

# **CIRENCESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a Meeting of Council held in The Bingham Gallery, Bingham House, 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

**PRESENT:** Councillor N E Whereat – Mayor  
Councillor Mrs S A Alexander – Deputy Mayor

**Councillors:** G T Adams  
R Bourne  
Mrs M T Eccles  
Dr P A Hedges  
B D Hudson  
J B Leicester  
Mrs S A le Noury  
J D Leigh  
R G Lock  
D J Nash  
Mrs B A Potter

Andrew Rennie Crook - Town Clerk  
Johan Newman – Personal Assistant

A Prayer was read by the Mayor.

## **99.07 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs R A Leicester and Mrs M S Rickman.

## **100.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Clerk drew Members' attention to the requirements of the Code of Conduct and having taken advice from the Monitoring Officer, informed Members that they should enter into all debates with an open mind. If they have made comments publicly or to the press that would indicate the way in which they are going to vote, then such Member is advised to declare a prejudicial interest and leave the meeting for the agenda item in question.

## **101.07 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to Minute Nos. C96.07 to C98.07 to be considered under confidential matters and that the words "of the lease" be added to the first sentence of the second paragraph so that the sentence now reads "The Clerk advised Members that the acquisition of the lease of the Norman Arch and Cottage had been approved by the full board of The Vivat Trust."**

## **102.07 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that he had pleasure in opening the Equity Insurance Office in Cricklade Street and in attending the Remembrance Service. The Mayor advised that he was very impressed with the Service and noted that the Church was full.

## **103.07 QUESTION TIME FOR ELECTORS**

None were received.

## **104.07 QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS**

None were received.

**105.07 RESOLUTIONS MOVED ON NOTICE – STANDING ORDER NO. 19**

None were received.

**106.07 GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

No questions were asked of this authority.

**107.07 COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

No questions were asked of this authority.

**108.07 PROJECT BOARD**

Members received a verbal report from the Chairman of the Project Board, Councillor D J Nash.

Councillor Nash stated that as Members were aware, there were ongoing concerns with the Abbey Grounds public conveniences. Councillor Nash also stated that the upgraded lights at the Kingshill Lane Sports Development Site appeared to be working satisfactorily.

**RESOLVED that the verbal report be noted.**

**109.07 NORMAN ARCH AND COTTAGE**

The Clerk provided an update on the negotiations with The Vivat Trust.

He advised that he had obtained clearance from The Vivat Trust to allow a tenant to occupy the property for up to 12 months and he had written to the same about the concern with the delays in setting up the lease.

The Clerk also stated that the copy leases circulated to the Norman Arch Working Group (Councillors G T Adams, R Bourne, Mrs M T Eccles and Mrs B A Potter) were old fashioned in style and needed revitalising.

**RESOLVED that the Clerk seek a timetable of progress to bring to the Members' attention, if at all possible, before 2007.**

**110.07 ACCOUNTS – NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS – CEDAR TREE FUND**

a) **RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs S A Alexander, R Bourne and Mrs M T Eccles be signatories of the National Savings and Investments – Cedar Tree Fund Account in place of the former signatories on account of the death or disability of such former signatories;**

b) Members considered closing the Cedar Tree Fund account and transferring the monies.

**RESOLVED that the Cedar Tree Fund Account be closed and the monies transferred to the Town Council's Lloyds TSB Account.**

**111.07 FAIRTRADE**

Members received a copy letter from the Secretary of Ashcroft Church, dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2006, regarding the question of Cirencester becoming a "Fairtrade Town" (a copy of which is appended to the signed Minutes).

Members welcomed the principles of Fairtrade and believed that a number of retail outlets in the town already sell Fairtrade products.

**RESOLVED that the Town Council support the establishment of Cirencester as a “Fairtrade Town” and will offer assistance in the establishment of a community committee.**

**112.07 REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

Councillor Dr P A Hedges had attended the Annual General Meeting of the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils and that the Minutes of the Meeting were awaited.

Councillor Mrs S A Alexander had attended a meeting of the Cirencester Temperance Trust, details of which were displayed on the notice board.

Councillor D J Nash had attended a meeting of the Cotswold Council for Voluntary Services and that the organisation was seeking more Trustees. If Members were interested or knew of someone interested in becoming a Trustee he would be pleased to discuss the same.

Councillor G T Adams had attended a golf event to raise funds for the Cotswold Victim Support Group at which the Princess Royal presented prizes.

Councillor Adams also drew attention to the Cirencester Open Swimming Pool Association and believed that the same was a local amenity that the Council, as landlord, should support.

**113.07 MATTERS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Parking Strategy – To consider how the Cirencester Town Council would like to see parking run in the town as part of the future strategy.

**PART TWO**  
**CONFIDENTIAL**

**C114.07 MINUTES**  
**C115.07 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 7.45 p.m.

Councillor N E Whereat  
Mayor