



**Meeting of the Cinderford Town Council Events Committee & Working Group  
25th January 2024 at 6pm  
The Council Chamber, Cinderford**

**Present**

Rob Olins (Canopy)  
Sara Rickard (Canopy)  
Nikki Haydney (Nikki's Events)  
Cllr Darren Flower  
Cllr Roger Sterry  
Cllr Graham Morgan (Chair)  
Cllr Alison Pflug  
Cllr Mark Turner  
Emma Bennett (Clerk)  
Les Love (Estates Manager)  
Khady Gueye (The MusicWorks)  
Karen Lougher (The Picture House & Art Gallery)  
Julie Kingston (Crossroads)

**Apologies:**

Julie Abolins (Candi)

- 1. To receive apologies for absence**  
As recorded above.
- 2. Declarations of Interest – to receive any declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. Members and Officers are requested to identify the nature of the interest.**  
None declared.
- 3. Public Participation Session – to provide the opportunity for Members of the Public to raise questions or comment on items on the Agenda (limited to 15 minutes, with a maximum 3 minutes per person).**  
None present.
- 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2023**  
The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by Cllr Morgan
- 5. Matters arising**  
None - all covered by agenda.
- 6. Chairman's Urgent Business**  
None.
- 7. To receive any feedback from past events to improve future event planning:**
  - Light Switch On/Lantern Parade - 25th November 2023 - first lantern parade and planned to build on event with help from FVAF. Great to see Harmony Twirlstars in attendance. All helpers and attendees thanked. Highest engagement reported by MusicWorks.
  - Xmas Convoy - 9th December 2023 - highly attended. Positive feedback. 131 vehicles took part. Forest Vintage Machinery Club organised event. CTC continue to support. Good community spirit. Volunteers to help with marshalling are required.

- War Memorial 100th Celebration - very successful. Very fitting tribute and positive feedback received. Attended by all generations.

**8. To receive a presentation from Canopy regarding a future arts event and proposed budget implications for 2025/26**

History of Canopy provided. A proposal for a Cinderford Arts Festival in Spring 2025 was outlined which would be part funded by Arts Council and would require CTC match funding. The event format would be similar to the 2022 event and would include community activities in the event run up and involve other organisations including MusicWorks, Candi, CTC etc. It was hoped to build on the success and community engagement of the past event. Details of the proposed programme and costs were provided noting this would have a nature theme and be low carbon. Council considered the project and agreed to recommend the £6k for the 2025/26 budget which would then be considered by the Finance Committee and Council. Proposed: Cllr R Sterry, Seconded Cllr D Flower. All in favour.

**9. To receive an update from Crossroads on the 2024 Fireworks and other events planned**

Details of the 2023 low noise fireworks event was provided. There were over 1000 attendees. The event has been re-booked for Wednesday 6th November 2024. CTC would again contribute towards the event and a sum had been allocated in the 2024/25 budget. Crossroads advised that volunteer marshals would be sought.

**10. To discuss the half term activities programme and future events planned in 2024**

An update on the programme was provided noting that there was an average of 37 children for each session. Sessions in The Triangle are more successful. The Committee discussed refreshments, trader engagement and the Holiday Activities & Food programme. CTC will continue to support and a sum has been allocated in the 2024/25 budget.

**11. To receive feedback from MusicWorks on the opening and any events**

The Committee received an update on the 6 Market Street build. An update on the soft launch event and other events planned was provided. The variety and programme of events were discussed. MW and CTC would meet to finalise dates.

**12. To receive feedback from FOD Dog Rescue on Cinderford events**

Wreath making, dog show and a thank you event had been held in The Wesley. Future events were planned.

**13. To discuss ideas for 2024, agree dates and progress any arrangements for events noting budgets set and agreed:**

- Pancake Race - idea discussed. Agree to consider holding fundraising event in 2025.
- Easter Egg & Spoon Race 30th March 2024 - FOD Dog Rescue to organise.
- D Day - 06/06/2024 (Thursday) Proclamation 8am, 9.15pm Beacon Lighting - Look to display vintage vehicles. Cllr Sterry & Morgan to contact a local vehicle enthusiast.
- FOD Pride - 28/07/2024 -date booked.
- Cindyfest - 25/08/2024 - date booked. MW to be involved.
- Eurovision - 11/05/2024 - No budget set this year - UK entry from Coleford and likely venue for Forest celebration. Cllr Flower to investigate potential funding.
- Fireworks (Crossroads) - 6th November 2024. Marshalls and volunteers required.
- Olympics/Paralympics 2024 - fun sports day at Steam Mills. Crossroads to investigate.
- Skatepark Opening - Spring 2024. Work with Mavericks to organise event.
- SkateJam event - to discuss with FVAF.
- Light Switch On - 23/11/2024
- Xmas Convoy - date to be confirmed with organisers.

**14. To receive information on the following ideas and consider taking forward:**

- Book Hunt - CTC agreed to sponsor but did not hear back from the organiser.

- Summer One Day Farm - insurers would look to consider once further information was known. School holiday event.
- Monthly Triangle Storytime Session - Musicworks to consider.
- Monthly Triangle Creative Open Mic Session - Musicworks and age limit to be considered.
- Arts Events - Industrial history exhibition in March 2024.in the Gallery
- Cinema showing on D-Day - BFI to be approached and Pathe newsreels to be explored. CTC would support licensing costs.
- Suggestions/Ideas - to circulate a calendar of events and create posters.

15. Date of next Meeting – TBC

**Meeting finished at 20:08pm.**

**Signed:.....**

**Date:.....**