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POLICE LIAISON

Cirencester Town Council continues to work in partnership with the Police following the Council's contribution of £20,000 to provide an enhanced Police service in the Town. Following discussions with the local community team, it has been agreed that the following issues will be targeted with the Council's funding: -

- Community Safety
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Crime
- Drugs
- Seasonal Crime

Members of the public are encouraged to report any anti-social behaviour or crime by contacting the non-emergency no. 0845 090 1234.

'OUR FUTURE CIRENCESTER - COMMUNITY PLAN

The Community Plan 'Our Future Cirencester' was launched in September at the Annual General Meeting of the Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum, hosted by the Town Council.

Work is underway on setting a framework for delivery of the 16 projects, which are identified under the following four themes: -

- A sustainable market town
- A good place to grow up
- An attractive town to live in, visit and where we can enjoy vibrant culture
- A good place to do business

The Town Council is committed to a deliverable Plan and is delighted to report that 'Hyder Consulting' has been appointed to undertake Phase 1 of the Cirencester Local project, which has a number of specific objectives, i.e.

- Support local businesses by helping consumers identify what has been produced within the local economy;
- Create a high standard range of products and services that reflect positively upon Cirencester;
- Create an accreditation and monitoring process to ensure that high standards are maintained;
- Use the Cirencester Local brand to market Cirencester locally, nationally and internationally;
- Work with local retailers and commercial service providers to meet competition from larger towns in the area, and the internet;
- Use the project as an embodiment of other aspirations of the Community Plan (e.g. meeting the needs of the young, managing Cirencester's carbon footprint, maintaining a range of shops and services locally, Cirencester Festival, etc.).

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KINGSHILL LANE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

The Town Council is also delighted to report that it has appointed 'Sports Solutions GB Ltd' to undertake Phase 1 of its Kingshill Lane Sports development. Phase 1 includes a supply/demand analysis, consultation, sports development plan, grant funding review, business planning, capital costs and indicative scheme drawings.

The Town Council looks forward to working with 'Sports Solutions GB Ltd' and to the future development of the site.

FAIRTRADE

At its meeting on 14th October 2008, the Town Council confirmed its commitment to Fairtrade, specifically in respect of products that are purchased for meetings and that are used in the Town Council offices.

The Council will also seek to promote Fairtrade within the town and will give consideration to the introduction of an Annual Community Award and other local initiatives.

CAREER ACADEMIES UK

The Town Council is pleased to report that it is working with Career Academies UK on opportunities for involvement through Cirencester College by becoming a mentoring partner, offering to undertake lectures relevant to its sector and areas of best practice and also hosting workplace visits.

The Council will also be exploring ways in which it can work with Cirencester College, for example, in developing the Council's branding/image and website.

WINTER MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

As part of its Winter Maintenance Programme, the Town Council will be concentrating on the following areas: -

Abbey Grounds
City Bank
Jack Gardner Memorial Gardens
Mill Pound and River Clearance
Kingshill Lane Sports Site

Work includes shrub and river bank clearance, cleaning the 'Welcome to Cirencester' signs, re-painting bins and benches, installation of new litter bins. If there are any areas that you would like the Town Council to consider as part of its programme, please let us know.

Further information on all of the above issues can be obtained from the Council's Customer Information Point on 01285 655646.

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