

Minutes of the of **Cainscross Town Council's Virtual Advisory Meeting** held on Monday 26th July 2021, commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present: Councillors Graham Barton (Chairman)
Clive White (Vice-Chairman)
Adrian Cross
David Dale
Chris Fewster
Diane Prosser

In Attendance: Jeni Marshall (Clerk)
Jessie Hoskin (Project Officer and District Councillor)

Also in Attendance: John Bloxsom (County Councillor)
Katrina Davis (District Councillor)

One member of the public

Apologies: Ron Smith

Absent: George Williams

AG34/21 To receive apologies

Apologies were received as above.

AG35/21 To receive any declarations of interest

None received

AG36/21 To receive the minutes of the last advisory meeting of the Council

The minutes were received, and it was agreed they were a correct record of the previous advisory group meeting.

AG37/21 To receive any representations or questions from members of the public

One member of the public made representation regarding item AG41/21 S.21/1484/FUL. He spoke on behalf of 15 householders who live in the vicinity of the proposed development and gave a full report on their objections.

AG38/21 To note the Clerks report and raise any questions

The Clerk reported as follows:

- We are hoping that following cases of Covid in the office, we will be able to get back to some sort of normal. It has generally been agreed between staff and Councillors that due to the increased Covid cases locally and nationally, that we will not hold any events other than consultations until further notice.
- I recently interviewed a candidate for the role of Assistant Groundsman and am pleased to say he joined us today for an initial period of six months under the Kickstart Scheme.
- There have been several issues at the Pavilion with a large group of teenagers who have been hanging round in the porch area of the rugby and Office Pavilions. They have so far, burnt our new sign, put a cigarette hole in one of our notice boards squirted ketchup all over the new Pavilion, broken into the post box, burnt out the hall doorbell and broken one of our new signs. Luckily, they have been most accommodating, and we can see their faces clearly on CCTV. This has been reported to the Police and

CCTV sent over. The Ground staff have also used anti-vandal paint to deter youth climbing on to the roof of the rugby pavilion.

- I met with Tamsin of Stroud Valley Projects and some neighbours at the QEII Field to discuss the ramp and general maintenance to keep the anti-social behaviour away and have agreed to keep the area between the ramp and houses cut short but enhance the biodiversity where possible.
- I had a Highways meeting with John Bloxson (County Councillor), Yakub Mulla (Highways Manager) and Jenny Miles (District Councillor) we discussed various areas and I have emailed you Johns summary of the meeting for information.
- The tree works in all our open spaces have now been completed.
- Now we are back in the office, I will spend the rest of the Barnwood Grant on the outstanding items including the soft play equipment, bookshelves and crockery for the kitchen.
- We have some potential funding for a mural in the tunnel to the park. We are considering asking local schools to do some designs based on nature and work with a local artist. Members felt this to be a good idea.

AG39/21

To note the Project Officers Report and raise any questions

- We have now approved the partnership with Groundworks, and I had my first meeting with the funding team and the landscape architect last. Following the meeting I emailed Councillors to ask for feedback on an idea that was raised a rainwater feature. This will be subject to the consultations which we are trying to progress as quickly as possible but gives an idea of the scope.
- We have £2,700 raised so far for the bike ramps and are expecting a large contribution from Gloucestershire Funders within the next week which should take us to just under the halfway mark.
- The Defibrillator funding has been a great success and we raised £472 at the fundraising day, £220 from our Crowdfunder, the fire service raised £270 at their car wash and there have been cash donations from residents of roughly £605 including donations from Rodborough Old Boys and Cainscross Rugby Club.

This means that we have now covered our costs and ordered the defibrillator through a company called London Hearts who come highly recommended. They are also a charity and have given us a £300 discount, taking the total cost for the purchase of the defibrillator to £1200. We are waiting for a quote back from the electrician but estimate this to be roughly £200.

The only other costs on top of the purchase and installation are: £30 for replacement pads if the defibrillator is used and £200 every 5 years for replacement batteries.

- We have had two very interesting meetings with the Community Services and Licensing officers from Stroud District Council, Ange Gillingham and Emma Keating-Clark. Stroud District Council are investing lots of resources into supporting emerging community hubs, hiring a dedicated officer and investing money into programs.

The officers have told us that the best way to start a community hub is through a volunteer run community café. I emailed Council last week to update you all and ask for feedback about the community café. We're going to be reliant on volunteers but feel that this is a worthwhile project that will hugely benefit the community. If we go ahead, we are proposing

that we run two cafés during the summer holidays and then once a month thereafter. Please let me know if you can volunteer in any way.

