR - CLLR M. COBORN.

Cllr Coborn commenced his report, by welcoming everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

- Asda - The saga was still ongoing.
- Traders - A working Group had been set up to work with the Traders to get them involved in the Town.
- Northern Quarter - development was looking to start in May. A lot of hard work had gone into the overall project and it was hoped that this would result in more housing and employment for the Forest.
- Factory Shop opening in the Town Centre has had a positive impact.
- The flowers in the Town Centre had been really good last year, and would hopefully be as impressive for the coming year.
- He thanked all the Council staff/employees who worked hard to ensure the Council achieved so much.
- The affordable housing at Valley Road was good to see, and now completed.

He concluded that all Councils were cutting back, culminating in less services from some Councils, but he hoped that Cinderford Town Council would continue to maintain its services. The full Report is attached to these Minutes.

2. REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR. G.L. MORGAN.

Cllr Morgan then proceeded to read his Report;

- Due to the National deficit services were continually being squeezed
- Road repairs were ever more apparent with pot holes being a major problem. A new jet patchier was being purchased which should speed up the patching of pot holes.
- A Lenghtsman scheme was also being introduced in an effort to get repairs attended to more quickly, with a two man team being available for three separate weeks in the year.
- He, with another County Councillor would shortly be raising the ongoing issue of the long delay in getting appointments for the registration of deaths throughout the County.
- The AGM of the County would take place on the 11th May, which would see the end of his year as Chairman of GCC. It had been an interesting year which had included 15 Royal Visits, even meeting Her Majesty The Queen at the Imjin Barracks at Innsworth, with the final engagement taking place at Gloucester Cathedral for the swearing in of the New High Sheriff at the 38th St. George's Day Service in Honour of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday.
- It had been a year that he would never forget with it being an honour and a privilege to represent the County of Gloucestershire.

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3. REPORT FROM DISTRICT CLLR. MRS E.D. MARTIN.

Cllr Mrs Martin gave her Report, as follows;

- Regeneration - GCC had taken over the road building contract from HCA, with phase 1 of the new spine road due to begin on the 28th May 2016, subject to the relocation of the wildlife. Western Power need to work on overhead power lines, which should take place in earl May, and completed before the road contractor moves on to site. Phase 1 will give access to the new College site, and is due to be completed by the end of February 2017. It was hoped that following their meeting on the 12th May, the College Governors would give a positive recommendation for their relocation.
- 2020 Vision Partnership - Approval had now been given to proceed with a shared working programme with Cheltenham Borough, Cotswold, FoD and West Oxfordshire District Councils, which would deliver combined savings of £39 million between now and 2024. The first shared services commenced on 1st April 2016, which were Building Control, Public Protection, Legal, Property, ICT and Customer Services, alongside the HR and Finance services, which had been a shared service with the same councils for the previous 4 years.
- Changes to recycling service - In November, the Cabinet agreed to changes to the kerbside recycling service, which meant that householders would be able to add plastic bottles, cardboard, small electrical and electronic items and textiles from 1st August 2-16. The dry recycling will move to a weekly collection.
- Local Action Group - The Forest and Tewkesbury Borough LAG have secured £1.447 million of European funding through the LEADER programme. Grants of up to £50k would be awarded to micro/small businesses, farmers/foresters, growers, community groups and others that can demonstrate a benefit to the local rural economy.
- Twiddlemuffs - The FODDC Twiddlemuff Challenge was acknowledged in a recent Care Quality Commission inspection report as an area of good and outstanding practice. Designed to support residents living with dementia, twiddlemuffs are knitted hand muffs with interesting bits and bobs like beads, zips etc.
- New Events and New Business Fund - £99k was made available for this new fund offering financial support of up to £5,000. to projects that can demonstrate they are sustainable and able to promote economic growth.
- New Leisure Contract - FODDC had selected Freedom Leisure as its partner to manage the leisure centres, from October 2015, which should see over £1 million investment in the leisure centres over the next few years.
- Community Grants Funding - Local groups were invited to apply for a share of £14,800 in order to achieve better outcomes for their communities.
- Funding for Community Public Access Defibrillators - £10k had been made available to install more CPADs across the district in partnership with parish councils.
- Gold Footprint Award - This had been awarded to the Street Warden team for the second year running, in recognition of the high waulity standard in which the Council handles stray dogs.
- Elections - FODDC ran the Parliamentary, district and parish election on Thursday 7th May 2015, with a turnout of 74.33%. 17 new District Councillors were elected.
- Allocations Plan - The Plan went through its public inquiry in February 2016 and now awaiting the Inspector's feedback, which should see the document return to full Council for approval in the Autumn.

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4. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

The Chair asked the public if they wished to raise anything. There were 2 things;

- Vehicles parking on footpaths, creating pinch points - Cllr Morgan to raise with Highways at meeting following week.
- Flats at bottom of High Street, waste bins left on footpaths 7 days a week, causing issue when vehicles exiting onto High Street from Denecroft - Raise with Street Wardens.

5. CLOSURE.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending, and the Meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

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**to be held in the Council Chamber,
The Belle Vue Centre,
Cinderford.**

Tuesday 13th May 2014 at 6.00p.m

All Parishioners on the Electoral Role
Welcome

Public Questions from members of the Electorate should be
submitted in writing to:
Cinderford Town Council, St. Annal's House, Belle Vue Centre, Belle
Vue Road, Cinderford, Glos. GL14 2AB.
E.Mail: clerk@[cinderfordtc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@cinderfordtc.co.uk) prior to 12 noon on
Tuesday 14th May 2013

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Attendance Sheet

Councillors

Members of the Public

18th April 2011

BY FAX

Viv Hargreaves,
The Forester,
High Street,
Cinderford,
Glos.

Dear Viv,

Annual Parish Meeting

I would be obliged if you could arrange for the following advertisement to be inserted in the Public Notices section of 'The Forester' appearing on Thursday, 21st April 2011. I confirm that your charges will be met on receipt of your account.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L.L. Thomas
Town Clerk.

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The Editor,
Forest Review,
Lydney,
Glos.

Dear Sir/Madam,

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