

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2013**

Present:

Cllr Winney	Cllr Sanford	Cllr Hing
Cllr Boulton	Cllr S Jones	Cllr Lloyd
Cllr Bowen	Cllr Roberts	Cllr Harwood
Cllr Wardle	Cllr Mumford	

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk), Emma Boden (Wilts & Glos Standard)- (part), County Cllr Theodoulou (part)

- 258 12/13 To note apologies for absence.**
Apologies were received from Cllr M Jones and Cllr Muir. .
- 259 12/13 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
None received
- 260 12/13 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12th February 2013.**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 12th February 2013 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Lloyd – 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

County Cllr R Theodoulou and Emma Boden (Wilts & Glos Standard) arrived.

- 261 12/13 Matters arising.**
The Clerk went through various items from the previous Full Council meeting with a progress report. Sheets detailing breakdown costs for the Festive Market and for Youth Provision were distributed.
-Cllr Roberts advised the Council that CDC are looking at the policy relating to the Street Trading Licence relating to Community/Charity events. Applications should be made in the normal way for the time being.
-Item 238 - Cllr Hing advised the Council that he has written to County Cllr. Theodolou regarding the path at Dilly's Bridge. County Cllr Theodolou replied that any funds that might be available would not be forthcoming until the new financial year.
-Cllr Boulton advised that he would not be able to attend the next Palmer Hall meeting and asked if another member of the Council could attend in his place. Cllr Lloyd agreed to attend.
- As no members of the public were present it was agreed to omit items 262 and 263. All in favour.**
- 262 12/13 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Question Time – there is a 10 minute time limit.**
- 263 12/13 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Question Time.**
- 264 12/13 Chairman's Announcements**
Cllr Winney asked if any Councillors had any resolutions for the GAPTC AGM. Cllr Harwood suggested that each Committee should be consulted. The deadline for receipt of resolutions is the 24th May 2013. **ACTION: Clerk to add an item to agenda for each of the Committees.**
- 265 12/13 To consider invitations to meetings (e-mailed)**
No comments received
- 266 12/13 To consider correspondence received (for information only e-mailed)**
No comments received.

267 12/13 Correspondence requiring a reply

Email from PCSO Edgell regarding anti-social behaviour in Fairford (28.02.13)- Discussion took place regarding anti-social behaviour and how best to tackle this problem. Cllr Wardle explained that at the last Neighbourhood meeting, it was agreed that the SARA initiative would be reinstated in and around the Park, but this does not seem to have materialised. The Clerk was asked to respond to the e-mail as follows:

1. Ask the Police to patrol more often and reinstate the SARA initiative.
2. Ask if they can contribute towards the cost of a CCTV camera
3. Advise that it is not practical to close the opening in the wall to the park.

Proposed Cllr Mumford, seconded Cllr Winney – all in favour.

Note: Cllr Sanford said that following anti-social behaviour in Prince Charles Road over a period of time, the Police advised that residents should telephone 101 to report incidents each time they occur and the police would attend. Cllr Sanford said that as a result of this, she felt that incidents in the area had decreased.

268 12/13 To receive reports on meetings/events attended

Environment Agency Drop In Exhibition – Cllr Hing reported that the Exhibition held by the EA between 4.00pm and 8.00pm on 4th March where the flood alleviation plans were displayed had been attended by approx. 30 members of the public and some Councillors. As a result of this, some technical designs have been amended.

1. Fencing on top of bund – bund has been moved further back and fence will be put behind the bund, which will allow the ECT to clear ditch that runs parallel with the A417.

Following a flood alleviation meeting held last Friday, the Project Group have looked at work in Back Lane and at Dilly's Bridge relating to flood prevention. This is still to be agreed.

Cotswold Tree Identification meeting – Cllr Lloyd reported that most trees identified on planning applications appeared with their latin names, it was agreed at the meeting that this would be amended to show the names of trees in English. Other items discussed at the meeting related to endangered flora and fauna in planning areas. More meetings are planned.

269 12/13 To receive report from District Councillor

- Report into failings of the waste collection service during recent bad weather (January 2013) – This will be discussed at the next Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 19th March 2013. It is hoped that recommendations will help to stop a recurrence of the problems experienced in January.
- The Leader of the Council (Lynden Stowe) has requested that County Council should carry out a scrutiny of Thames Water. He is requesting that Councils should advise of any issues relating to Thames Water.
- Budget setting – CDC Council Tax to be reduced by 5% next year. Car parking and green waste collection charges will be frozen and there will be a cut in charges for pest control services.

The surplus has come about due to the new homes bonus.

Cllr Hing said that the issue relating to Thames Water and the problem of sewage and the new housing developments need to be raised when responding to Lynden Stowe's request. He felt that we need a categorical response about sewage issues now and in the future and we need assurances.

270 12/13 To receive report from County Councillor

- **Thames Water** – County Cllr Theodoulou said that a report from Severn & Trent resulted in serious changes in their performance, and he hoped that any examination of Thames Water would be of considerable benefit in improving their performance. He said that our sewage system was extremely old and improvements would be extremely costly. He felt that trying to obtain any assurance from T. Water would be unlikely.
- **Budget** – County Council budget amended and approved. Extra money has been set aside:
 - a) £3 million for road repairs particularly potholes.
 - b) £600k allocated to young peoples budget particularly children in care or fostered.

