

CIRENCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Council held in the Bingham Gallery, Bingham House, No. 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester, on Tuesday, 15th May 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor N E Whereat – Mayor (Retiring)
Councillor Mrs S A Alexander – Deputy Mayor (Retiring)

Councillors: G T Adams
P A Braidwood
A N Curry
H G C Gray
R Hughes
Mrs S A le Noury
D J Nash
Mrs B A Potter
Mrs M S Rickman
Mrs K M Yarrow

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

01.08 A) ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs S A Alexander hold office as Mayor until the Annual Meeting 2008.

B) DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

RESOLVED that the Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received and noted.

The Mayor gave her heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Council to Norman Whereat for all he has done for Cirencester through the Town Council and the many organisations that he has been involved in over the last few years and wished him well on his retirement from the Town Council.

Norman Whereat gave his thanks and stated that it had been an honour to be Mayor of the Town.

02.08 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor G T Adams hold office as Deputy Mayor until the Annual Meeting 2008.

The Clerk presented apologies for Councillor Mrs C Braidwood.

03.08 TO APPOINT STATUTORY OR STANDING COMMITTEES

a) Finance Committee (15 Members)

RESOLVED that all 15 Members of the Council be appointed to serve on the Finance Committee for the forthcoming year.

The Council adjourned to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs M S Rickman be appointed Chairman and Councillor H G C Gray be appointed Vice Chairman.

Council reconvened.

b) Planning Committee (9 Members)

RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed to serve on the Planning Committee for the time being and that the issue be re-visited at the Council Meeting on 12th June 2007: -

Councillors: Mrs S A Alexander
H G C Gray
R Hughes
Mrs B A Potter

c) 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 A Alexander
Mrs C Braidwood
D J Nash
Mrs S A le Noury
Mrs K M Yarrow

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be appointed at the first meeting of the Project Board on 21st May 2007.

04.08 REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

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

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE (S)
Age Concern	Mrs S A le Noury
Cheltenham, Cirencester and Tewkesbury Citizens Advice Bureau	No representatives appointed
Christopher & Sarah A Bowly's Almshouse Charity	Mrs S A Alexander, Mrs A M Calvert and N E Whereat (Appointed to November 2010)
Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool Association	G T Adams
Cirencester Temperance Trust	Mrs S A Alexander, Mrs A M Calvert and S Mort
Cirencester Twinning Association	Mrs S A le Noury and Mrs K M Yarrow
Friends of Cirencester Parish Church	Mayor
Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils	D J Nash
Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation	No representative appointed
Cotswold Council for Voluntary Service	D J Nash
St. John's Hospital & Other Almshouse Charities	Mrs A M Calvert, J W Watson and N E Whereat (Appointed to 2009)
St. Lawrence's Hospital Charity	Mrs S A Alexander
Victim Support Gloucestershire (Cotswold Local Support Group)	Mrs K M Yarrow
Stratton Educational Foundation	Mrs B A Potter
Gloucestershire Constabulary (Liaison Panel following the contribution for the enhancement of policing in Cirencester)	Clerk and/or Deputy Clerk, R Hughes and D J Nash

05.08 RECORD OF ATTENDANCES 2006/7

RESOLVED that the Record of Attendances for the year 2006/7 (a copy of which is appended to the signed Minutes) be noted.

It was also noted that Mr J D Leigh's low attendance was due to family circumstances.

06.08 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2007/8

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

RESOLVED that the Council Meetings be confirmed as identified on the attached schedule.

07.08 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th April 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to Minute Nos. C211.07 to C213.07 to be considered under confidential matters.

08.08 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th April 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the next meeting, subject to the amendment being made that Mr R Bourne was the Deputy Chairman and not Mrs S A Alexander.

09.08 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007

RESOLVED that The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 be adopted.

10.8 PROPER OFFICER

RESOLVED that the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr C Sherwood, be nominated as Proper Officer during the current Town Clerk's absence from the office until the new Town Clerk takes up post at the end of June 2007.

11.8 CO-OPTION ONTO STRATTON-WHITEWAY AND WATERMOOR WARDS

The Clerk advised that five expressions of interest had been received for the above.

RESOLVED that the vacancies should be further advertised and that the interested parties be invited to attend the Council Meeting on 12th June 2007 and to give a presentation on why they should be selected as a Town Councillor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.55 p.m. for Dr A Pellegram, Director of Development Services at Cotswold District Council, to give a presentation on "Towards a Vision for Cirencester".

The meeting was reconvened at 8.10 p.m.

PART TWO
CONFIDENTIAL

C12.08 COUNCIL 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 8.15 p.m.

Councillor Mrs S A Alexander
Mayor