

Minutes of the of **Cainscross Town Council's Full Council Meeting** held on Monday 16 December commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present: Councillors: Cllr Adrian Cross (Chair)
 Cllr Sharon Ashenford
 Cllr Deb Balster
 Cllr David Dale
 Cllr Gavin Lindsay
 Cllr Charlie Mitchell
 Cllr Linda Stinchcombe
 Cllr Yvonne Tester
 Cllr Clive White (Vice-Chair)

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

Also in attendance: County Cllr John Bloxsom
 District Councillor Elizabeth Stanley

Apologies: Cllr James Booker
 Cllr Christine Fewster

- FC142/24** To note apologies
 Apologies were received as above.
- FC143/24** To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
 The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council were confirmed and duly signed.
- FC144/24** To receive any declarations of interest
 No declarations of interest were made.
- FC145/24** To receive the chairman's announcements
 The chairman's wished everyone a Merry Christmas and invited all Councillors to attend the Community lunch on Wednesday the 18th of December at The Pavilion in the park.
- FC146/24** To receive any representations or questions from members of the public
 No members of the public were present at the meeting.
- FC147/24** To receive officer reports
 The Clerk wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and notified members that the last day of work for office staff will be the 23rd of December until midday and will be back on the 2nd of January at normal hours. The Project Officer also gave a written report that was circulated ahead of the meeting, this included updates regarding the Bike Track Project and the success of the crowdfunder campaign, raising £10,693. It was also reported that the Project Officer is working on submitting a tender for the contract finder portal for the Elm Road play area re-development before the end of January. Finally, members were told that the Father Christmas community event at the beginning of December was hugely successful, and much positive feedback has been received.

- FC148/24** To receive any reports from County and District Councillors
A written report was circulated from District Councillor Elizabeth Stanley and briefly summarised during the meeting.
A brief report was also given by County Councillor John Bloxsom, this included an update on the re-scheduling of the re-surfacing of Westward/Ebley Road, this has been brought forward to February and a notification has been issued. It was also reported that the County Council have proposed a 4.99% increase in the budget, this includes 2.99% for adult services.
- FC149/24** To note the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting
Minutes of the last recreation committee meeting were noted.
- FC150/24** To receive a report from the Walking Working Party
A report was given by Cllr Lindsay; the working group has now identified four walks within the parish and are looking at designs for the brochure, they have a designer and printer in mind. The final plan should be confirmed by March, and they are hoping to be published in time for the summer. The working party will report back in a future meeting to update on further progress.
- FC151/24** To approve Funding Agreement No 1901 with Enover for the bike pump track grant
The funding agreement No 1901 with Enover was considered, approved and duly signed by the named bank signatories. It was agreed to authorise the £2,000 (10%) contribution to be paid to Enover by the 23rd of December.
- FC152/24** To consider suggested changes to the size and frequency of the Fourwards newsletter
The Assistant Clerk reported that although the Fourwards newsletter has been made digital quite recently, the size and frequency should now be revised. It was suggested that the newsletter should be released monthly and made smaller – approximately two pages will be suitable, this way it can be made more relevant to what's happening on a more regular basis.
- FC153/24** To consider the following planning application
S.24/1726/FUL- Land At 12 Fort View Terrace, Fort View Terrace - Erection of new dwelling (self-build) with appearance and scale reserved matters – Application noted.
- FC154/24** To note any planning decisions
The planning decisions were noted.
- FC155/24** To agree the budget for 2025/26 (LGFA 1992)
Following due discussion and after receiving recommendations from the finance committee, the budget for 2025/26 was agreed.
- FC156/24** To set the resulting precept for 2025/26
The resulting precept for 2025/26 was set at an 8% increase which is an additional £27,161.38 and a total of £345,532.86.
- FC157/24** To approve the Clerks membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks
The membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks was approved.
- FC158/24** To note any training/meetings attended by staff or Councillors

No additional training or meetings were attended by staff or councillors during this period.

FC159/24 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Full Council
The date and time of the next Full Council meeting was confirmed as Monday the 27th of January 2025 at 6pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.40pm

Signed

Dated

Actions

FC151/24	To send signed agreement.	Project Officer
FC152/24	Publish first edition in January	Assistant Clerk
FC153/24	Send planning applications	Admin
FC155 & FC156/24	Send precept request	Clerk
FC157/24	Renew SLCC membership	Clerk