

# **CIRENCESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a Meeting of Council held in the Bingham Gallery and Conference Suite,  
Bingham House,  
No. 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester, on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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

Andrew Tubb – Chief Executive Officer  
Clive Sherwood – Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Johan Newman – Executive Officer

## **226.09 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs M S Rickman (personal).

## **227.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A N Curry declared a non-prejudicial interest in relation to the Abbey Grounds cycling issue, as he is a member of a running club that uses the Abbey Grounds (Minute No. 234.09 refers).

## **228.09 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.**

## **229.09 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that she had attended the following: -

14<sup>th</sup> March - An exhibition of Twinning memorabilia.

17<sup>th</sup> March - Met with Members of the Youth Town Council. They had arranged their first meeting at Dyer House and it was very good to welcome them to the Town Council after their training at Cotswold District Council.

17<sup>th</sup> March - Members of the Town Council had their first briefing about the power of well being.

25<sup>th</sup> March - A lunch in the Bingham Gallery to promote Tourism, attended by many people who provide a service to the town and to the tourists.

3<sup>rd</sup> April - Attended the County Infant School in Victoria Road, where she had judged the children's Easter bonnet parade.

4<sup>th</sup> April - Attended Bob Austin's memorial service at Watermoor Church.

## **230.09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Standing Order 68 refers)**

No notification of questions was received.

## **231.09 MEMBER PARTICIPATION (Standing Orders 27 to 30 refer)**

No notification of questions was received.

## **232.09 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**a) RESOLVED that the recently considered applications and decisions, under delegated authority to the Planning Committee, made at Meetings held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009, be noted.**

b) At the Planning Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> April a response to the **Cotswold District Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy - Settlement Strategies** was considered.

It was noted that the comments the Town Council had previously supplied had been included, but that floor space requirements were unclear. It was accordingly recommended to Council that the same be supported but that further information be obtained on floor space requirements.

**RESOLVED that the Council support the Cotswold District Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy - Settlement Strategies, subject to further information being obtained on floor space requirements.**

## **233.09 CORPORATE GROUP**

Members received the Notes of the Corporate Group Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009, which included updates on Legislative Briefings, a Draft Complaints Procedure, Member Support and Development, Member Training Audit, GAPTC Survey, PR/Media Training, Community Legal Advice Network for Gloucestershire, Standing Orders Review and Policies Work Plan for 2009/10.

**RESOLVED that the Notes of the Corporate Group Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be noted.**

## **234.09 PROJECT GROUP**

Members received a report from the Chairman of the Project Group following a meeting of the Group held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009, which included updates on the Project Group Sub-Group's report in respect of the Abbey Grounds and St Michael's Park, dog bin provision, salting of pavements/footpaths and Kingshill hedgerows.

Councillor A N Curry declared a non-prejudicial interest in relation to the Abbey Grounds cycling issue, as he is a member of a running club that uses the Abbey Grounds.

Some concern was raised at cyclists using the Abbey Grounds, as it may cause conflict with pedestrians, especially where the paths were narrow. It was hoped that people would respect the rights of others and some Members believed that it would enhance the ongoing aims for a cycling network in the town.

With regard to the Abbey Grounds underground pipework for the Abbey Grounds, Members were advised that English Heritage had been advised of the proposed works and that it was within the Management Plan.

**RESOLVED that: -**

- a) the report be noted;**
- b) a pilot period from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 for six months be introduced at the Abbey Grounds enabling cycling through the Abbey Grounds and that the dog zone be de-restricted;**
- c) repairs to the underground pipework of the Abbey Grounds**

- public conveniences be authorised in order that the same can be in working order for the summer period;**
- d) costings and options for alternative public convenience provision at the Abbey Grounds be obtained for future consideration, including the “enviroloo” system.**

**235.09 POLICE LIAISON GROUP**

Members received an update from the Chief Executive Officer following a meeting of the Police Liaison Group held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, which included an update on expenditure, issues in Cirencester and CCTV coverage/monitoring.

A member expressed disappointment that the new CCTV monitoring contract was not expected until April, as it was anticipated that it would have been in place in January. It was accordingly hoped that there would be no further delay. It was noted that the Chief Executive Officer was meeting with the Chief Executive of Cotswold District Council in the near future.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**236.09 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2009**

Members received a copy of the schedule of payments made for the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

**RESOLVED that the payments for the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 be approved and authorised.**

**237.09 GRANT AID 2009/10**

Members considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee in respect of grant aid applications for funding in 2009/10.

