

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 April 2005.

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

Councillors: Mrs S A Alexander
R Bourne
Mrs M T Eccles
Dr P A Hedges
B D Hudson
J B Leicester
J D Leigh
R G Lock
Mrs M S Rickman (7.15 p.m. arrival)
N E Whereat

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

A Prayer was read by the Mayor.

255.05 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs R A Leicester, Mrs B A Potter and D J M Sankey.

256.05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

257.05 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th March 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to Minute Nos. C247.05 and C248.05 to be considered under confidential matters.

The Clerk provided the following updates: -

a) Minute No. 231.05 b) Request for Support for Festival for People with Disabilities

The Clerk reported that Mr A Reid of Cotswold District Council had provided copies of the promotional material for the event, which identified the sponsorship of Cirencester Town Council.

258.05 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.)

259.05 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor drew the Members' attention to the Newsletter and thanked all those that had attended his reception in the Corn Hall.

260.05 QUESTION TIME FOR ELECTORS

No questions were received.

261.05 QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS

No questions were received.

262.05 RESOLUTIONS MOVED ON NOTICE – STANDING ORDER NO. 19

None were received.

263.05 GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

No questions were asked of this authority.

264.05 COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

No questions were asked of this authority.

265.05 RURAL WHITE PAPER AND MARKET TOWNS HEALTHCHECK

The Clerk advised that he had nothing to report.

266.05 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS OPERATION

a) Chairmen's Working Group

Members received a report from the Chairmen's Working Group, together with recommendations and draft Committees Terms of Reference (copies of which are appended to the signed Minutes).

RESOLVED that: -

- i) Three standing committees be formed, namely: -**
 - **Finance**
 - **Policy**
 - **Environment**
- ii) the Finance Committee has a membership of 9 Members;**
- iii) the Policy Committee has a membership of 9 Members;**
- iv) the Environment Committee has a membership of 15 Members with a Planning Sub-Committee to be formed with a membership of 9 Members;**
- v) the Terms of Reference, as amended, be considered at a Special Meeting of Council on 17th May 2005;**
- vi) working groups be formed by their respective committee if necessary;**
- vii) Council/Committee Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month, with Council Meetings starting at 7.00 p.m. and Committee Meetings earlier. Two Committee Meetings could also take place on the same evening.**
- viii) the Clerk present the Schedule of Meetings for 2005/6 at the Annual Meeting on 17th May 2005 for consideration.**

b) Staffing Working Group

This item was dealt with under confidential session due to information relating directly to members of staff.

c) Kingshill Working Group

This item was dealt with under confidential session due to information relating to contractual issues.

d) Environmental Working Group

Councillor J B Leicester advised that the Group had considered the Environmental Policies recommended by the Policy Committee at its Meeting on 8th February 2005 and endorses them without further addition.

The Group has obtained details of siting, costs and support for dog waste bins available from Cotswold District Council pending input from the Ward Audit process. Issues regarding salary scales and health and safety for prospective dog wardens were still under consideration.

e) Ward Audits Working Group

Councillor Mrs S A Alexander advised that the Group had not met since the Ward Audit folders had been circulated to Members.

267.05 REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Councillor G T Adams provided a report from a Gloucestershire County Council Highways meeting that he had attended on 7th April 2005.

Councillor Mrs R A Leicester provided a report on the Corn Hall Joint Management Committee Meeting that she had attended on 12th April 2005.

268.05 MATTERS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

None were identified.

PART TWO
CONFIDENTIAL

- C269.05 MINUTES**
- C270.05 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS OPERATION**
- C271.05 KINGSHILL LANE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT SITE**

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 9.10 p.m.

Councillor D J Nash
Mayor