

Minutes of the of **Cainscross Town Council's Full Council Meeting** held on Monday 21 October 2024 commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present: Councillors: Chair Adrian Cross
 Cllr Deb Balster
 Cllr David Dale
 Cllr Gavin Lindsay
 Cllr Charlie Mitchell
 Cllr Linda Stinchcombe

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

Also in Attendance: One member of the public
 Jo Carter of Cainscross Rugby Club
 Mark Newman of Cainscross Rugby Club

Apologies: Cllr James Booker
 Cllr Christine Fewster
 Cllr Yvonne Tester
 Cllr Clive White

FC99/24 To receive apologies
 Apologies were received as above.

FC100/24 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
 The minutes of the last meeting of the council were confirmed and duly signed.

FC101/24 To receive any declarations of interest
 No declarations of interest were given.

FC102/24 To receive the Chairman's announcements
 No chairman's announcements were given.

FC103/24 To receive any representations or questions from members of the public
 One member of the public was present to observe the meeting.

FC104/24 To receive officer reports
 The Clerk gave a brief report that the second half of the precept has now been received and the second VAT return of the year has been carried out.

FC105/24 To receive any reports from County and District Councillors
 A written report from John Bloxson was received and circulated prior to the meeting; a brief overview of the report was given in person. Items from the report that concerned Cainscross Town Council were as follows -

- **Public EV Charging Points** - There is a programme to roll out on-street EV charging points in residential areas. I have asked for an update on the proposal to install three charging points on Home Orchard, Ebley and progress on identifying locations in Rodborough. Nominations can be made to electricvehicles@gloucestershire.gov.uk.
- **Highways assessment of Cainscross area** – as requested I have asked for a comprehensive highways assessment be undertaken in respect of the area including the Cainscross Roundabout, Westward Rd, Dudbridge Rd and Cashes Green Rd to include the safety of the roads in and around the Cainscross

roundabout, traffic lights at Bridge Street/ Cashes Green Rd junction, pedestrian crossings (existing and required), possible yellow box requirements, as well as the speeds.

- **Tricorn House** - This is the latest SDC update on future of Tricorn House <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/tricorn-house-frequently-asked-questions/>. I understand that this will be updated in the week commencing 21 October 2024 to include information arising from further correspondence about the future of Tricorn House, which has been a dangerous, vacant eyesore for 27 years.
- **Resurfacing** – Highways have re-scheduled resurfacing of Westward Road, between Orchard Road and Chapel Lane for 6 – 14 March 2025.
- **Changes to reporting highways issues** – Email messages sent to highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk now get the following auto response: "Thank you for your message. Please be aware this mailbox is no longer monitored for new enquiries. Instead, please raise your enquiry with us through Fix My Street. Fix My Street is the fastest way to report your issue and get it to the relevant team to investigate. 99% of our enquiries can be processed through Fix My Street. In the rare case that Fix My Street can't process your enquiry, we have an online contact form <https://forms.gloucestershire.gov.uk/HighwaysContactForm>. This should only be used if there is no category for your issue in Fix My Street. Please do not use this form to group together issues - doing so could delay the processing of your enquiry or result in it being closed without action". Please note that highwayscouncillors@gloucestershire.gov.uk continues to be monitored.

FC106/24

To note the minutes of the Recreation Committee

The minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting were duly noted.

FC107/24

To discuss the proposed position of the shipping container at Victory Park requested by Cainscross Rugby Football Club with Jo Carter

Jo Carter from Cainscross Rugby Club presented the initial plan for the placement of the container, Councillors considered the suggested placement and after discussion resolved that the best way forward would be to agree final placement together in person the following day – a member of the Rugby Club will try to attend this meeting. The decision will be reported back to Jo Carter so that she can submit it to Stroud District Council planning department.

FC108/24

To consider quotes for Solar Panels on the Rugby Pavilion and instruct a provider

Two quotations were presented by the Biodiversity Officer with a brief review and recommendation as follows - based on the findings and our budget, it is my recommendation that we move forward with the quotation from the Cotswold Energy Group. They have been responsive, prompt and seem keen to carry out the project. Additionally, they have come in as the lowest price at £20,850.

Planning, Highways, Amenities and Recreation

FC109/24

To consider the following planning applications

S.24/1740/HHOLD- Overdale, Ebley- Erection of a single storey side extension - Application Noted

S.24/1772/HHOLD- 21 The Chase, Cashes Green- Erection of a single storey side and rear extension - Application Noted

FC110/24

To note any planning decisions

The planning decisions were noted.

- FC111/24** To reconsider plans for the Phone Box at Devereaux Crescent following another enquiry and discuss the Orchard Road Phone Box
The disused phone box on Devereaux Crescent was discussed in the Full Council meeting in September & refused, however, it was re-visited due to the Clerk offering the Council information regarding the history of the Councils involvement and another enquiry from a member of the public at the beginning of October. After a review of the strategic plan, it was agreed to account for the cost of refurbishment for both this phone box and another on Orchard Road in Ebley, in the budget for the 2025/2026 financial year. The boxes would then be used by the community.
- FC112/24** To consider commissioning a traffic survey for the roads by Cainscross Roundabout
This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- FC113/24** To consider a grant application from Cashes Green Community Centre
A grant application from Cashes Green Community Centre was considered and approved.
- FC114/24** To consider the strategic plan in line with consideration of the budget
The Clerk reported that she had made notes on the strategic plan and intended to complete and send out to councillors in the next few weeks. The Clerk asked that any requests for specific projects that Councillors wanted considered should be directed to her as soon as possible to aid with the 2025/26 budget preparation.
- FC115/24** To note the new Local Government pay scales
The new local government pay scales have not yet been received.
- FC116/24** To note any training/meetings attended by staff or Councillors
Cllr Balster, Cllr Stinchcombe, Cllr Lindsay and Cllr Cross attended the Creative Sustainability open day which provided information about their inclusive community hub, they were able to find out more about community programmes, meet the team and find out how to get involved.
- FC117/24** To consider any items for inclusion on future agendas
It was requested by Cllr Balster that the organisation of a litter pick be added to the next recreation committee meeting.
- FC118/24** To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Full Council.
The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Monday the 25th of November.

The meeting concluded at 6.55pm

Signed

Dated

Actions

FC107/24	Discuss positioning and measure for placement – report back to Jo Carter of CRFC	Clerk/Assistant Clerk
FC108/24	To confirm order with The Cotswold Energy Group	Administrator
FC109/24	Send planning decisions	Assistant Clerk
FC111/24	Contact enquirer and add funds to budget for 24/25	Assistant Clerk
FC112/24	Add to November Full Council agenda.	Assistant Clerk
FC113/24	Contact Laura Gregory of CG Community Centre	Assistant Clerk
FC114/24	Summarise notes and add to finance agenda for review.	Clerk/Assistant Clerk
FC115/24	Add to next meeting agenda.	Assistant Clerk
FC117/24	Add to next recreation agenda.	Assistant Clerk