

Minutes of the of **Cainscross Town Council's Full Council Meeting** held on Monday 22nd May 2023 commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present: Councillors: Adiran Cross
Clive White
Deb Balster
James Booker
Dave Dale
Christine Fewster
Gavin Lindsay
Chris Stanley
Linda Stinchcombe

In Attendance: Jeni Marshall - Clerk
Emily Forgione - Assistant Clerk

Also in attendance: County Cllr John Bloxsom
District Cllr Katrina Davis
District Cllr Jenny Miles

Apologies: Cllr Elaine Burnett
District Cllr Jessie Hoskin
Cllr Az Jasat

FC21/23 To receive apologies
Apologies were received as above.

FC22/23 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
The minutes of the last Full Council meeting on the 24th of April were confirmed and duly signed.

FC23/23 To receive any declarations of interest
No declarations of interest were received.

FC24/23 To receive the chairman's announcements
It was announced by the chairman that as the annual meeting closely followed the Full Council meeting that items should be discussed briefly.

FC25/23 To receive any representations or questions from members of the public
No members of the public were present.

FC26/23 To receive officer reports
The Clerk's report was received as follows:

FC27/23 To receive any reports from County and District Councillors

A report from County Councillor John Bloxsom was received as follows:

A [Youth Fund](#) has been launched, which will provide £3,000 per division to support children and young people. All Youth Fund applications will need to be submitted no later than mid-January 2024 so they can be processed within the financial year 2023/24. This in addition to support previously provided which has included a Cashes Green youth project and Victory Park youth shelter.

I am in continuing dialogue with Highways regarding the [Ebley Traffic Regulation Order](#) being proposed. To address the issue of backing up across the Home Orchard/Westward Rd junction it was proposed, in December 2022, to run restrictions to the car dealership. Following public objections to the extent of this a modified proposal was published to run the restrictions just to 205/207 Westward Rd. There have now been public objections to this reduction compared to the original proposal. My comments are being sort.

I have been contacted by the Police, following issue raised by a Fort View Terrace resident, about the of visibility to turning and out from Bridge Street. I have looked at this with Highways who have offered to place an advisory [Private Entrance Keep Clear 'H Mark'](#) across this junction to be funded from my Highways Local allocation. There is also concern that the Tricorn House flats will worsen this problem.

I have been liaising with Highways, Police and residents concerned with the off-road parking on the frontage of Dormic, Westrip Lane due to the restricted visibility and the crossing of the pavement and a pedestrian crossing point by construction vehicles which are not complying with Highways requests.

I have received information on a temporary road closure for resurfacing of The Bridle 30/31 May, and for drainage works of Hyett Rd 10/14 July and Cashes Green Rd 17 – 21 July. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained. I have asked to clarification on the location of the work and the extent of the official diversion.

A report was received from District Cllr Katrina Davis as follows –

Foxmoor estate - We are still getting on the case of Vistry and will continue to keep attempting to resolve issues regarding the maintenance of the estate.

Hopefully the bypass between tricorn and Sainsburys will be completed soon and County Councillor John Bloxsom and myself can get back onto to GCC about a speed survey here.

The drain on cashes green road just over the bridge is still posing a flooding and safety issue - I have previously been assured that works will be carried out this financial year. I am yet to be informed when.

A report was received from District Councillor Jenny Miles as follows –

I am still on housing and D.C.C

I have been in contact with Mike Towson regarding the Foxmoor estate management and have sent his report to the Clerk. It seems to use a lot of words to say that there is no progress.

There is another meeting Thursday with an update re Tricorn house.

I attended a meeting at Chapel Lane independence living scheme, they seem happy with the modernization, but a few hic ups with the new doors not shutting properly. Some complaints about local people letting their dog's fowl their grass, officer is going to contact dog warden.

Cashes Green Community Centre had a successful event for the Coronation, they also had events in the morning for local children and afternoon tea later for older residents over the same weekend.

I have received some compliments about the no mow policy on Sunny Hill bank re wildflowers coming back. Mike is going to remind Ubico to carry on the process into the summer.

FC28/23 To note the minutes of the last Finance, Staffing and Policy meeting
The minutes of the Finance and Staffing and Policy meeting that was held on the 16th of May were noted.

FC29/23 To consider a letter from a local student requesting work experience
A written letter was received by the Council from a student at Archway school requesting work experience as part of their curriculum. After due discussion it was agreed that this can go ahead.

FC31/23 To approve payments from 10th to the 16th of May
Payments between the dates of the 10 and 16th of May were reviewed and approved.

