

Minutes of the **Town Meeting** held on Monday 29th April 2024, commencing at 6.00pm at The Pavilion in The Park, Victory Park.

PRESENT:

Cainscross Town Council: Councillors

A Cross - Chairman
C White – Vice Chairman
J Booker
D Dale
C Fewster
G Lindsay
L Stinchcombe
C White

Community Groups

Door Youth Project
Louise Little – Randwick Scouts
Tom Hoskin – The Life Coach
Heather Clapp – Ebley Allotments
Tony Wyatt – Ebley Allotments
Randwick YFC
Chloe Cox – Wild Stroud
Jo Carter – Cainscross Rugby Club
Adam Carter – Cainscross Rugby Club
Rodborough Old Boys FC

In Attendance:

Clerk
Assistant Clerk

Also in attendance:

District Cllr J Miles
Peter Berry
Eileen Berry

Apologies:

Steve Moss – Cainscross Allotments
District Cllr Katrina Davis
Amanda Godber – Down to Earth
County Cllr John Bloxsom

TM1/24

TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting in 2023 were confirmed as accurate and approved for signing.

TM2/24

TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

The annual report was given by the Chairman as follows:

Welcome to our annual parish meeting - we as always have been very busy working to enhance the Cainscross Parish.

In July we were thrilled to instal our new inclusive play area at Victory Park. Much hard work was put into this including grant funding and researching the best type of equipment. Although we knew we needed to update the old play area we did not realise how huge the impact would be. The play area on a nice day is full to the brim with all generations, playing, socialising and picnicking. A great result.

We also recently installed a lovely youth shelter and hopefully as the weather improves, the young people in the Parish will enjoy this space as a place to meet.

We have other play areas that now need updating including Elm Road play area and Ashway Court. Our Project Officer is busy researching funding for these and although it

takes time to build enough funding, we hope to improve these areas in the not-too-distant future.

Biodiversity is also high on the agenda, and we have with the help of Stroud Valleys Project, planted two mixed wildlife hedges and some Pollinator patches at Elm Road Playing Field. We also work with Stroud Valleys Project to improve biodiversity at the QEII Field and Hamwell Leaze. We will continue to consider biodiversity throughout our open spaces and try and work alongside these recreational spaces to achieve a good balance.

Our community hall is thriving with plenty of exciting activities (please help yourself to a what's on flyer and do share with friends and family). We also have our monthly community café and quiz afternoon which continue to prove very popular.

I would like to thank the office staff (Jeni, Emily, Liane and Carrie) and Ground staff (Paul and Linda) for their continued hard work as well as our committed Councillors in particular Clive who organises the monthly quiz, Deb who often helps at the Community Café and Chris Fewster who is key to our weekly book swap. Finally, a big thank you to our two volunteers Liz and Jane.

TM3/24

TO RECEIVE THE COUNCIL'S OBSERVATIONS ON ITS BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

Observations were received with no concerns and noted.

TM4/24

TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

A report was given by Cllr Jenny Miles as follows:

I have not been very busy with council work due to the elections and there has been no housing committee.

A meeting of Full council was held and a motion to write to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for environmental resources and funding to undertake the principles of Zanes law, which Baroness Natalie Bennett is progressing through the Lords. This concerns Historic landfill sites and toxic waste - In 2014 Zane Ghangbola died and his father was paralysed, they believe by contaminated by flood water which passed through a historic landfill site before going into the family home.

Visitor Car park at Ebley Mill with Electric car charging points.

Proposed charges:

Mon to Friday 8am to 5pm

Short stay one hour £1.70, two hours £2 50, three hours £3.50

Overnight Monday to Thursday £1.00, Weekends Friday 5pm to Monday 8am £3.00

Season tickets: 1 month £55.00, 3 months £165, 6 months £300, Annual £550

Service will be controlled by the SDC staff who manage the other council car parks.

Canal Project -

Because of inflation the next phase will now be Stonehouse to Eastington with the missing miles to be developed later. The council will need to spend an extra million pounds for the project to proceed.

TM5/24

TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr John Bloxsom did not provide a report.

TM6/24

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Reports were given by members of several representatives of community organisations – Heather Clapp of Ebley allotments, Rodborough Old Boys FC, Tom Hoskins Life Coach, Chloe Cox of Wild Stroud, Louise Little of Randwick Scouts, and Jo Carter of Cainscross Rugby Club.

TM7/24

TO CONSIDER ANY RESOLUTIONS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

None given.

TM8/24

TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Several concerns were raised by Mr Peter Berry, the Clerk invited Mr Berry to a meeting to discuss further.

The meeting closed at 7pm

Signed

Dated