

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Town Council's Full Council** held on Monday 13 January 2020, commencing at **6.00pm** in the Pavilion in the Park, Victory Park, Cainscross.

Present: Councillors
 Graham Barton (Vice-Chair)
 Eileen Berry
 Adrian Cross
 David Dale
 Leah Gray
 Jenny Miles (District)
 Diane Prosser
 Ros Scott-Hodgetts
 Ron Smith
 Clive White

In Attendance: Clerk Jeni Marshall

County Councillors Brian Oothuysen

Apologies: Councillors Carlos Novoth (Chair)

FC1/20 To receive apologies
 Apologies were received from Councillor Novoth

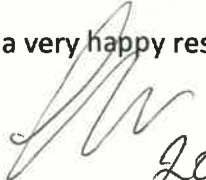
FC2/20 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
 The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Monday 16th December 2019 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.

FC3/20 To receive any declarations of interest
 None

FC4/20 To receive any representations or questions from members of the public
 None present

FC5/20 To receive the Clerk's report
 The Clerk reported as follows;

- she has had seven people interested in doing the Fuel Poverty Training and needs ten to make it happen. She has been in touch with Stonehouse TC to see if they have any Councillors who may like to join in and is waiting to hear back.
- she reported a small fire at the QEII Field damaging the safety surface. The quote to replace the damaged area is £300. Members agreed to go ahead with this.
- members were reminded that there is the Climate Change meeting here on Tuesday evening from 7pm – 9pm. Clive has put a lot of effort and hard work in to organising this and so she asked members to support him by attending.
- the grit bin put in Glynfield Rise has resulted in a very happy resident and she passed on her thanks to all.


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- the bus shelter panels have been replaced at Queens Drive and look very nice. It seems to make sense to have solid panels at the bottom as they are harder to vandalise.
- the government has announced that the early May bank holiday - known as May Day - has been moved back four days next year to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. With this in mind she asked if members were happy to move the Bank Holiday car boot sale to the Friday? The church may well be holding a VE day celebration which may cause vehicle carnage. It was agreed that the Clerk select a Sunday for the car boot sale.
- she has printed a list of courses that are available for Councillors. The Clerk will be attending a course later this month 'Dealing with Abusive Customers'. It also deals with Health and Safety and Lone Working amongst other things. She would also like to request that the Groundsman and Clerk are booked on to the Emergency First Aid at Work Course on the 29 January. The cost is £90 per person and it takes place in Whitminster. It was agreed that with more public accessing the office and hall, this should go ahead.

FC6/20To receive any reports from County and District Councillor's

District Councillor Miles reported that a new Strategic Director of Communities will be starting his new role at District Council in May. Councillor Cross asked her if there is any news of the new Lidl. She responded that there was no update but they had three years to comply with the planning permission.

County Councillor Brian Oothuysen reported that he had believed there was some money coming from central government to help with the poor state of the roads but it now appears that this is for bigger road schemes. He also commented that he has driven round the Parish and is shocked at the poor state of the roads. He also mentioned that he has had a good response from residents of Rodborough to the trips out for the elderly but not such a good response in the Cainscross Parish. The Clerk suggested he writes a small article for the next Fourwards magazine and that posters be put on the notice boards.

FC7/20To consider the following planning application

- S.19/2527/FUL – Land at Greenaways, Ebley – Erection of 1 detached and 6 terraced houses (resubmission of refused application S.19/0600/FUL)
The planning application was noted.

FC8/20To note information regarding the LGPS Pension Fund

The Clerk informed members that due to the good performance of the fund, the Council's contributions will be dropping over the next three years. She further informed them that Gloucestershire County Council have now taken a blanket insurance policy to cover ill health strain and this will cover all Town and Parish Councils in the scheme.

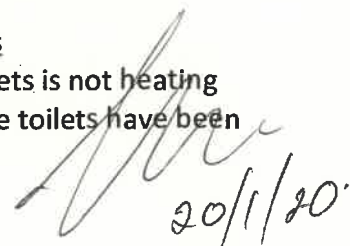
FC9/20To note the Section 137 limit per elector for 2020/21

The S.137 limit was noted.



