



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THE 9th JULY 2019**

Present: Cllr Boulton Cllr Doherty Cllr Harrison
Cllr Hill Cllr Foxall Cllr Roberts
Cllr Sanford Cllr Thornhill Cllr Jefferies
Cllr Bowen

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence, Roz Capps (Clerks), County Cllr Theodoulou (part), District Cllr Andrews, District Cllr Trotter, 6 MOP.

- 055 19/20 Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Jack Morgan, John Morgan & Nicholls,
- 056 19/20 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
None received
- 057 19/20 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 11th June 2019**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 11th June as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
Proposed Cllr Sanford, seconded Cllr Doherty – 3 abstentions, 7 in favour.
- 058 19/20 Clerks/Chairmans report – received without comment.**
- 059 19/20 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation – there is a 10-minute time limit) if members of the public are present.**
It was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for public participation.
Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr Hill, all in favour.
- Mr Landa-Font spoke for the group, all of whom are concerned about the closure of Farmor’s Sports Centre. The group have contacted the school but have received no response to date. They expressed their willingness to work collaboratively with the Council and commented on how much community spirit was evident in Fairford when news of the impending closure became public. A major concern was for the vulnerable users of the centre who can’t drive to other venues.
- It was resolved to bring item 079 forward. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr Harrison, all in favour.
- 079 19/20 To discuss closure of Fairford Sports Centre**
Cllr Doherty outlined the position of the School and the District Council and clarified what discussions had already taken place.

- Farmor’s School plan to close the sports centre which is a subsidiary business that employs staff and manages the bookings at the centre.
- The school plan to continue to manage the sports hall bookings.
- Once the staff are no longer employed, the gym cannot operate.
- The sports centre currently loses the school £30k pa.
- The school’s finances are being hit hard with local government pension scheme contributions.
- The current business model is not viable.
- The legal agreement made with CDC when the gym was handed over ends in December but can end early with no penalty. The plan to cease trading on 31st August is an audit requirement as the subsidiary business cannot make a loss. The books will be zeroed at 31st August.
- It is acknowledged that the agreement made to hand the sports centre over to the school was not as robust as it could have been. Also, the school has not provided the monitoring it was required to do under the agreement. It is also acknowledged that the communication from the school regarding this matter has not been well managed.
- There are long running issues around access and opening hours.
- Neither the District nor Town Council has any legal force it can bring to bear to force the school into taking any particular course of action.
- The school has agreed to leave the gym untouched in the short term – i.e. no equipment will be removed at this time.

Going forward....

- The School needs to be explicit about what it wants to happen going forward. Do the school want to deliver a service to the community?
- If yes, there are various options, some more viable than others.
- CDC could “take over” the gym and run it. However, CDC has no staff to do this. All CDC run leisure centres are outsourced to SLM.
- Is this an opportunity to deliver a service differently? Does the dual use (School & public) model work – it would appear not.
- Cllr Doherty is having various meetings this week with potentially interested parties.
- Cricklade Leisure Centre is an interesting model, of a community led initiative that has worked.
- Gloucester Diocese has a countywide initiative that could assist in the running of the sports centre.
- A public meeting is being held on Thursday 11th July in the Barker Room at the Community Centre. Cllr Doherty will attend and hopefully be able to offer updates on the above.

Cllr Foxall suggested that a short-term (6 months) fix, that would allow the gym to stay open and operate in some form, would be a sensible option, whilst a more sustainable long-term solution is found.

The Town Council agreed to discuss this item at Finance on Tuesday 16th July with a view to issuing an official position statement and also to discuss allocating a sum of money to this matter should it be required.