**RESOLVED that the grants be allocated as follows:**

APPLICANT	STATUTORY PROVISIONS	GRANT AWARDED
Cheltenham, Cirencester and Tewkesbury Citizens Advice Bureau	s.142(2A) Local Government Act 1972	£3,800
Cotswold Counselling	s.142(2A) Local Government Act 1972	£2,500
Cotswold Council for Voluntary Service	Transport Act 1985, s.106A, inserted by the Local Government & Rating Act 1997, s.27	£2,500
Corinium Radio	s.142 and 145 Local Government Act 1972	£700
Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool	Public Health Act 1936 s.144 Local Government Act 1972	£113.85
Chesterton Project	s.137 Local Government Act 1972	Nil. (To be considered for a Ward Grant)
Cirencester Fairtrade	s.144 Local	£50

Steering Group	Government Act 1972	
Cirencester Table Tennis League	s.19 Local Government (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976	£250
Cirencester Youth Town Council	s.19 Local Government (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976	£150 (underwrite up to £300 subject to the Bingham Library Trust's decision)
Cruse Bereavement Care	s.142 (2A) Local Government Act 1972	£100
New Brewery Arts	s.144 Local Government Act 1972	Nil.
Sue Ryder Care - Leckhampton Court Hospice	s.137 Local Government Act 1972	£150
Vitalise	s.137 Local Government Act 1972	£184
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,497.85</b>
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>£10,500</b>

## 238.09 OUR FUTURE CIRENCESTER AND THE VISION UPDATE

Members received a verbal update from the Chief Executive Officer relating to the 'Our Future Cirencester' Community Plan and the District Council's Vision work for Cirencester.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that with regard to the 'Our Future Cirencester' Community Plan, the Work Plan would be published in the near future and he was heartened by the in-kind contributions of volunteers, which had been costed at £34,150 and is a remarkable commitment.

Councillor A Lichnowski, Chairman of the Steering Group, reported that he had attended a meeting of the "Vision for Cirencester" at which the following had been discussed and he had given an update on 'Our Future Cirencester' Community Plan.

- A decision was still awaited on the application by Cotswold District Council, in consultation with the Town Council, for the Market Place Scheme to be included in the County Council's capital funded Local Transport Plan
- Decked Parking - The site at the Waterloo was within the flood zone and accordingly consideration was being to the site at the old railway station at Tetbury Road
- Signage Audit - Civic Society/Town Council to undertake
- Cycle Racks - Now in place at the Brewery Court
- Town Centre 20 mph Zone - Data currently being evaluated

Members thanked Councillor A Lichnowski and Dr Andrea Pellegram for their efforts in making 'Our Future Cirencester' Community Plan such a success.

**RESOLVED that the reports be noted.**

## 239.09 REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Councillor D J Nash reported that the Cotswold Council for Voluntary Service's financial situation was of concern.

Councillor A N Curry reported that the Cotswold Road Safety Liaison Group was making progress on the proposed training programme for drivers.

Councillor P Braidwood had attended a meeting of the Safer Cotswolds Partnership at Cotswold District Council and reported that Inspector S Williams had now left the Constabulary. He had thanked him on behalf of the Town Council for his efforts in the community. It was also noted that the PCSO's had achieved improved results in arrest and detection and that Boots, the Chemist, now offered a needle exchange service, which was welcomed.

Councillor G T Adams had attended a meeting of the Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool on 27<sup>th</sup> March and had provided the latest accounts for inspection.

Councillor Mrs S A Alexander had attended a meeting of St Lawrence's Trust at which its finances were discussed.

**240.09      CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Council Information Sheet;

Members noted the Council Information Sheet, which was circulated at the meeting.

b) Any other correspondence received in accordance with Standing Order 68g).

Letter received from Councillor Stan Waddington, Cabinet Member - Environment, Gloucestershire County Council, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009, relating to "Highway calls now being answered locally", which was duly noted.

**241.09      MATTERS IDENTIFIED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

None were identified.

The meeting closed at 7.38 p.m.  
Alexander

Councillor Mrs S A

Mayor