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Local Government Bill

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill received Royal Assent on Tuesday 30th October and has now become an Act of Parliament - what does this mean for Cirencester? The Town Council is currently working towards Quality Status and through the Act local councils which meet such standards are to be afforded the power of well being, which includes economic, environment and social well being.

The implications and opportunities arising from the Act are currently being considered and a report will be forwarded to Council sometime in the new-year.

Newsletter

The Town Council has recently launched a community newsletter, which has been distributed to all households in Cirencester. The newsletter will be published quarterly and our first edition is attached. If you would like to receive more copies, please contact the office, details above.

Abbey Grounds

Thanks goes out to all those who kindly responded to the recent consultation relating to the Abbey Grounds Play Area the responses have been collated and details will be forwarded to the two short-listed suppliers with the view to a scheme being finalised and costed; it is hoped that the Working Group will be in a position to make a recommendation to Council in January.

Chesterton Project

The Chesterton Project is a new group run by volunteers with the support of the Town

Council and Cotswold District Council. The group was established as a result of individual concerns so that the community itself could come up with ideas and help implement them within the Chesterton community.

The group is energetic and proactive and is currently looking at traffic calming, litter, children's play areas, youth facilities, and other things people in the area are worried or enthusiastic about.

Further details about the Project can be obtained by contacting Laura Banstead at lbanstead@hotmail.co.uk or via the Town Council office on 01285 655646.

Charter Market

Cirencester Charter Market was described in the Domesday Book of 1086 as the New Market and whilst many markets have disappeared, the Town Council is in a position where it is still able to provide a Charter Market on both Mondays and Fridays (9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.).

The Market features regular Traders with products including cheese, homemade pies, home cured ham and bacon, wet fish, fruit and vegetables, olives, jewellery, gifts, cards, ladies and children's clothing and more.

Most of the traders have been with us for many years and have built up a regular and loyal customer base, however, in recent times, have faced increasing competition from the bigger supermarkets.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask those people who haven't visited the market in recent times to come and support the traders, to ensure its continued success and thank the afore-mentioned loyal customers for their continued support.



Market and Coastal Towns Initiative

Cirencester has been awarded funding to prepare a Community Plan for the town's future, taking forward the 'Our Future Cirencester' and 'Towards a Vision' initiatives.

A 'community' Partnership has been established and is now looking for a Community Agent to assist in the preparation of the Plan; the role involves research, drafting the Plan and taking it through the consultation phases towards final adoption in August 2008, and will be on a part-time self employed basis.

The post has been recently advertised and interviews will be held on 10th December 2007.

Further information about this initiative can be obtained from Andrew Tubb, Town Clerk, at The Partnership Steering Group, Cirencester Town Council, Dyer House, 3 Dyer Street, Cirencester GL7 2PP or by emailing clerk@cirencester.gov.uk; visit www.mcti.org.uk

Kingshill Sports Development

The Town Council is undertaking a study of existing sports provision and facilities in and around Cirencester with the view to informing a design and costing phase for the future development of the Kingshill site; further details to follow in our December News Update.

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