<p>ACTION: Clerk to add item to Finance Agenda.</p>
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- 060 19/20 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.**
It was **RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Sanford, all in favour.
- 061 19/20 Chairman's Announcements.**
The Mayor invited all Councillors to attend the charity cricket match on Sunday 14th July at Fairford Cricket Club. Bar open at 1.00, match starts at 2.00p.m.
- 062 19/20 To consider invitations to meetings (e-mailed).**
None
- 063 19/20 To consider correspondence received (for information only e-mailed).**
None
- 064 19/20 To receive reports on meetings attended.**
- Cllr Hill had an informal meeting with Jenny Phelps (FWAG) regarding the River Walk. Some remedial work will be undertaken on the surface.
 - Cllrs Harrison, Roberts & Sanford attended the opening of the Stonewater housing scheme at Keble Fields.
- 065 19/20 To receive report from District Councillor**
- Cllr Andrews reported that there had been a recent CIL meeting, which Fairford did not attend. Cllrs advised Cllr Andrews, that Fairford had not been invited. Another meeting is being organised to which Fairford Cllrs will be attending.
 - Sports Centre- Fairford. Cllr Trotter reported that Lechlade Town Council will be sending a letter of support for keeping the Centre open.
 - Cllr Andrews reported that the Bowls Club CPAD would be operational by the end of the week. This is available 24/7 and is situated on the wall at the Bowls Club.
 - The first Council meeting of the new administration has taken place. Corporate strategy in operation to reflect new administration
 - Proposed car park in Cirencester - This has now been cancelled and money allocated will be put back into general reserves.
 - GCC have declared climate emergency. Green goals. The aspiration is that CDC will take the lead in this.
 - Move to look at the way the Council operates i.e. timings etc., currently 6pm rather than 10am. This is being monitored.
 - Move to introduce solar panels, on the CDC building as part of the green agenda.
 - Corporate Strategy – Business Plan – Changes will be made later in the year.
- 066 19/20 To receive report from County Councillor**
Cllr Theodoulou reported as follows: -
- Green agenda – energy for waste plant is now operating on a start up basis and will be fully operation by September. This will be reducing the amount of methane produced by approx 25 tons per annum.
 - RIAT – The Hannington Wick road works, which was required as a result of badger damage has commenced, and it is hoped that the work will be completed, and the road re-opened before the Air Tattoo.

Cllr Theodoulou was asked to look into the pavement cover on Milton Street, which is deteriorating. This has been in place for many months and damage to the pavement needs to be repaired. Cllr Theodoulou said that he would look into this.

- 067 19/20 To receive Police Report**
A police report was made available in brief. A full report will be circulated when received.

FINANCE

- 068 19/20 To receive Minutes from the Finance meeting held on the 18th June 2019.**
Received without comment.

- 069 19/20 To receive report from the Chair of Finance**
Cllr Doherty reported that earmarked reserves had been adjusted to reflect the amounts that might be required for projects this year.

- 070 19/20 To approve retrospectively payments to end of June 2019**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, payments to the end of June. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Sanford – all in favour.

- 071 19/20 To consider and agree recommendation from the Finance Committee to open bespoke mailboxes to be used for Council work only.**
Cllr Doherty explained the reasons for this, which has come to the Finance Committee's attention as a recommendation from the Internal Auditor. A quote has been received for mailboxes for all councillors. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to agree recommendation for new mailboxes. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Boulton – 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

ACTION: Clerk to contact provider

PLANNING

- 072 19/20 To receive the minutes of the Planning committee meetings held on 18th June and 2nd July 2019.**
Received without comment.

- 073 19/20 To receive report from Chair of Planning Committee**
Cllr Harrison reported on applications for:
Keble Fields – amended planning condition
Fayre Court – ongoing issues
Wick House – this will be discussed at the CDC planning meeting tomorrow

WORKS & COMMUNITY

- 074 19/20 To receive the minutes of the Works & Community Committee Meeting held on 25th June 2019.**
Received without comment.

- 075 19/20 To receive report from Chair of Works & Community Committee.**
No report received.

076 19/20 To consider and agree recommendation from the W & C Committee (as amended) to incorporate ‘dogs on leads’ clause in the PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) for consultation process, which has been introduced in the Cotswold District
The Clerk reported that she has been in contact with CDC to obtain further information on how a ‘dogs on leads’ clause can be incorporated into the PSPO which is currently in place and covers the Cotswold area for dog fouling. Evidence of requirement is needed by CDC and it was agreed that a message to residents would be placed on the council’s facebook page, the newsletter and website. This matter to be deferred.

ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for W & C Committee.

OTHER MATTERS

077 19/20 To consider and approve publication of Annual Report
The Annual Report was circulated, and the Clerk was asked to include the Town Logo. It was **RESOLVED** to approve publication of the Annual Report as amended. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Harrison – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to add logo to the front cover and to print.

078 19/20 To sign Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Support Services with Glos. & Worcs 4 x 4 response (see Cllrs page of website)
The Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Support was duly signed.

079 19/20 To discuss closure of Fairford Sports Centre.
See above.

080 19/20 Anything the Chair considers urgent.
None.

081 19/20 Date of next meeting – 13th August 2019

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