

CIRENCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Special Meeting of Council held in Suite 3, Dyer House, 3 Dyer Street, Cirencester, at 7.38 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th December 2005.

PRESENT: Councillor N E Whereat – Mayor
Councillor Dr P A Hedges – Deputy Mayor

Councillors: G T Adams
Mrs S A Alexander
Mrs M T Eccles
B D Hudson
Mrs S A le Noury
J D Leigh
R G Lock
D J Nash
Mrs B A Potter

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

A Prayer was read by the Mayor.

93.06 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors R Bourne, J B Leicester, Mrs R A Leicester and Mrs M S Rickman.

94.06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs S A Alexander declared that she is a member of the Corn Hall Joint Management Committee representing Cotswold District Council.

95.06 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th November 2005 be approved (a copy of which is appended to the signed Minutes) subject to the following amendments: -

At Minute No. 84.06 the following sentence be added: -

"A Member noted that because the Policy Committee had not met since February, no shopping list had been presented to the Finance Committee and that, as a result, there could be no new initiatives in 2006/7."

The Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Clerk outlined the recommendations made at the Finance Committee Meeting on 6th December 2005 with regard to the Draft Estimates for 2006/7. Please refer to the Confidential Minute Book.

96.06 MARKET TOWNS HEALTHCHECK

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

In identifying areas of deprivation within Cirencester, the Clerk quoted from the "State of the District 2005", produced by Cotswold District Council, on the subject of Education, Skills and Training, which stated "... it should be noted that one area (Cirencester Chesterton 2) falls within the national top 25% in the deprivation index on Education, Skills and Training".

Members were very disappointed that the process had not progressed and hoped that the situation could be rectified.

Resolved that the Council: -

- a) **treat the resolution made on 11th October 2005, namely, "*RESOLVED that a working group be established, comprising Councillor D J Nash as lead Councillor, together with the Mayor, to consider recommendations on taking the Market Towns Healthcheck forward and report back to Council on 10th January 2006.*" as outdated;**
- b) **advise the Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum that the Council were unable to lead the process but wished to be a participant;**
- c) **repay the £3,000 back to the Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum;**
- d) **the Council allocate £2,000 for 2006/7 to help facilitate the Healthcheck process and that the Council nominates the following Members to be part of the process, if required: -
Councillor N E Whereat
Councillor D J Nash
Councillor Mrs B A Potter**

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C97.06 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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 8.20 p.m.

Councillor N E Whereat
Mayor