

Minutes of the of **Cainscross Town Council's Full Council Meeting** held on Monday 26th June 2023 commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present: Councillors: A Cross (Chair)
C White (Vice-Chair)
D Balster
J Booker
E Burnett
D Dale
A Jasat
C Stanley
L Stinchcombe

In Attendance: Clerk - Jeni Marshall
Project Officer -Liane James

Apologies: Cllr.Christine Fewster
Couty Councillor John Bloxsom
District Councillor Katrina Davis
District Councillor Jenny Miles
District Councillor Jessie Hoskin

- FC46/23** To receive apologies
Apologies received as above.
- FC47/23** To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
The minutes of the last Full Council meeting on the 22 May 2023 were confirmed and duly signed.
- FC48/23** To receive any declarations of interest
No declarations of interest were received.
- FC49/23** To receive the Chairman's announcements
The Chairman asked that all members check that their DPI's are upto date. The Clerk confirmed these could be accessed via the Stroud District Council website.
- FC50/23** To declare a casual vacancy
Following the resignation of Councillor Prosser, a casual vacancy was announced for the Ebley Ward.
- FC51/23** To receive any representations or questions from members of the public
None present.
- FC52/23** To receive officer reports

The Clerk reported the following

- She has been working with District Councillor Katrina Davis to get the footpath known as the Dump tidied up and the Community Pay back scheme is happy to help. The work is scheduled to take place in July and will include clearing overhanging branches and scrub, making a fence safe, painting over graffiti and clearing the lights.
- She has arranged some emergency tree works at various sites due to the storm leading to large hangers and broken limbs in the trees
- The new play area is now completed and open. The official opening is still being arranged but some expenditure on polyposts, tape and watering paraphernalia has been required to keep the new grass alive.
- The QEII Play area is still closed due to vandalism and a couple of issues picked up in the ROSPA report. The work is scheduled to be carried out shortly.
- Anti-social behaviour is once again on the increase in all areas and in particular Victory Park with reports of the young boys who are digging up the bike ramps now digging under the railway fencing and accessing the railway embankment. This is obviously highly dangerous, and we have put signs up and posted on social media as well as reporting the the Police and Neighbourhood Warden.
- Reports of bike riders in the new play area have been received causing irritation to users so we have added some signage banning bikes
- Complaints have been received from residents in The Bridle relating to the slurry seal. Highways have investigated and said that the seal is fine and there is no funds for any improvements.
- As you are all aware SGS College are holding a funday at Victory Park on Sunday.

FC53/23

To receive any reports from County and District Councillors

None present

FC54/23

To note and approve the minutes of the last Finance and Staffing Committee meeting

The minutes were approved and noted

FC55/23

To approve expenditure from 6 June 2023 – 19 June 2023

The following payments were approved:

Cloudy IT Domain renewal £90

Nest pensions June – 234.44

Gloucestershire County Council Pensions £1920.46

HMRC - £2410.68

FC56/23

To note and approve the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting

Councillor Balster summarised the meeting and members approved and noted the minutes.

- To consider a recommendation to drop the previously agreed Youth Shelter in favour of transferring funds to bike track improvements following consultation

The Project Officer gave a summary of the results of the public consultation. Members held a long and in-depth discussion surrounding the benefits and issues of a youth shelter. Councillor Jasat proposed that the youth shelter went ahead in a slightly scaled down manner with just the shelter and seating but not the graffiti wall and additional seating /planting. The shelter will still be sited by the graveyard. The motion was carried with 6 in favour, 2 against and one abstention.

FC57/23 To consider contacting St Matthews Church regarding the wall on lower Church Road

Members have been raising concerns about the poor state of the Church dry stone wall. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the church to enquire what their plans are to improve and maintain the wall.

FC58/23 To consider bringing Fourwards Newsletter in-house

It was resolved to purchase Canva for teams which would give staff more control with deadlines.

Planning, Highways, Amenities and Recreation

FC59/23 To consider the following planning applications.

