

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

Present: Cllr Mumford Cllr Harwood Cllr Fenby Cllr Winney
 Cllr Roberts Cllr Boulton Cllr Dallow Cllr Sanford
 Cllr Hing Cllr Cumpstey Cllr Wardle Cllr Bowen

In attendance: Roz Capps (Clerk), County Cllr. Theodoulou (part), Megan Archer (Wilts & Glos Standard), members of the public

303 13/14 To note apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Muir.

304 13/14 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

None declared

305 13/14 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 11th February 2014

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 11th February. Proposed Cllr Harwood, seconded Cllr Boulton – 10 in favour, 2 abstention

306 13/14 Matters arising

- Item 290 (11.02.14) Hosting an AMT Workshop to be added to April Agenda
- Contacting Thames Water – **Action, Clerk to email Mark Matthews & Stewart Smith to request a meeting to discuss long term solutions to current problems, timescales and funding and how FTC can work with TW to help put their plans into place.**

307 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 Dallow, seconded Cllr Wardle – all in favour.

Cllr Mumford read out an email received from Mrs Alborough regarding the proposed Spitfire Development off Saxon Way.

308 13/14 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation

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

309 13/14 Chairman's Announcements

Council would like to wish the Clerk a speedy recovery

The next two items were taken out of order.

Cllr Theodoulou arrived.

311 13/14 To receive report from District Councillor

- **Budget** - The budget has been set at £11M. There is a 3% reduction in Council Tax. £1.9M of the budget is to come from the New Homes Bonus. If CDC is placed in special measures, they will no longer qualify for the NHB.
- **Car parking** - There has been a realignment of car parking charges in the Brewery Car Park so that the 50p/30 mins charge will be available on Sundays

- **Waste collections** - will be unchanged over the Easter and May bank holidays.
- **Local Plan** – at a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee it was discussed that the Draft Local Plan will be out for further consultation in the Summer 2014, and following that round of consultation will hopefully be finalised in Summer 2015. CDC blames changes from Central Govt for the delays, but acknowledges that work on the local plan has saved 2 years of work on the Core Strategy.
- £70k has been set aside to appoint an officer to assist local Councils in their negotiations with developers. This post is not yet filled. CDC has sent out a press release announcing they are to engage a planning specialist to work on behalf of local communities seeking funding and community benefits where new development is proposed in their neighbourhoods.

Q: Cllr Fenby asked if there was a published schedule regarding the Local Plan?

A: Cllr Wardle advised that there was and he would get a copy of it from Forward Planning at CDC.

310 13/14 To receive report from County Councillor

- **Budget** – The budget presentation for 2014/15 has taken place. Budget will be £420 million – 2% lower than previous year. 57% will go to vulnerable adults & children. 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. If the trend in increasing the budget % given over to caring for vulnerable people continues, by 2020, 86% will go to these services. Clearly that is not sustainable. The County Council is tied, as it has a statutory obligation and a demand led service, so represents a huge challenge for the future. £34M is allocated for roads; £2.4M for flood related activities.
- **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 the County is hoping for a further £500k for work on the A417 project at Birdlip. A competitive bid for £240M has gone in to Central Govt for the A417 project.
- **Health Care Grants** – County Cllrs have again been allocated £40k (over two years) for anyone wishing to undertake projects relating to health improvements.
- **Highways Grants** - County Cllrs have again been allocated £20k for Highways projects.
- **Amey** is now in place as the new contractor with responsibilities for Highways. There are plans afoot to implement an 8 year rolling pot-hole programme.

Q: Cllr Harwood asked if the reorganisation of the NHS has benefitted the County Council in any way?

A: C. Cllr Theodoulou advised that the County Council now has responsibility for public health; matters such as publicity around sexual health, healthy eating, etc . There is an £8M budget from Central Govt for that, however that is likely to reduce in 2016/17.

Q: Cllr Winney asked if there was a timescale for the resurfacing of the High Street & Market Place.

A: Cllr Theodoulou advised that there wasn't a definite date but that it was also tied up with the timing of the parking regulation decision.

Cllr Theodoulou left the meeting.

312 13/14 To receive reports from meetings/events attended

Opening of the 6th Form Learning Resource Centre – 25th February – Cllrs Roberts and Hing attended. Cllr Hing commented on what an excellent facility it is.

Meeting with the Farmor's Head – week beginning 24th February – Cllrs Fenby, Wardle and Mumford attended. A Minute from the meeting has been circulated.

ACTION: Clerk to advise the school of our preferred location for a new bin – at the junction of Leafield Road & Lovers Walk.

Cllr Hing would like to thank Cllr Boulton for helping him to pump out 2 sewage flooded garages on Lakeside using the FEAG equipment. Cllr Boulton reported that he and the clerks and Mr Lawrence had inflated the FEAG boat and assembled the FEAG wheelbarrow and both are in working order.

- 313 13/14 To consider invitations received**
 AMT – Enterprising Towns workshop – 27th March – Churchdown, Cllrs Hing, Roberts & Harwood to attend.
 CDC - March meetings – NOTED
- 314 13/14 To consider correspondence received (for information only)**
 Correspondence received with no comment.
- 315 13/14 To consider correspondence requiring a reply and agree response.**
 Invitation from CDC regarding sending representation to speak at the Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 12th March. It was agreed that Cllr Fenby would speak at the meeting. (see 321)
 Press release sent out from CDC announcing they are to engage a planning specialist to work on behalf of local communities seeking funding and community benefits where new development is proposed in their neighbourhoods. It was agreed to register our interest with CDC.

