

CIRENCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bingham House, No. 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th October 2004.

PRESENT: Councillor D J Nash – Mayor
Councillor G T Adams – Deputy Mayor

Councillors: Mrs S A Alexander
R Bourne
Dr P A Hedges
B D Hudson
J B Leicester
Mrs R A Leicester
R G Lock
Mrs B A Potter
N E Whereat

Andrew Rennie Crook – Town Clerk
Clive Sherwood – Deputy Town Clerk
Johan Newman – Personal Assistant

A Prayer was read by the Mayor.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor John Leicester to Cirencester Town Council.

116.05 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs M T Eccles, Mrs M S Rickman and D J M Sankey.

117.05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

118.05 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 14th September 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor, subject to: -

- a) amendments to Minute No. 103.05, i.e. the word “only” being deleted from the third line of paragraph c) and the third line of paragraph d);**
- b) Minute Nos. C108.05 to C111.05 to be considered under confidential matters.**

The following updates were provided by the Clerk: -

- a) Minute No. 99.05 – Resolutions Moved on Notice – Standing Order No. 19 a)

The Clerk advised that the INVU Data Retrieval System was due to be installed on 14th October and training being given on 15th October.

- b) Minute No. 103.05 – Kingshill Lane Sports Development – Pitch Allocation

The Clerk advised that no response had yet been received from Stratton Youth on whether they would like to play at the Kingshill Lane Sports Development.

119.05 PLANNING COMMITTEE

That the availability of recently considered applications and decisions be noted. (These files are available for inspection both in the Council Office during the working week and at Council Meetings.)

120.05 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor drew the Members' attention to the Newsletter and particularly to the Traffic Management Highway Seminar on 14th October and the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils Annual General Meeting on 16th October.

121.05 QUESTION TIME FOR ELECTORS

No questions were received.

122.05 QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS

The following questions were received from Councillor B D Hudson on 7th October 2004:-

- "1. Are the Abbey Grounds WC's now open?
2. If they are, when will this be communicated to the general public via, for example, a press release?
3. If they are not, when will they be opened?"

RESPONSES:

1. No.
2. Not applicable.
3. During next week.

No supplementary question was raised.

123.05 RESOLUTIONS MOVED ON NOTICE – STANDING ORDER NO. 19

None were received.

124.05 GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

No questions were asked of this authority.

125.05 COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

No questions were asked of this authority.

126.05 RURAL WHITE PAPER AND MARKET TOWNS HEALTHCHECK

As per a previous resolution to refer to the above on a regular basis, the Clerk expressed concern that the events of May 2004 had set back the Cirencester Partnership and the Market Towns Healthcheck. It was proving very difficult to reinvigorate the process, particularly as the Clerk had been chairing the process.

The Clerk's verbal report was noted.

RESOLVED that the Council reaffirms its support for the Healthcheck and confirms its intention to remain involved in the same.

127.05 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS STAFFING

c) Code of Conduct Working Group

Councillor B D Hudson reported that the Group had met three times since the last Council Meeting and thanked Councillor G T Adams for preparing the notes and Miss J C Newman for the sample business cards.

Councillor Hudson also reported that the Draft Members/Officers Protocol would be presented, together with other recommendations, at the next Council Meeting.

d) Purpose Statement Working Group

Councillor Mrs S A Alexander circulated a report (a copy of which is appended to the signed Minutes) and welcomed Members comments on the same.

Councillor Mrs Alexander thanked the Group for their support.

e) Staffing Working Group

Councillor Dr P A Hedges advised that discussions needed to be held with the staff on the Group's recommendations and that more work was required by the Group on the framework of annual appraisals of the staff.

RESOLVED that the Group carry out an appraisal of the Town Clerk by December 2004.

128.05 PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES

Members received a report from the Clerk (a copy of which is appended to the signed Minutes) regarding the above.

After a considerable discussion the Council RESOLVED: -

- a) **to support the proposals for the making of an Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Order for the town of Cirencester;**
- b) **to request that the Order be inclusive of all areas within the ownership of the Cirencester Town Council;**
- c) **that Cirencester Town Council aspires to enhance its support for activities targeted for the young people of Cirencester and urges Cotswold District Council to consider similar measures;**
- d) **to urge the Police and Trading Standards to clamp down on the sale of alcohol for consumption by under age drinkers.**

129.05 REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

No reports were received.

130.05 MATTERS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Councillor B D Hudson requested that an update be given on the INVU Data Retrieval System.

PART TWO
CONFIDENTIAL

C131.05 MINUTES
C132.05 PERSONNEL - GROUNDSTAFF

See Confidential Minute Book.

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Councillor D J Nash
Mayor