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- FC10/20** To consider a date and format for summer music event
Members considered several dates and agreed to hold the event on the 16 August from 2pm – 6pm. Councillor Barton suggested that the event has a theme such as Earth Day. Councillor Barton, Cross, Gray and White agreed to help organise the event and will start looking at availability of bands. The Assistant Clerk is tasked to arrange the marquee and enquire as to the availability of the brass band used in previous years.
- FC11/20** To consider a request from Stroud Valleys Project for a donation towards funding a Tree Project Officer
Councillor Scott Hodgetts strongly recommended that a figure of £500 should be pledged for the new financial year and felt it important that the Council work with other partners. Councillor Miles felt it would be better to give them a project at one of our owned sites and pay them to increase biodiversity on this site. Members generally agreed that although they are keen to see more planting of trees, there is a lot involved including future maintenance of the trees.
It was resolved to find out a little more about the prospective role and report back to Council and the next meeting.
- FC12/20** To consider further complaints surrounding anti-social behaviour at the QEII Field
Members considered the member of public's request and a Councillor reminded members that she had actually been out and visited the complainant and given them her phone number to call if there were any more incidents. She confirmed that she has not received any calls or reports. Members who frequented the area confirmed that the benches are used for appropriate reasons and that they had received very few complaints.
It was resolved to contact the police and seek some statistics on the situation before making any further decisions. It was further resolved to ask the member of the public to keep a diary of events, ring 101 at each occurrence and if the noise becomes a major issue, to contact Environmental Health at District Council.
- FC13/20** To consider quotations for the repair and re-powder of the Victory Park entrance gates
Two quotations were considered and it was resolved to accept the quotation from Gloucester Street Forge.
- FC14/20** To consider whether to repair the rain water harvesting system in the rugby pavilion or return to mains water due to the ongoing maintenance costs
Following due discussion, it was agreed that the rain water harvesting supplied when the rugby pavilion was built is not fit for purpose. The ongoing costs are also proving to be prohibitive. Members resolved to switch back to mains water and look for another use for the rainwater collected in the tank.
- FC15/20** To consider the renewal of the lease for Cainscross toilets
The Clerk informed members that the wallgate at the toilets is not heating the water to the correct temperature. Due to this fact, the toilets have been


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temporarily closed whilst negotiations take place with Stroud District Council regarding the new lease. It was resolved that the Parish Council are happy to manage the opening, closing and cleaning of the toilets for a further five years, however they are not willing to make large financial contributions to the maintenance of the public toilets.

- FC16/20** To finalise the budget for 2020/21 following receipt of the tax base
A member raised concerns regarding a recent email from a Councillor to other Councillors regarding the precept. The Clerk explained the member had sent the email as he was not able to be present at the meeting and it just expressed his views. The Chairman of the Finance Committee felt he would prefer another meeting of the Working Party before the precept is decided at the end of the month. This was approved by all members.
- FC17/20** To consider a motion in support of the Local Electricity Bill in line with the suggested draft resolution
Following due discussion, members resolved with seven in favour and two against to pass a motion in support of the Local Electricity Bill. They further resolved to inform the local member of parliament of this decision as well as inform the organisers of this decision.
- FC18/20** To consider a past Chairman to nominate to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party
Members resolved to nominate Councillor Eileen Berry to attend the garden Party.
- FC19/20** To report on any meetings attended and receive requests for future agenda items
Leah Gray will be attending a Safer Gloucestershire meeting tomorrow. Ross Scott Hodgetts has attended the Cashes Green Community Centre David Dale has attended Cashes Green Community Centre and Tenant Inspectors meeting.
Clive White has had a meeting with Fred Barker of Transition Stroud. Graham Barton attended the Forest Green Planning Application meeting.
- FC20/20** To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Council
The next Full Council meeting will take place on Monday 27th January 2020 at 6pm.

Signed

Dated

Actions

FC5/20	Arrange for safety surface repairs at QEII Field	Clerk
FC7/20	Send in planning response	Assistant Clerk
FC10/20	Book Brass Band and Marquee	Assistant Clerk
FC11/20	Contact SVP regarding the Tree Officer Role	Clerk
FC12/20	Contact Police for statistics regarding the QEII Field	Clerk
FC12/20	Reply to member of the public	Clerk


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FC13/20	Contact contractor regarding gate	Clerk
FC14/20	Arrange a plumber to return water to mains	Clerk
FC15/20	Contact SDC regarding toilet lease	Clerk
FC16/20	Continue work on precept	Clerk
FC17/20	Write to MP and Organisers	Clerk
FC18/20	Nominate Cllr. Berry for attendance	Clerk


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