

Minutes of the of **Cainscross Town Council's Full Council Meeting** held on Monday 24 February 2025 commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present: Councillors: Adrian Cross (Chair)
C White (Vice Chair)
S Ashenford
D Balster
G Lindsay
L Stinchcombe
Y Tester

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

Also in attendance: District Councillor Elizabeth Stanley

Apologies: Cllr James Booker
Cllr David Dale
Cllr Christine Fewster
County Councillor John Bloxsom

- FC177/25** To receive apologies
Apologies were received as above.
- FC178/25** To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
The minutes of the last meeting of Full Council (27 January 2025) were received, confirmed and duly signed.
- FC179/25** To receive any declarations of interest
No declarations of interest were received.
- FC180/25** To receive the chairman's announcements
The Chairman notified members of Councillor Mitchells resignation and declared a casual vacancy.
- FC181/25** To receive any representations or questions from members of the public
No members of the public were present.
- FC182/25** To receive officers reports
The clerk gave a report as follows:
The Clerk met with Cashes Green School and Greenfields who are doing some works to the play areas at Cashes Green School. It was agreed that they can remove a small section of the fence and some shrubs to access the area and that mats should be laid to access the area along the fence line of Elm Road Playing Field. Greenfields who the Council have worked with over the years will reinstate any damage and monitor. During this meeting the Clerk also drew their attention to our play area at Elm Road and they have now checked this on Contract Finder and have emailed to say they will be tendering.

The trees packs that we have been given by Woodlands Trust, are due to be delivered early March so we will arrange a planting day and would love some

volunteer Councillors to get involved. Please let me know if you would like to help.

The Clerk has negotiated some new Electric supply contracts saving considerable money both for the Pavilions and the toilets at Cainscross.

The toilet rate has been reduced from 34.170 to 26.40

The Pavilion Rates have been reduced as follows:

Existing Day Rate 32.860 New Day Rate 24.80

Existing Night Rate 23.130 New Night Rate 16.500

Existing Standing Charge 74.00 New Standing Charge 0

- FC183/25** To receive any reports from County and District Councillors
 A report was circulated prior to the meeting from County Councillor John Bloxson, a brief report was also received from District Councillor Elizabeth Stanley – key points included site clearance at Queens Drive, Cashes Green has begun and works to build new council housing will soon commence.
 Work at Tricorn House is reported to be moving forward now and there are just minor details to be finished off.
 An emergency meeting is to be held on the 20th of March to discuss the proposals of devolution of local government.
 A brief update on Stroud District Councils Full Council meeting was also given.
- FC184/25** To note the minutes of the Recreation Committee
 The minutes of the recreation committee were noted.
- FC185/25** To consider the renewal of membership to GAPTC
 The renewal of the annual membership to GAPTC was considered and approved.
- FC186/25** To consider some soil decompaction measures to the trees bordering the railway line at Victory Park
 Cllr Gavin Lindsay relayed some points that were raised in a meeting with John Parker of the Arboricultural Association. These were considered and it was agreed by members that the impact on the tree roots next to the bike track was minimal and that this would continue to be monitored over time and any problems would be dealt with if necessary.
- FC187/25** To consider a quote for tree surveys for the open spaces
 The quotation for a tree survey was considered by members, the Clerk reported that the previous survey was thorough and of good quality, so it was recommended to use the same company on this occasion. On a previous occasion where two quotes had been sourced, the Council were dissatisfied with the survey and had to pay for a second survey. Tree Maintenance also have all the trees numbered.
- FC188/25** To consider a Poetry Post for the QEII Field
 A donation of a poetry post for QEII field pond area was proposed by a parishioner, Paul Wyeth. The post will consist of an A3 board that displays regular poems written by local people, school children, or people and poems that are relevant to the area. It was agreed that this would be a nice addition to the area, and that the Council will adopt the post once installed to support ongoing maintenance. The management of poems and work involved with this would be the responsibility of Paul Wyeth – however, the Council will always have a view of what is displayed prior to displaying.

- FC189/25** To consider the following planning applications
S.25/0177/HHOLD- 47 Westward Road, Cainscross - Erection of rear deck and steps & privacy screen fencing. - Objection on the grounds of obstruction of light to neighbouring property.
S.25/0164/FUL- Ebley House, 235 Westward Road, Ebley- Extension to existing car park - to note application with comments on need for more plans for biodiversity and landscaping.
S.24/1749/FUL- 6 & 8 Etheldene Road Cashes Green- Erection of loft extension to infill valley roof. - Application noted
S.25/0180/HHOLD- 93 The Beagles, Cashes Green- Erection of single storey pitched roof side extension. Tiled roof & reglazing of existing conservatory. - Application noted

- FC190/25** To note any planning decisions
 Planning decisions were noted.

- FC191/25** To approve the following grant applications
- Cainscross Allotment Association - grant application approved for £800.
 - Cashes Green Allotment Association – grant application approved for £500.

- FC192/25** To note any training/meetings attended by staff or Councillors

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk reported that they attended a meeting with Helen, the Clerk at Stroud Town Council regarding where Town and Parish Councils stand in the possible initial stages of devolution of local government.

It was also reported that The Clerk and Assistant Clerk held a meeting with the Chair of the Applewood Allotment Committee, progress was made with helping them achieve healthier annual accounts and it was agreed that the Rangers would help with the mowing of the site whilst the Council have the resources to help.

Cllr Balster attended a meeting with District Cllr Gill Thomas regarding the placement of a litter picking station at The Pavilion, this will involve equipment being available for visitors to take away and use during office hours.

- FC193/25** 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 the 31st of March 2025.

The meeting concluded at 7pm

Signed

Dated

Actions

FC185/25	Renew membership to GAPTC	Clerk
FC187/25	Instruct works	Clerk
FC188/25	Contact Paul Wyeth	Clerk/Assistant Clerk
FC189/25	Send in planning responses	Asistant Clerk
FC191/25	Action grant payments	Clerk