FINANCE

- 316 13/14 To receive Minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 17th December 2013**
 The minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 17th December were received with no comment.
- 317 13/14 To approve retrospectively cheque payments to end of previous month (February)**
 The figures were not available. **ACTION: Clerk to add to April Full Council Agenda**
- 318 13/14 To receive most recent income & expenditure figures**
 The figures were not available. **ACTION: Clerk to add to April Full Council Agenda**

FACILITIES

- 319 13/14 To receive Minutes of Facilities meeting held 4th March 2014**
 The minutes were received. Cllr Mumford asked that FC150 is amended to read: “Cllr Harwood to add item to Tourism Agenda” and not Clerk to, as the Tourism group is *not* a subcommittee of a Council Committee
- 320 13/14 Update on Youth Provision**
 Cllrs Wardle and Harwood have a meeting with Alex Palmer and one other representative from Lechlade on Monday 17th March.
ACTION: Cllrs to report back to Full Council in April.

PLANNING

- 321 13/14 To receive Minutes of Planning meetings held on the 21st January and 4th February 2014**
 The Minutes were received with no comment. Cllr Wardle updated Council on the ongoing debate over the validity of CDC’s 5 year housing supply figures. He also advised that FTC may want to consider using legal representation when approaching planning appeals.
- 322 13/14 To agree a representative to speak to CDC Planning meeting regarding Spitfire Development application.**

It was agreed that Cllr Fenby would speak at the CDC Planning Committee. Proposed Cllr Cumpstey, 2nd Cllr Sanford, All in favour.

323 13/14 Update on Community Plan

Questionnaires were sent out to 1400 households, 12.6% responded. Cllr Hing questioned whether or not this was considered sufficient enough to accurately reflect the views of residents? Councillors thought it was a comparably good response and as basis to moved forward.

A draft plan will be circulated w/c 17th March, and discussed at a meeting on Tuesday 18th March at 7.00pm.

Community consultation workshops are planned for Thursday 3rd April (7-9pm) and Saturday 5th April (10am – 12noon). All Councillors are invited to attend.

HIGHWAYS

324 13/14 To receive Minutes of the Highways meeting held on the 25th February 2014

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

325 13/14 To consider and agree recommendation that JGD Construction are awarded the contract for the resurfacing of the Car Park.

Cllr Winney commented that regardless of the chosen contractor it is a lot of money to spend. Cllr Wardle commented that the money will come from monies given to FTC by developers through the UU, so would not have an impact on the precept.

Discussion took place.

- A proposal to amend the recommendation to include the wording *“Highways Committee recommend that the quote from JGD Construction is accepted”*. Proposed Cllr Dallow, 2nd Cllr Fenby, 10 in favour, 2 abstentions.
- Proposal to accept the quote from JGD Construction subject to acceptable timescales and Finance Committee ensuring that funds are available. Proposed Cllr Hing, 2nd Cllr Dallow, 10 in favour, 2 abstentions.

ACTION: Clerk to contact JGD construction to ascertain timescales and report back to Finance Committee

ACTION: Clerk to add to Finance Committee Agenda

OTHER MATTERS

326 13/14 To consider and agree response to Boundary Commission proposals

Cllr Harwood circulated his draft response. Discussion took place around the geographical sense of the proposal and likely implications.

ACTION :Cllr Harwood to edit his responses to be slightly more circumspect but emphasising that geographically, the current proposal makes little sense for the residents of Lechlade who are partitioned with the proposed Fairford South ward.

327 13/14 To consider and agree reports for Annual Town Meeting (29.05.14)

Cllr Mumford asked the Committee Chairs to write their submissions for the Annual report for further discussion at the April Full Council meeting.

ACTION: Chairs to write their reports

ACTION: Clerk to add to April Full Council Agenda for discussion.

328 12/14 To consider and agree event to commemorate 100th anniversary of WW1

Discussion took place around suitable ways to commemorate WW1. Cllr Mumford commented that Farmor’s School year 9 study WW1 and may be interested in creating a display of their work for public consumption. Cllr Dallow suggested planting a tree with a commemorative plaque. Cllr Wardle

reminded Council that there are grants of £500 available through CDC Ward members for activities relating to commemorating WW1.

Proposal that the Facilities Committee take these ideas forward. Proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Harwood. All in favour.

ACTION: Cllr Mumford to continue dialogue with Farmor's School.

ACTION: Clerk to add to April Facilities Agenda

329 13/14 Items the Chair considers urgent.

- Gladman appeal date has been set for 6th May. Response deadline is 10th April.

ACTION: Clerk to contact planning consultants to get quotes for applying to be a 'rule 6' party at the appeal.

Given the tight deadlines for the appeal, Council agreed that decisions could be reached by email regarding this matter, or an extraordinary meeting could be called if necessary.

A date needs to be agreed for a Staffing Committee meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate dates

- The Agenda for the meeting with Martin Surl should be sent to him with the revised date.

330 13/14 Date of next meeting – 8th April 2014 at 7.00pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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