- S.23/1101/TPO - 7 Monkey Puzzle Close, Ebley – Reduce the height and spread of 3 x Sycamore Stems. Pollard trees are at 8m. - Noted

FC60/23 To consider a statement regarding the Councils' position on 5G masts

Members agreed that 5G was not a Town Council issue and that they did not have the knowledge or expertise to comment on them and therefore the following statement was agreed. - Cainscross Town Council will not comment on 5G applications as we do not have the knowledge or expertise. Any issues regarding siting and appearance should be addressed to Stroud District Council who are the local planning authority'.

FC61/23 To note any planning decisions

The planning decisions were noted.

FC62/23 To agree how to manage asset inspections and methods of reporting

The Clerk informed members that the Groundsman is getting on well with the asset app and displayed a report for members to see. It was resolved that the report should now be shown monthly to the Recreation committee rather than Full Council.

- FC63/23** To consider additional CCTV by the tunnel plus a quote for improvements and additional cameras on existing system
 The Clerk explained that placing a camera looking into someone else's land is rife with issues and advised that this should not be done. Members agreed it would be beneficial to have cameras at all five entrances to the park but acknowledged that this would be expensive and was not in the budget this year. After further discussion members resolved to update the existing system and add two new cameras which would give better coverage of the park, in particular the new play area.
- FC64/23** To note the ownership of Church Road Car Park and discuss works including lighting
 The Clerk reported that the car park is now in the ownership of the Town Council and various improvement work needed to be carried out. After due discussion members resolved to hand this project over to the Recreation committee to consider in full.
- FC65/23** To consider and discuss the the Strategic Action Plan
 The Clerk explained to members that by having a robust plan in place it will help with direction and budgeting. The exiting plan is for 2023 – 25 but if Council were mindful to add further projects, the time scale of the plan could be increased. The Chairman suggested that with budgeting in mind, Councillors should bring any new ideas/projects to the September Full Council meeting.
- FC66/23** To consider a response to the Public Space Protection Order
 After due discussion members resolved to object to the proposal in PSP04 which would mean that dogs would be allowed off lead on the canal path. They felt that the paths are narrow, and dogs are often out of control and many people fear dogs. It was acknowledged that this is difficult to enforce however it was felt that most dog owners would abide by the order.
- FC67/23** To consider employing a chartered surveyor to check insurance valuation on the Pavilion Buildings
 The Clerk raised concerns regarding the accuracy of the Pavilion values regarding the insurance and was concerned about the potential issues of under insuring. It was resolved to get a valuation from a Chartered Surveyor.
- FC68/23** To note a quotation from Stroud Alarms for works to the fire alarm system in the Pavilion
 Works to update the system were noted and members resolved to go ahead with the quotation.
- FC69/23** To note any training/meetings attended by staff or Councillors
 Councillor Dale attended an ASB meeting at Stroud District Council and did a walkabout with the PCSO's.

Councillor White attended the Big Solar Co-op meeting, the Master Guild of Craftsman's exhibition at The Museum in the Park and Creative Sustainability.

Councillor Cross attended The Musuem in the Park exhibition and Creative Sustainability. He also attended the DPI meeting at District Council

Councillor Jasat attended the Tricorn House on-line meeting

FC70/23

To consider any items for inclusion on future agendas

It was requested that we revisit the acoustics in the hall which will be added to the next agenda.

FC64/23

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

The next meeting of the Council will be at 6pm on the 31 July 2023

The meeting concluded at 7.40

Signed

Dated

Actions

FC50/23	Send SDC Casual Vacancy Form	Assistant Clerk
FC56/23	Continue with Youth Shelter Project	Project Officer
FC57/23	Write to Church Regarding dry stone wall	Clerk
FC58/23	Purchase Canva	Assistant Clerk
FC59/23	Send in Planning results	Clerk
FC60/23	Post 5G Statement to website	Admin Assistant
FC62/23`	Add Asset inspections to all Rec meetings	Admin Assistant
FC63/23	Order CCTV works	Clerk
FC64/23	Ass Church Road Car Park to Rec agenda	Clerk
FC65/23	Consider Strategic Plan	Councillors
FC66/23	Respond to Public Spaces Order Consultation	Clerk
FC68/23	Order Stroud Alarms Fire alarm works	Clerk