

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 11th February 2014**

Present: Cllr Mumford Cllr Harwood Cllr Fenby
 Cllr Roberts Cllr Boulton Cllr Dallow
 Cllr Hing Cllr Cumpstey Cllr Wardle (part)

Absent: Cllr Winney

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk), County Cllr. Theodoulou, Megan Archer (Wilts & Glos Standard), Mr A Finney

278 13/14 To note apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Sanford, Bowen and Muir.

279 13/14 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

None declared

280 13/14 To approve the Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Full Council meeting held on the 28th January 2014

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Full Council meeting held on the 28th January as amended. Proposed Cllr Harwood, seconded Cllr Boulton – 7 in favour, 1 abstention

Cllr Wardle arrived

281 13/14 Matters arising

- Date of Annual Town Meeting – 29th May 2014
- Cellar improvements completed
- Grants for Highways improvements – **ACTION:** Clerk to add this to the Agenda for the next Highways meeting in February if appropriate.
- Trees on footpaths near Lake 104 – **PROW** have been out to remove trees that have come down on footpaths .

282 13/14 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation– (there is a 10 minute time limit)

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Hing – all in favour.

Mr. Finney thanked the Council for arranging for the clearance of fallen trees on footpaths near Lake 104.

283 13/14 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation

It was **RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting following Public participation. Proposed Cllr Harwood, seconded Cllr Dallow – all in favour.

284 13/14 Chairman's Announcements

None

285 13/14 To receive report from County Councillor

- **Budget** – The budget presentation for 2014/15 has taken place. Budget will be £410 million – 5% lower than previous year. This will be split : - £190 million – elderly care, £120 million – care for the young the remaining amount will be split between all the other services.
- **Council Tax** - Frozen for another year (4th year running)
- **Extra funds** – Central Government has allocated an extra £500k for flood alleviation in localities joint ventures and a further £500k for work on the A417 project at Birdlip.
- **Highways and Health Care Grants** – District and County Cllrs have again been allocated between £10k - £20k for anyone wishing to undertake projects relating to improvements on the Highways and £50k (over two years) for projects related to health improvements.
- **Special Scrutiny Meeting** - to discuss flooding in the Cotswolds. Agreement was reached to form an Action Group.
- **S.106** – New guidance has been issued which will now include: - Infrastructure, such as medical facilities and Community Libraries.

Q: Cllr Hing asked if GCC had reviewed issues relating to sewage flooding in the County

A: C. Cllr Theodoulou advised the Council that this matter had been raised with Thames Water. He pressed them , at a recent meeting, and asked them what help GCC could give them but received no reply.

- **Special Fund** – GC C has activated a special fund for deprived people, who have been badly affected by flooding.

Q: Cllr Theodoulou was asked about potholes. He said that whilst potholes were being filled, the weather conditions are making this very difficult to maintain. Whilst this is not satisfactory, there is simply not enough funding available to solve the problem long term. He said that we should continue to notify him of serious potholes, which in turn would pass on to the relevant department.

286 13/14 To receive report from District Councillor

- **Audit & Scrutiny Committee meeting (13th February)** - two issues will be raised:-
 1. Road Safety in the County
 2. Local Plan - Nick Parsons will be attending to discuss progress with the Local Plan.
- **Mortgage Subsidy Scheme** – This scheme is now up and running with Lloyds Bank, for first time buyers. Applicants should be directed to Lloyds Bank. **ACTION: Clerk to add an article in Ripples for March**
- **CDC** – has been classed as one of the top 5 most efficient councils in the Country.
- **Grants** – Each ward member will be given £500 to give out to groups who wish to put on events to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. **ACTION: Clerk to advise the RBL.** (Cllr Roberts has advised the History Society).

- 287 13/14 To receive reports from meetings/events attended**
GAPTC – 3rd February 2014 – Cllr Harwood (e-mailed 4/2/14) – Cllr Harwood gave a brief overview of his report.
Tennis Club – 16th January – Cllr Mumford (e-mailed 17/1/14) – Cllr Mumford said that this meeting was a Pre-application meeting for floodlighting.
GMTF Board meeting – 29th January – Cllr Harwood said that an Enterprising Town Workshop in Churchdown is to be held on 27th March and that Cllrs should attend if possible.
Coln House School Presentation – 23rd January – Cllr Mumford said that Coln House had given an overview of the work they do and had asked those present to look favourably on future request for funding. The contract with the Town Council for maintaining the flower tubs was mentioned.
- 288 13/14 To consider invitations received**
Opening of the 6th Form Learning Resource Centre – 25th February – Cllrs Roberts and Hing to attend.
Meeting with the Farmor’s Head – week beginning 24th February – Cllrs Fenby, Wardle and Mumford to attend.
- 289 13/14 To consider correspondence received (for information only)**
 Correspondence received with no comment.
- 290 13/14 To consider correspondence requiring a reply and agree response.**
 Debate took place regarding correspondence from AMT regarding the possibility of FTC hosting a ‘Towns Alive’ workshop. Whilst some Cllrs felt that this would be a good idea, others felt that this would serve no purpose. It was agreed that more information should be obtained and that this should be deferred to the next Full Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to obtain more information and to add this item to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in March.**