- c) £20 million been allocated to help improve industry “Funding Circle” – short term facility for medium and small companies.
 - d) £1 million – apprentice schemes.
 - e) Community Fund. The Council advised that the Palmer Hall had been advised of this Fund and are looking to apply for funds.
- **Incinerator** – This will be going to the Planning Committee at GCC on the 21st March 2013.

County Cllr. Theodoulou left the meeting

FACILITIES

- 271 12/13 **To receive minutes from the Facilities meeting in March 2013**
The minutes were received with no comment.
- 272 12/13 **To consider and agree the formation of a subcommittee on Youth Provision**
Cllr Harwood explained that it had been agreed at the Facilities meeting that a sub-committee needed to be formed to help with the running of the youth clubs, but that this should comprise members of the public as well as Councillors. Two members of the Council have already come forward to sit on this Committee (Cllrs Sanford and Bowen), but agreement needed to be reached regarding allowing non Council members to become involved. **It was RESOLVED** to agree to the formation of a subcommittee for Youth Provision with the inclusion of non Council members in principal – Proposed Cllr Hing, seconded Cllr Wardle – all in favour. **ACTION: Add this item to the Agenda for the next Procedures Committee meeting for ratification.**
- 273 12/13 **To consider and agree allowing Continental Markets to take place in Fairford.**
Following debate it was agreed that the ECT needs to be contacted to obtain their agreement to allow other markets to take place in the Market Place in accordance with the Lease. The Clerk confirmed that the only cost to the Council would be for the Road Closure order. It was **RESOLVED** to allow Continental markets to take place in Fairford market place subject to confirmation from ECT and of costs. Proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Boulton – 10 in favour, 1 abstention. **ACTION: Clerk to contact the ECT and to confirm costs.**

FINANCE

- 274 12/13 **To approve retrospectively cheque payments to end of February 2013.**
The Clerk was asked to check if the zip wire tension had been adjusted. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Greenfields.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve retrospectively cheque payments to end of February 2013. Proposed Cllr Hing, seconded Cllr Sanford – all in favour.
- 275 12/13 **To receive income & expenditure figures to end February 2013**
The income & expenditure figures were received with no comment. These will be looked at in detail at the next Finance meeting on the 19th March 2013.
- 276 12/13 **To consider and agree a grant of £500 for Fairford Preservation Trust for tree planting**
Cllr Harwood explained that some time ago funds had been granted to the Fairford Preservation Trust for a tree planting scheme in Fairford. In the absence of the Clerk at the last meeting, the minute relating to this could not be found and Cllr Harwood asked that this be agreed again. It was **RESOLVED** to agree a grant of £500 for Fairford Preservation Trust for tree planting. Proposed Cllr Harwood, seconded Cllr Wardle – all in favour. Cllr Wardle asked that this item be included in the items for the Finance meeting next week. **ACTION: Clerk to include this to the list of grant applications. POST MEETING NOTE: The original agreement to grant funds to the Preservation Trust was made at the Full Council meeting held on the 10th January 2012 – Minute 228 11/12.**
- 277 12/13 **To consider and agree renewing membership of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council**
It was **RESOLVED** to renew membership of GRCC. Proposed Cllr Hing, seconded Cllr Roberts – all in favour. **ACTION: Clerk to send payment to GRCC.**

PLANNING

- 278 12/13 To receive Minutes of Planning Meeting held on 19th February 2013 and 5th March 2013**
The Minutes were received with no comment.

- 279 12/13 To formally agree FTC's response to the Cygnet application.**
Following debate, Cllrs. asked for a few amendments to be made to the response letter regarding Cygnet's application (Lakes 103, 103a, 104 & Milestone).
Cllr Roberts proposed that the last sentence in Para.5 on the first page be removed. This was not seconded. Cllr Hing proposed that the word 'Just' is added at the beginning of the last sentence in Para. 5, seconded Cllr Harwood – 9 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. The other amendments related to spelling mistakes and mistakes on numbers quoted in e-mails from Thames Water. It was agreed to formally agree FTC's response as amended, to the Cygnet application. It was **RESOLVED** to formally agree, as amended, FTC's response to the Cygnet application. Proposed Cllr Mumford, seconded Cllr S Jones – 9 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention. **ACTION: Clerk to send response to CDC.**

HIGHWAYS

- 280 12/13 To receive Minutes of the Highways meeting held on the 26th February 2013**
The minutes were received with no comment.

- 281 12/13 To formally agree the quotation from Wells Masonry to clean the War Memorial (H0100 12/13)**
Following debate, Cllrs Boulton and Winney confirmed that expenditure for the War Memorial refurbishment has been obtained from donations and a grant. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to agree the quotation from Wells Masonry to clean the War Memorial. Proposed Cllr Wardle, seconded Cllr Boulton – all in favour. It was further agreed that funding would be confirmed by the Finance Committee at their meeting on the 19th March 2013. **ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the agenda for the Finance Meeting 19th March 2013 and to contact Wells Masonry.**

OTHER MATTERS

- 282 12/13 Effective Questioning techniques course – Cllr Lloyd**
Cllr Lloyd has requested that the Council investigate this course, which he feels would be beneficial, especially to new Councillors. The cost of either attending the course or obtaining the package is £175. It was agreed to defer this item to the Finance Committee for consideration. The Clerk was asked to obtain further information. **ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next Finance meeting in March and to obtain detailed information about this course.**

- 283 12/13 Date of next meeting 9th April 2013**

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