

CIRENCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bingham House, No. 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester, on Tuesday, 17th May 2005 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor D J Nash - Mayor (Retiring) – Councillor N E Whereat - Mayor
Councillor G T Adams – Deputy Mayor (Retiring) – Councillor Dr P A Hedges – Deputy Mayor

Councillors: Mrs S A Alexander
R Bourne
Mrs M T Eccles
B D Hudson
J D Leigh
R G Lock
Mrs M S Rickman

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

01.06 A) ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor N E Whereat hold office as Mayor until the Annual Meeting 2006.

B) DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

RESOLVED that the Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received at the end of the Meeting.

Councillor N E Whereat thanked Members for electing him as Mayor and also extended thanks to his predecessor, Councillor D J Nash. Finally, the Mayor advised that his charity for the coming year would be the Cirencester Hospital League of Friends.

02.06 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor Dr P A Hedges hold office as Deputy Mayor until the Annual Meeting 2006.

The Clerk presented apologies for Councillors J B Leicester, Mrs R A Leicester and Mrs B A Potter.

The Clerk advised Members that Mr David Sankey had resigned from the Council due to ill health. Members were sorry to hear the same and asked the Clerk to communicate the Council's best wishes.

03.06 TO APPOINT STATUTORY OR STANDING COMMITTEES

a) Policy Committee (9 Members)

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve on the Policy Committee for the forthcoming year: -

Councillors: Mrs S A Alexander
Mrs M T Eccles
Dr P A Hedges
J B Leicester
Mrs R A Leicester
D J Nash
Mrs B A Potter
Mrs M S Rickman
Vacancy (To be filled by the new Councillor for Watermoor)

The Council adjourned to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs S A Alexander be appointed Chairman and that Councillor Mrs M T Eccles be appointed Vice Chairman.

Council reconvened.

b) Finance Committee (9 Members)

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve on the Finance Committee for the forthcoming year: -

Councillors: G T Adams
R Bourne
Mrs M T Eccles
Dr P A Hedges
B D Hudson
J D Leigh
R G Lock
D J Nash
N E Whereat

The Council adjourned to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED that Councillor J D Leigh be appointed Chairman and Councillor Dr P A Hedges be appointed Vice Chairman.

Council reconvened.

c) Environment Committee (15 Members)

RESOLVED that all 15 Members be appointed to serve on the Environment Committee.

The Council adjourned to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee and to appoint the Planning Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED that the Councillor Mrs M S Rickman be appointed Chairman and Councillor R G Lock be appointed as Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve on the Planning Sub-Committee for the forthcoming year: -

Councillors: Mrs S A Alexander
Mrs M T Eccles
J B Leicester*
J D Leigh
R G Lock
Mrs B A Potter
Mrs M S Rickman
N E Whereat
Vacancy (To be filled by the new Councillor for Watermoor)

RESOLVED that the appointment of the Chairman and Vice Chairman be made at the first meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee.

Council reconvened.

* At the meeting it was, in the absence of Councillor J B Leicester and Mrs R A Leicester, resolved that Councillor Mrs R A Leicester be mistakenly appointed. Councillor J B Leicester has agreed to stand in her place.

d) Project Board (6 Members)

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve on the Project Board for the forthcoming year: -

Councillors: G T Adams
Mrs S Alexander
R Bourne
J D Leigh
R G Lock
D J Nash

The Council adjourned to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED that Councillor D J Nash be appointed Chairman and Councillor G T Adams be appointed Vice Chairman.

04.06

REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed to serve the body identified for the forthcoming year (or as stated): -

ORGANISATION	PRESENT REPRESENTATIVE (S) (EXPIRY MAY 2006 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)
Age Concern	N E Whereat
Cheltenham, Cirencester and Tewkesbury Citizens Advice Bureau	RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the CAB to identify whether the CAB still wished to have representation from the CTC now that the bureau covered Cheltenham, Cirencester and Tewkesbury.

Christopher & Sarah A Bowly's Almshouse Charity	N E Whereat, Mrs A M Calvert & Mr J W Watson
Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool Association	R Bourne
Cirencester Temperance Trust	Mrs S A Alexander, Mrs A M Calvert & S Mort
Cirencester Twinning Association	R Bourne & R G Lock
Corn Hall Joint Management Committee	Mrs R A Leicester, Mrs B A Potter & Mrs M T Eccles (Reserve)
Friends of Cirencester Parish Church	Mayor
Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Dr P A Hedges
Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation	R Bourne
Cotswold Council for Voluntary Service	D J Nash
St. John's Hospital & Other Almshouse Charities	N E Whereat, Mrs A M Calvert & Mr J W Watson
St. Lawrence's Hospital	N E Whereat
Victim Support Gloucestershire (Cotswold Local Support Group)	G T Adams

05.06 RECORD OF ATTENDANCES 2004/5

RESOLVED that the Record of Attendances for the year 2004/5 (a copy of which is appended to the signed Minutes) be noted.

06.06 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2005/6

Members considered the Schedule of Meeting for the coming civic year (a copy of which is appended to the signed Minutes).

RESOLVED that: -

- a) the schedule of Council Meetings be approved;
- b) the schedule of Planning Sub-Committee Meetings be approved;
- c) the schedule of Project Board Meetings be approved as the Monday following the second Tuesday of each month;
- d) the schedule of Committees Meetings be considered by the Chairmen's Working Group prior to the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 14th June 2005.

07.06 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th April 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to Minute Nos. C269.05 to C271.05 to be considered under confidential matters.

8.6 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th April 2005 be approved (a copy of which is appended to the signed Minutes).

Councillor Mrs M S Rickman declared an interest with regard to Minute No. 252.05 – Grant Aid 2005/6 in relation to the application received from the Cirencester Housing for Young People as Councillor Mrs Rickman is a member of the Management Committee and Councillor D J Nash declared an interest in relation to the application received from the Cotswold Council for Voluntary Service as Councillor Nash is a Council representative on the organisation.

09.06 PLAY AREAS – BAUNTON LANE

Members received a quotation from LAPPSET, dated 19th April 2005, for the provision of play equipment at Baunton Lane Playing Field.

RESOLVED that the quotation be accepted at a sum of £16,526.50 (+ £350.00 for secure storage of equipment, if required.)

PART TWO **CONFIDENTIAL**

C10.06 MINUTES

C11.06 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 8.35 p.m.

Councillor N E Whereat
Mayor