FINANCE

- 291 13/14 To receive Minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 21st January 2014**
 The minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 21st January 2014 were received with no comment. Cllr Mumford reminded the Clerk that the Minutes from the December finance meeting had not yet been formally received. **ACTION: Clerk to add this to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in March.**
- 292 13/14 To approve retrospectively cheque payments to end of previous month (January)**
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve retrospectively cheque payments to the end of January 2014. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Hing – all in favour.

County Cllr. Theodoulou left the meeting
 Cllr Wardle left the room

- 293 13/14 To receive most recent income & expenditure figures**
 The most recent income & expenditure figures were received with no comment.

FACILITIES**294 13/14 To receive Minutes of Facilities meeting held 4th February 2014**

Debate took place regarding the Ripples articles for March. It was agreed that an item relating to the Post Office should be added as well as the mortgages for first time buyers (see 286 above).

In the absence of Cllr Wardle it was agreed to take the next item when he returned.

295 13/14 To consider and agree way forward with Youth Provision and Youth Room. See below**PLANNING****296 13/14 To receive Minutes of Planning meetings held on the 21st January and 4th February 2014**

The minutes of the Planning meetings held on the 21st January and 4th February were received with no comment.

The statement from FTC regarding the Kensington & Edinburgh application, which is to be considered at CDC on the 12th February was informally agreed. Cllr Wardle said that he had approached the CDC Chair of Planning and CDC's Democratic Services regarding procedural issues in re-visiting an application within 6 months and was awaiting a reply.

Cllr Mumford asked the Council if they would be happy to concentrate on the SHLAA document, rather than on the Community Plan for a short time, as the SHLAA document was quite extensive and would require a considerable amount of time. Cllrs. agreed that this should take precedence at the moment.

Cllr. Wardle returned**295 13/14 To consider and agree way forward with Youth Provision and Youth Room.**

Cllrs Wardle, Fenby and Harwood attended a meeting with Dan Johnson of Young Gloucestershire on Friday 7th February, to discuss the way forward with supplying youth provision for Fairford. Mr Johnson explained about the changes in the charging structure that Young Gloucestershire are having to implement as a result of loss of income streams/support. As a result of these changes costs for providing the service will more than double. A general discussion took place regarding the form of youth provision and the possibility of a joint venture with Lechlade and it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Lechlade to discuss this matter further. It was also agreed to talk to Farmors School in order to obtain their views on how best youth provision can be provided. **ACTION: A meeting to be arranged with Lechlade Town Council and with Farmors School.** This matter to be discussed further at a future Town Council meeting.

HIGHWAYS**297 13/14 To receive Minutes of the Highways meeting held on the 28th January 2014**

The minutes of the Highways meeting were received with no comment.

- 298 13/14 To consider and agree recommendation that JGD Construction are awarded the contract for the resurfacing of the Car Park.**
 Cllr Wardle felt that more information needed to be provided before Council could make a decision. The Clerk to forward recommendation sheet and spreadsheet detailing the breakdown of costs. This matter would also be discussed at the next Finance meeting in March. It was agreed to defer this matter to the next Full Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in March and for the Finance meeting in March.**

OTHER MATTERS

- 299 13/14 To consider and agree items for discussion with Police & Crime Commissioner (Martin Surl), on the 11th March**
 Cllr Dallow had circulated a list of items to discuss at the meeting with the Police Commissioner in March. The items were considered and amended and it was **RESOLVED** to agree the amended list and that a suitable Agenda is drawn up and circulated. **ACTION: Clerk to draw up an Agenda and to circulate. Agenda to be sent to Martin Surl in advance.**

- 300 13/14 Items the Chair considers urgent.**
 None.

- 301 13/14 Date of next meeting – 11th March 2014**

**ADDENDUM
 TO FULL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
 FEBRUARY 2014**

ADDITIONAL ITEM:

- 302 13/14 To consider current sewage problems and agree actions.**
 Cllr Hing briefed the Council on current events surrounding the problems of sewage flooding in the town. Cllr Hing said that he wanted Cllrs to be aware of the issues and that if they are approached by residents they can assure them that FTC are doing all that they can to help and that all the relevant agencies and organisations have been contacted – Thames Water, Geoffrey Clifton –Brown, The Environment Agency, CDC, GCC.
ACTION: The Clerk to forward Cllr Hing’s report to CDC for consideration at their planning meeting on the 12th February , with regard to the Kensington & Edinburgh planning application. Thames Water to be asked to attend a meeting of the Town Council to discuss the way forward.

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