

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Town Council's Virtual Full Council** held on Monday 14th December 2020, commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present: Councillors
 Graham Barton
 Adrian Cross
 David Dale
 Leah Gray
 Jenny Miles (Town & District)
 Diane Prosser
 Ross Scott-Hodgetts
 Clive White

County Councillors
 Lesley Williams

District Councillors
 Tom Williams

In Attendance: Clerk
 Assistant Clerk
 Jeni Marshall
 Emily Forgione

Apologies: Councillors
 Carlos Novoth
 Ron Smith

FC187/20 To receive apologies
 Apologies were received and approved as above

FC188/20 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
 The minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Monday 23 November 2020 were approved as a correct record and will be signed when the office re-opens

FC189/20 To confirm the minutes of the extraordinary meeting
 The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 30 November 2020 were approved as a correct record and will be signed when the office re-opens

FC190/20 To receive any declarations of interest
 Councillor Scott-Hodgetts declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 17 (Minute Number FC203/20)

FC191/20 To receive any representations or questions from members of the public
 None present

FC192/20 To receive the Clerk's report
 The Clerk reported as follows;
 A complaint has been received via Facebook regarding a pavement outside a resident's property in the Stirrup. This has taken some time to sort out due to change of Highways Manager but the Clerk has been in touch with our new contact who is sending a team to check safety and feels the most likely result will be the community workers in spring, weeding, tidying and hand laying tarmac in this area. A complaint was received about holes in the ground from the goal post sitings at Victory Park. The Groundsman has made some covers for these and installed them.

The Clerk attended a Teams meeting with Siobhan Baillee, her caseworker Trina Davis, Kathy O'Leary (SDC), Kayleigh – Stroud School of Art and other SDC officers and District Councillors regarding Tricorn House instigated by MP Siobhan Baillee. The crux of the meeting was to consider if anything would be done to improve the appearance of Tricorn House as it seems unlikely that anything will happen to improve it in the imminent future. Kathy raised concerns regarding hoardings as they can often mask what is going on behind them leading to more anti-social behaviour. No obvious answers came to light but it was agreed that Kathy O'Leary and Siobhan Bailey should once again contact the owners and another meeting has been set for the new year.

The Clerk also queried how to handle a situation where a member of staff travels from a tier two to another tier two area when the area travelled to goes in to a tier three almost immediately on their return. The member of staff had acted legally but the Clerk had concerns for the safety of other staff. It was agreed to take general Covid-19 advice from ELAS who are contracted to give relevant staffing advice.

Finally, the administration staff will finish work for Christmas at 12noon on the 23rd and return to work on January the 4th. The Grounds staff are rostered to work some reduced hours to make sure the open spaces are safe over the break. It just remains to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and have a safe break.

FC193/20

To receive any reports from County and District Councillors

District Councillor Jenny Miles who had previously circulated a report asked members to email her if they had any questions.

District Councillor Tom Williams reported on the meeting regarding Tricorn House. He further reported that the planning committee is very quiet at present.

County Councillor Leslie Williams reported that the County Councils proposed budget is due to go to committee with a 4.75% increase proposed. The increase is a 1.99% increase in Council Tax and 2.76% increase in the Adult Social Care Levy. She also updated members regarding the Labour Party priorities for the coming year including care leavers, period poverty and climate change.

She finally confirmed she has not been selected to stand for the Labour Party in the forthcoming elections.

Planning, Highways, Amenities & Recreation

FC194/20

To consider the following Planning Applications

- S.20/2445/HHOLD – 23 The Stirrup – Proposed rear and side extension - Noted
- S.20/2461/TCA - 70 Westward Road - 1. Cut back overhanging Acer branches that are encroaching onto roof of building along pathway left side of building by 1m.
2. In children's play area at rear of building reduce height of Acer tree to below camera by 1m on to allow camera clearance of area - Noted
- S.20/2477/LBC – Berkeley House, Paganhill – To replace aluminum front door with wooden door & replacement window - Support

FC195/20

To note any Planning Decisions

The planning decisions were noted

FC196/20

To consider fees for Victory Park Bowling Club during the pandemic

It was resolved to cancel all fees to the Bowls Club this financial year to help them with funds during the pandemic.

FC197/20

To note a letter from County regarding Ash Die Back and consider if there are any ash trees on Town Council owned land.

It was agreed that there are no Ash trees on Town Council owned property and therefore the information was noted

FC198/20 To consider a request from Stroud District Council for a contribution towards the emptying of dog bins in the Parish
Members resolved to pay the contribution

FC199/20 To consider the renewal of the lease for Cainscross Toilets under new terms and conditions
Members resolved to re-new the lease on the condition that the only responsibility the Town Council will have is the day to day opening and cleaning of the facility.

Finance, Staffing and Policy

FC200/20 To authorise payments
Payments totalling £23,020.70 were approved.

FC201/20 To further consider the budget and precept
The Clerk informed members that she is struggling to get the budget down to the necessary level to prevent an increase in the precept due to the Councils aspirations for the coming year. She is however awaiting the Tax Base from District Council and as the Town Councils boundaries have increased, the additional households may cover any increase.

FC202/20 To verify and sign the bank reconciliation and original bank statements
The bank reconciliations were verified against the bank statements and will be signed on the re-opening of the office

FC203/20 To consider a grant application from Foxmoor School
Following due discussion it was resolved to issue a grant of £500

FC204/20 To receive an update regarding Cashes Green Community Centre 'Crockpot' initiative and consider releasing a further £500 grant funding
Councillor Scott-Hodgetts explained there had been some confusion and due to the three grants all being paid in one sum, the Community Centre had not realised that the Crock-Pot grant had been received. They were now aware of the situation and Councillor Scott-Hodgetts will start to buy and distribute the goods. She confirmed however that due to the delay, she did not require any more funding at present but would like this to go back on the agenda in January.

FC205/20 To consider the Council's position regarding the re-opening of the office and other facilities
It was resolved to consider this again at the meeting in January.

FC206/20 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Council
The next meeting of the Council will be held on January 18 2020.

The meeting concluded at 7pm

Signed

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FC194/20	Send in planning responses	Assistant Clerk
FC196/20	Contact VP Bowls Club	Clerk
FC198/20	Contact SDC re Dog Bin donation	Clerk
FC199/20	Contact SDC re renewal of the lease	Clerk
FC201/20	Add to January agenda	Assistant Clerk
FC203/20	Issue grant and letter	Finance Assistant
FC204/20	Add to January agenda	Assistant Clerk

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