

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Town Council's Full Council** held on Monday 27 January 2020, commencing at **6.00pm** in the Pavilion in the Park, Victory Park, Cainscross.

Present: Councillors Carlos Novoth (Chair)
Graham Barton (Vice-Chair)
Eileen Berry
Adrian Cross
David Dale
Leah Gray
Jenny Miles (District)
Ron Smith
Clive White

In Attendance: Clerk Jeni Marshall

County Councillor Lesley Williams
District Councillor Tom Williams

Apologies: Councillors Diane Prosser
Ros Scott-Hodgetts

- FC21/20** To receive apologies
Apologies were received from Councillor Prosser and Scott-Hodgetts
- FC22/20** To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Monday 13th January 2020 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.
- FC23/20** To receive any declarations of interest
Councillor Novoth declared a Pecuniary interest in item 7 S.19/2669/FUL (Minute no. FC27/20)
Councillor Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10
- FC24/20** To receive any representations or questions from members of the public
None present
- FC25/20** To receive the Chairman's announcements
The Chairman informed members that the office will be closed on Wednesday due to staff training.
- FC26/20** To receive any reports from County and District Councillor's
County Councillor Lesley Williams confirmed that the consultation for the budget has now ended and the precept has been set at 1.99% plus a social care levy of 2%. She also confirmed that the recycling centre budget has been cut again which is concerning. Members discussed the issues with the incinerator and concerns about the environmental impact.
One member queried the future use of the care home building that had recently been closed but this is not known at present.

District Councillor Tom Williams explained that Tricorn House is back on the agenda along with other brown field sites that seem to be dormant. District Councillor Miles has been on a walk about with the Neighbourhood Warden and a trainee Warden and confirmed that they had no major concerns in the Parish. She has also attended a holocaust Memorial event and had found it to be very moving. Councillor Dale mentioned that the recycling / bin lorries are damaging the grass areas at Sunnyhill by driving over them. Councillor Barton agreed that the same is happening in Church Road on the roundabout and the Clerk was asked to report this to the District Council.

Planning

FC27/20

To consider the following planning applications

- S.19/2669/FUL Land at 331 Westward Road – Erection of a dwelling and associated works – No objections but comment that the canal bank must not be compromised.
- S.19/2739/HEDGE – Various Hedgerows along Ebley Bypass, Ryeford -8 sections of hedgerows to be removed along a length of approximately 1.2km near Ebley Bypass – No objections subject to re-instatement either on same site or nearby if this is not possible.
- S.19/2553/HHOLD – 12 Fort View Terrace, Stroud – Two storey extension – No objections
- S.20/0077/LAC – Public Payphone, Mosley Road – Removal of public payphone – No objections
- S.20/0075/LAC – Public Payphone, Cashes Green Road – Removal of public payphone – No objections

FC28/20

To discuss the hall bookings

Members were informed that bookings were now coming in on a regular basis, however the opening and closing is very complicated and therefore a solution is needed. It was resolved that the Clerk will contact the company that fitted the system to see if they can make it more user friendly. Another issue was raised regarding the future of maintaining and cleaning the hall. It was agreed to set up a working party to consider the issues and report back to the Full Council in due course. Councillors Berry, Dale, Miles and White agreed to be part of the Working Party.

FC29/20

To receive a report regarding Climate Change meeting and discuss the way forward

Councillor White reported that 19 people had attended the meeting but included in that number were members of Transition Stroud, Extinction Rebellion and Greenpeace. It was felt by Councillors in attendance that rather than the members of the public that we hoped to attract, the meeting had been more of a platform for existing groups. Councillor White Informed Council that Councillor Scott-Hodgetts has agreed to be Chair going forward, however it was resolved that the Town Council will deal with its own carbon footprint and give practical advice to Parishioner as things progress. Councillor Barton who has experience in working out carbon footprints offered to take this forward. It was resolved to set up a Working



- Party with the following members; Councillors Barton, Gray, Scott-Hodgetts and White.
- FC30/20** To consider a planting scheme for the hedge between Victory Park play area and the bowls club
Members agreed to increase the bio-diversity of the area with flowering plants, native pollinators and hedgerow. It was resolved to request some financial contribution from the Bowls Club.
- FC31/20** To consider carrying out verti draining to the sports pitches at Victory Park
Members considered the quotation from the grass contractor and asked that the Clerk get a second quotation. Councillor Barton offered to send some details to the Clerk and the Clerk was authorised to go ahead with the most suitable quotation.
- FC32/20** To consider the following motion proposed by Councillor Miles;
To write to the Midlands Co-operative to express concern about the review being carried out by the Midlands Co-operative. Whilst we acknowledge they must make their choice based on commercial decisions, we ask that they take into account the communities need for both the Post Office and Pharmacy and retain these services on the Cainscross site.
Members supported the motion and requested that the Clerk write to the Midlands Co-operative.
- FC33/20** To consider the Internal Auditor for 2020
Members considered quotations and resolved to use GAPTC for Internal Audit.
- FC34/20** To receive and approve recommendations from the Finance Working Party
Members of the working party explained about the restructuring of the Council and that amongst other measures an Assistant Clerk was needed soon. It was agreed that re-organisation and restructure are essential with the increase in work load and assets. The Clerk has engaged with ELAS to guide the Council through the process.
- FC35/20** To finalise the precept for 2020/21
It was resolved to agree the proposed precept. The Clerk will put the request in to District Council.
- FC36/20** To report on any meetings attended and receive requests for future agenda items
Councillor Gray attended a Safer Gloucestershire meeting and a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for County Council.
The Clerk attended a Parish and Town Council information evening at District Council.
Councillor Dale attended a Tennant Inspector Meeting
Councillor White is due to attend a Stroud in Nature event on the 5 February.
- FC37/20** To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will take place on Monday 24 February at 6pm.

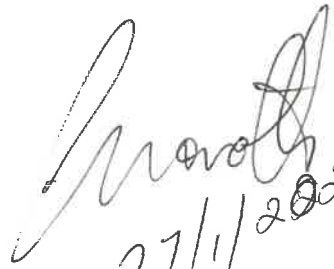
Signed 

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Actions

FC26/20	Write to SDC regarding the recycling lorry damage to green areas	Clerk
FC27/20	Send in Planning responses	Clerk
FC28/20	Set up hall working party	Clerk
FC29/20	Work out Councils Carbon Footprint	Cllr. Barton
FC30/20	Request contribution from VP Bowls Club	Clerk
FC31/20	Get additional Verti-drain quote and order works	Clerk & Cllr. Barton
FC32/20	Write to Midlands Co-operative	Clerk
FC33/20	Arrange Internal Audit	Clerk
FC35/20	Send in precept request	Clerk


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