

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, 10th November 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor G T Adams - Mayor
Councillor A Lichnowski - Deputy Mayor

Councillors: Mrs S A Alexander
Mrs C Braidwood
P A Braidwood
A N Curry
W Helm
Mrs J Hincks
R Hughes
Mrs S A le Noury
D J Nash (7.12 p.m. arrival)
Mrs B A Potter
Mrs M S Rickman
G M Selwyn

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

145.10 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor H G C Gray (personal).

146.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

147.10 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th October 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

Voting Record:	For - 13	Against - 0	Abstentions - 0
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148.10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Standing Order 68 refers)

No notification of questions was received.

149.10 MEMBER PARTICIPATION (Standing Orders 27 to 30 refer)

No notification of questions was received.

150.10 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the recently considered applications and decisions made under delegated authority to the Planning Committee, at meetings held on the 15th and 29th October 2009, be noted.

Voting Record:	For - 13	Against - 0	Abstentions - 0
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151.10 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members received the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 3rd November 2009, which included recommendations that the Corporate Group gives consideration to the allocation and awarding of grant aid, the External Auditor's report be approved along with the Draft Estimates 2010/11, which are identified separately on the agenda.

RESOLVED that: -

- a) **the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 3rd November 2009 be noted;**
- b) **the Corporate Group gives consideration to the allocation and awarding of grant aid.**

Voting Record:	For - 13	Against - 0	Abstentions - 0
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152.10 CORPORATE GROUP

Members received the Notes of the Corporate Group Meeting held on 14th October 2009, which included a recommendation for the approval of the Risk Management Strategy, which is identified separately on the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Notes of the Corporate Group Meeting held on 14th October 2009 be noted.

Voting Record:	For - 13	Against - 0	Abstentions - 0
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153.10 PROJECT GROUP

Members received the Notes of the Project Group Meeting held on 19th October 2009, which included information relating to the Abbey Grounds and the Chesterton Project.

It was noted that a report with regard to the 6 month trial of allowing cycling/dogs in the Abbey Grounds would be presented to the Project Group on 16th November 2009 for a recommendation to Council on 12th January 2010.

RESOLVED that: -

- a) **the report be noted;**
- b) **a sum of £2,000 be allocated for the Chesterton Community Project's Community Garden and toddler's play area at Thistle Park, Chesterton.**

Voting Record:	For - 13	Against - 0	Abstentions - 0
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154.10 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID 1ST TO 31ST OCTOBER 2009

Members received a copy of the schedule of payments made for the period 1st to 31st October 2009.

RESOLVED that the payments for the period 1st to 31st October 2009 be approved and authorised.

Voting Record:	For - 13	Against - 0	Abstentions - 0
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155.10 ANNUAL RETURN 2008/09 - EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

RESOLVED that the Annual Return 2008/09 - External Auditor's Report be approved.

Voting Record:	For - 13	Against - 0	Abstentions - 0
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156.10 DRAFT ESTIMATES 2010/11

Consideration was given to the approval of the Draft Estimates and a precept of £668,485 for 2010/11.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Members that an article on the budget had been identified in the Council's latest Newsletter, which was to be circulated to Cirencester residents in November. The article advised that the Council would be considering its budget and would welcome any comments. It was accordingly suggested that the Estimates be approved subject to the consideration of any comments received from the public.

After discussion, it was **RESOLVED that approval of the Draft Estimates and a precept of £668,485 for 2010/11 be given subject to the consideration of any comments received from the public at the Council Meeting on 12th January 2010.**

Voting Record:	For - 13	Against - 0	Abstentions - 1
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157.10. RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Members considered the approval of the Council's Risk Management Strategy, as recommended by the Corporate Group.

RESOLVED that the Council's Risk Management Strategy be approved.

Voting Record:	For - 14	Against - 0	Abstentions - 0
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158.10 OUR FUTURE CIRENCESTER

Members received a report on 'Our Future Cirencester' Community Plan, which included an update on Cirencester Local.

Councillor A Lichnowski, Chairman of the OFC Steering Group, stated that the Green Space Working Group was in the process of being established and that discussions were ongoing in relation to options for the setting up of a partnership trust to secure funding from, for example, charitable organisations. The Living History work was also progressing in the collation of information on the history of the town.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

Voting Record:	For - 14	Against - 0	Abstentions - 0
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159.10 DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2010/11

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Meetings for 2010/11 be approved subject to further discussion on the date of the Annual Town Meeting in 2011.

160.10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Mayor

The Mayor outlined events that he had attended as follows: -

17th October – A Band Concert at Bingham Hall

20th October – An Evening Reception in the Parish Church with regard to the money raising campaign for the renovation of the South Porch. Over £1,000,000 had been raised, but there was a shortfall of some £350,000. Application for a Heritage Lottery Grant of £250,000, already pledged, may be dependent upon match funding from the public and local organisations. It was noted that St James’s Place would match any money raised up to £50,000 in any one year.

27th October – Reception and Autumn Concert at 29th Regiment, the Royal Logistics Corps.

2nd November – A meeting at Cotswold District Council Offices to discuss its budget and ways in which the lower tiers of government might assist in meeting the current financial challenges.

7th November – Private View of the work of Michael Rennie at the Brewery Arts.

8th November – Service of Remembrance outside the Parish Church, followed by the laying of the wreath and lunch at the Royal Wessex Yeomanry TA Headquarters.

c) Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk

14th October - Presentation and update on Our Future Cirencester at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

20th October - An Evening Reception in the Parish Church (as above).

29th October - Play Rangers Event at the University of Gloucestershire.

2nd November – A meeting at Cotswold District Council Offices (as above).

8th November – Service of Remembrance outside the Parish Church.

10th November – A Reception hosted by Cirencester Housing Society Ltd.

d) Town Councillors

Councillor G M Selwyn attended the Band Concert at Bingham Hall on 17th October and the meeting at Cotswold District Council Offices on 2nd November.

Councillor Mrs S A Alexander attended a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and a meeting of the St Lawrence’s Hospital Charity and advised that an inspection of all the properties had been carried out.

Councillor A N Curry attended the Service of Remembrance outside the Parish Church.

Councillor Mrs J Hincks attended a meeting of the Gloucestershire Local Involvement Network (LINK) on 27th October in Tetbury.

Councillor Mrs S A le Noury attended the Annual General Meeting of Age Concern, at which it was noted that the organisation had sufficient funds and had issued grants to local clubs not only in Cirencester, but Fairford and South Cerney. Also, the former 'Pop-in' users were enjoying morning coffee in the alternative venue of the Wheatsheaf Public House in Cricklade Street.

Councillor A Lichnowski attended the Service of Remembrance outside the Parish Church, the Parish Church Evening Reception and the Cirencester Science and Technology Society lecture entitled 'Climate Change and the Energy Challenge: A Chilling View' on 14th October.

161.10 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) None were received.

162.10 MATTERS IDENTIFIED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

No matters were identified.

163.10 EXEMPT INFORMATION

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.

164.10 OPEN SESSION - COMMUNICATION AND WEBSITE DESIGN CONTRACT

Agenda Item C19 was taken and noted in confidential session due to it pertaining to contractual issues.

Members considered the awarding of the contract for the communication and website design project following short-listing and interviews.

It was noted that a public and press statement will be issued in due course.

RESOLVED that the contract be awarded to Bid No. 3.

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.
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Councillor G T

Mayor