AG40/21To receive any reports from County and District Councillors

District Councillor Katrina Davis commented that the District Council are going to make some much needed improvements to the park area at Devereaux Crescent although they are having problems sourcing the necessary material. They have also been asked to re-paint it.

She further reported that she had taken part in a ward walk where various issues were discussed.

District Councillor Jessie Hoskin reported on a meeting with the CEO of Stroud District Council regarding Tricorn House. There is still no contact from the developers and therefore other avenues will need to be explored.

She also attended the ward walk and confirmed there is now some Sarah Everard funding available to help make streets safer and asked if anyone had areas of concerns, to let her know.

County Councillor John Bloxson informed members that at the last County meeting there had been a lengthy debate regarding 20 mile per hour speed limits. The motion was defeated but has been referred to the Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Bloxson asked that members let him know of any attempts that have been made to put a 20mph zone in the Parish. He gave a brief report on various Highways issues and reported that damage to Sunnyhill kerbs and pavement at Queens Drive / Stanton Road area have been suggested for the Highways Local funding.

Other issues included drainage at the bridge on Cashes Green Road which is being looked at by the capital team and a similar issue at Moseley Crescent.

Finally, he informed members of a Community Fund of £40,000 over a five-year period which would equate to approximately £5000 per year for Cainscross. He will give the Council more information as it becomes available.

Planning, Highways, Amenities and Recreation**AG41/21**To discuss the following planning applications –

- S.21/1609/HHOLD - Hawthorns, Foxmoor Lane, Ebley - Erection of two-storey extension & alterations - NOTED
- S.21/1603/HHOLD - 23 The Stirrup, Cashes Green - Erection of single storey rear & side extension. Resubmission of S.20/2445/HHOLD. NO OBJECTIONS
- S.21/1646/HHOLD - 20 Mosley Crescent, Stroud - Erection of single storey side extension - NOTED
- S.21/1484/FUL - 41 Etheldene Road, Cashes Green - Erection of 3 dwellings to replace single dwelling (resubmission of S.20/0756/FUL). - Members resolved to object to this application as they believe it contravenes policy HC1 due to the scale and density of the proposed plans. They also agreed this would affect the privacy of neighbouring properties and finally as well as misgivings over some of the given measurements, the Council wish to request that a Design and Access Statement be prepared.

AG42/21To note any planning decisions

The planning decisions were noted

AG43/21To discuss the Cainscross Toilet lease

The Clerk wished to bring to the Councils attention that the lease was being offered without security of lease. Although members wish to protect the public

conveniences for as long as possible they agreed to accept the lease and authorised the Clerk to sign it.

AG44/21 To discuss the Bridge Street Planter

The Clerk reported that the Bridge Street Planter at Cainscross is in a poor state and although she remembers that Stroud District Council own it and Cainscross Town Council maintained it and invoiced the District Council £50 per year, District have no recall or records of this. The Clerk queried whether the Town Council would be prepared to take ownership of the planter to improve it. Members discussed this and asked the Clerk to get the planter looked at structurally as they were concerned about the costs if it should need a lot of work.

Finance, Staffing and Policy

AG45/21 To approve direct debits for the forthcoming year

The direct debits were considered, and it was agreed that they were correct.

AG46/21 To receive the financial report

The financial report was considered and agreed that this was a correct representation of the present situation.

AG47/21 To consider increasing the Project Officer hours

After due discussion, members agreed with the Clerk's recommendations to the increase in hours for an initial period of six months to be reviewed.

AG48/21 To discuss ordering uniforms for new and existing staff and lanyards for staff, Councillors and volunteers

It was agreed to order some more uniforms for the Groundstaff, fleeces and lanyards for the staff and lanyards for Councillors and volunteers.

AG49/21 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Council

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 23rd August 2021. It was decided that meetings would now revert to in person but would also be streamed for members and public who are vulnerable although members not attending in person would not be able to participate. It was therefore agreed to revert to Full Council meetings once a month and to monitor the Covid situation with the potential to delegate to the Clerk if things become concerning.

The meeting concluded at

Signed

Dated

Actions

AG38/21	Order remaining items from the Barnwood Grant	Clerk
AG38/21	Work on tunnel art project	Project Officer
AG39/21	Continue to work on Community Café	Project Officer
AG40/21	Let Cllr. Bloxam know of any attempts to implement 20mph	Clerk
Ag41/21	Send in planning responses	Clerk
AG43/21	Send off signed Lease	Clerk
AG44/21	Order a structural check on the Bridge Street Planter	Clerk
AG48/21	Order uniforms and lanyards	Assistant Clerk

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