Planning, Highways, Amenities and Recreation

FC32/23 To consider the following planning applications.
- S.23/0828/HHOLD - 3 The Chase, Cashes Green - Erection of single storey rear extension and porch extension. - The application was noted

- S.23/0803/HHOLD - 31 The Bridle, Cashes Green, Stroud - Erection of timber garden room & decking (retrospective). - The application was noted

- S.23/0783/HHOLD - 31 The Bridle, Cashes Green - Erection of two storey side extension. - The application was noted

FC33/23 To note any planning decisions
The planning decisions were noted.

FC34/23 To consider increasing the events budget
After due discussion it was decided to increase the events budget from £1500 to £3000 for the two main events during the financial year.

FC35/23 To receive a report from the litter picking event
Cllr Deb Balster reported that the event that was held on the bank holiday Monday 9th of May, was a success with approximately 25 people attending to help out. It was agreed that the working party would continue in order to plan further events.

FC36/23 To consider a quotation for removal of large tree stumps in Victory Park
A quotation from Golden Valley stump removal was considered and Councillors agreed to go ahead with the suggested works.

FC37/23 To consider a plan and quotation for works at Hamwell Leaze
A plan and quotation were received by Stroud Valleys Project, after due discussion it was decided that money in the budget would be well spent doing the suggested works and it was agreed for this to go ahead.

FC38/23 To receive an update on plans for works on the Lagger and consider quotations for utility survey ahead of the license application

A report was given by the Assistant Clerk as follows:

I met with Elizabeth from Wild Service and Tom from JPR at The Lagger for a follow up survey and to discuss the works before they can quote and submit the licence application. Tom was very knowledgeable and considered all the options that were available to the Council. The access is difficult there as the only feasible way in is from the top end which is obstructed by a bollard. If the works were to be carried out in the way that was initially discussed it would also be difficult to avoid the tree roots that provide privacy for the resident that lives in the house next to the path – it would cause damage meaning tree or hedge replacement would be expensive.

The ground is also very wet and is often like this during the winter months so this could prove a prolonged problem after excavation.

After discussion between Elizabeth and Tom they decided that an alternative option would be more suitable – it was suggested that much like the boardwalk at Hamwell Leaze, they could construct a raised platform over the path and around the mounds of earth that have been excavated by the badgers providing an elevated platform for footpath users to move freely and safely over the affected areas, also avoiding slippery wet conditions when this occurs.

This would be a less intrusive option for the badgers; therefore, a license will be easier to obtain. It would also mean fewer large machines would need access, as the work can be done mostly by hand.

Two quotes were presented for a utility survey on the area, after due discussion it was agreed that the works would be carried out by Solum Surveying Ltd.

FC39/23

To consider a request for sink style ponds at Ebley Allotments

After discussion, it was decided that the decision should be left to the allotment committee.

FC40/23

To consider if play panels on toddler unit in VP playground are needed and quote

The cost of new installation was considered, and it was decided that the old panels should be cleaned and re-instated.

FC41/23

To consider public consultation results on youth shelter and bike pump tracks – project officer report

This item was deferred to the recreation committee meeting.

FC42/23

To receive Pavilion in the Park user feedback survey results – project officer report

This item was deferred to the recreation committee meeting.

FC43/23

To note any training / meetings attended by staff or Councillors

Cllr Balster and Cllr Stanley reported their attendance at the 'Being a Better Councillor' training evening with GAPTC hosted by Stoneouse Town Council on Tuesday the 18th of April.

FC44/23

To consider any items for inclusion on future agendas

It was requested to add maintenance of vegetation in Caincsross Car Park to the next agenda, the CCTV for Victory Park play area, acoustics in the Pavilion hall and addressing the condition of the wall along Church Road with St Matthews Church.

FC45/23

To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Full Council.

The next meeting of Full Council is on Monday the 26th June

The meeting concluded at 7pm

Signed

Dated

Actions

FC29/23	Write a letter of response to Osian Smith	Assistant Clerk
FC30/23	Add authorised payments to system	Finance Assistant
FC32/23	Send in planning responses	Assistant Clerk
FC36/23	Contact GV stump removal regarding stumps in VP	Clerk/Assistant Clerk
FC37/23	Contact SVP regarding works at Hamwell Leaze	Clerk
FC38/23	Instruct Solum Surveyors to carry out utilities survey at The Lagger	Clerk/Assistant Clerk
FC39/23	Contact Ebley allotment committee	Clerk/Assistant Clerk
FC41/23	Add to Recreation meeting agenda	Clerk/Assistant Clerk
FC42/23	Add to Recreation meeting agenda	Clerk/Assistant Clerk