

CIRENCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of Council held in the Bingham Gallery, 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th November 2007.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S A Alexander – Mayor
Councillor G T Adams – Deputy Mayor

Councillors: P A Braidwood
A N Curry
H G C Gray
W Helm
Mrs J Hincks
A Lichnowski
Mrs S A le Noury
D J Nash
Mrs B A Potter

Andrew Tubb - Town Clerk
Sally Mason - Secretary

The Council's pledge was read by the Mayor.

112.8 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs C Braidwood (personal), R Hughes (personal), Mrs M S Rickman (personal), Ms K M Yarrow (personal) and C Sherwood, Deputy Town Clerk.

113.8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

114.08 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th October 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to the following amendment: - Councillor W Helm was present at the meeting.

115.8 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that she had attended the following: -

10th October - A guest of the Cirencester Science and Technology Society at the Sundial Theatre.

12th October – Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting about “Lighting up Cirencester” at the Four Pillars Hotel.

18th October – Gave a talk to the Churn Project's Thursday Club.

19th October – Attended the Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum in Nottingham, together the Town Clerk, to view a unique community project which explores the balance between environmental and economic issues.

11th November – Attended the Service of Remembrance at the Parish Church. The Mayor thanked all Councillors who attended.

116.8 QUESTION TIME FOR ELECTORS

None were received.

117.8 QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS

None were received.

118.8 GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

No questions were asked of this authority.

119.8 COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

No questions were asked of this authority.

120.08 PLANNING COMMITTEE

- a) Members noted the recently considered applications and decisions of the Planning Committee.
- b) The Planning Committee recommended that the District Council's Tree Officer be invited to speak at a future meeting about the current legislation governing Tree Preservation Orders.

RESOLVED that the District Council's Tree Officer be invited to a future meeting to speak about the current legislation governing Tree Preservation Orders.

121.08 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd October 2007 be noted.

RESOLVED that the proposed Financial Regulations be adopted.

122.8 PROJECT BOARD

Members received a report from the Project Board relating to the tour of various sites and the meetings held on 15th October and 9th November 2007.

RESOLVED that a study of existing sports facilities in and around Cirencester be undertaken with the view to informing a design and costing phase for the future development of the Kingshill Sports site.

RESOLVED that, as part of routine maintenance, more visible pathways be created at the Humpty Dumps site and that a general 'tidy up' of the area be undertaken.

RESOLVED that the area around the obelisk be cleared and that costings be obtained for 'making good' the car park and marking out spaces; including a Visitor Information Board which will include information about the area, in particular, the Amphitheatre.

RESOLVED that a meeting be held by the Project Board with the Chesterton Project Committee to discuss issues relating to Four Acres, Two Acres and the 'thistle' area.

123.8 CORPORATE GROUP

Members received a report from the Clerk relating to meetings of the Corporate Group held on 15th and 22nd October 2007.

It was recommended that civic lapel badges be purchased for all Members of the Council and the Town Clerk; associated costs would be in the region of £300.

RESOLVED that delegated authority be given to the Corporate Group to approve the design, wording and type; and that the purchase of civic lapel badges be approved.

124.8 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- a) Recreation Areas Working Group (Councillors G T Adams, Mrs C Braidwood, Mrs J Hincks and D J Nash)
Councillor G T Adams, Chairman of the Working Group, advised that a recommendation would be made at the next Council Meeting on Tuesday, 8th January 2008.
- b) Personnel Working Group (Councillors Mrs S A Alexander, P Braidwood, Mrs J Hincks and D J Nash)
Councillor Mrs J Hincks, Chairman of the Group, reported that the next meeting of the Personnel Working Group was to take place on 8th January 2008.

RESOLVED that the Working Group updates are noted.

125.8 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID 1ST TO 31ST OCTOBER 2007

Members received a copy of the Schedule of Accounts Paid for the period 1st to 31st October 2007.

RESOLVED that the payments for the period 1st to 31st October 2007 be approved.

126.8 FUNDING REQUESTS

Members received a report from the Clerk relating to requests for funding for: -

- a) the temporary relocation of Cirencester United Football Club to the barracks;
- b) DISC – Disability Information and Support in Cotswolds – Christmas lunch.

RESOLVED that: -

- a) **the request for grant aid in respect of Cirencester United Football Club be not approved.**
- b) **a £50 contribution towards the cost of DISC's Christmas Day lunch be approved.**

127.8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

Members received a summary of key debates issued by NALC relating to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill which received Royal Assent on Tuesday, 30th October.

It was noted that the Clerk would report on the implications and opportunities arising from the Act, through the Corporate Group, in the New Year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

128.08 REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Councillor A Lichnowski advised that he had attended the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative Meeting on 12th November 2007 and that the Work Programme was now in place. A Community Plan is to be put together by autumn 2008. The interviews for the appointment of an Agent are due to take place on 10th December 2007. A further date will be given at the next meeting of Council.

Councillor A N Curry advised that he had attended the Chesterton Project Meeting on 7th November 2007.

Councillor Mrs S A le Noury reported that she had attended the Cheltenham, Cirencester and Tewkesbury Citizens Advice Bureau Annual General Meeting and was interested to see the wide variety of help that is provided to the people in Cirencester.

Councillor Mrs B A Potter reported that she had attended her local school, Stratton Educational Foundation, where she is a Governor, and had an enjoyable time. The school is going from strength to strength and was pleased to note that whilst she was there two young people from Itzehoe were helping out.

Councillor D J Nash reported that he had attended the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils Annual General Meeting. There were two items of interest; Quality Councils and subscriptions. Further details will be made available when the Annual General Meeting Minutes are published.

Councillor Mrs S A Alexander reported that she had attended the C and S A Bowly's Almshouse Charity Meeting on 7th November and a Seminar of the Almshouse Association in Gloucester on 10th October. On 18th October she attended a St Lawrence's Hospital Charity meeting.

129.08 MATTERS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The following issue was identified: -

Churn Project Update.

130.8 EXEMPT INFORMATION – CCTV CONTRACT AND KINGSHILL DEVELOPMENT

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section 1 extended by the Local Government Act 1972 section 100.

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was in the opinion of this Council and advisable in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

C131.08 OPEN SESSION - CCTV CONTRACT

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the concerns relating to the CCTV contract be forwarded to Cotswold District Council.

C132.08 OPEN SESSION - KINGSHILL DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED that the Clerk be granted delegated authority to enter into negotiations with the Kingshill North developer relating to the transfer and future maintenance of open spaces.

The meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

Councillor Mrs S A Alexander
Mayor