



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2022

Present: Cllr Boulton Cllr Lipscombe-Kettel Cllr Harrison
Cllr Sanford Cllr Roberts Cllr Lafford
Cllr Foxall Cllr Thornhill

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence, Roz Morton (Clerks), District Cllrs Andrews & Trotter and County Cllr Morris (part)

- 61 22/23 To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Shankland, Doherty, O'Connell. These were received with no comment.
- 62 22/23 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
None received.
- 63 22/23 To approve the Minutes of the Full council meeting held on the 14th June 2022**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th June 2022, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Thornhill – 6 in favour, 2 abstentions.
- 64 22/23 Clerks'/Chairman's report**
None
- 65 22/23 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation – there is a 10-minute time limit) if members of the public are present.**
N/A
- 66 22/23 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.**
N/A
- 67 22/23 Chairman's Announcements**
None.
- 68 22/23 To consider correspondence received (for information only emailed)**
Correspondence received throughout the month e-mailed to Councillors. No comments received.

69 22/23 To receive report from District Councillor/County Councillors (e-mailed)

District Cllr Andrew's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Council Meeting: 20th July 2022. Full Council Meeting. Topics likely to include:

- Recovery Investment Strategy
- Independent Remuneration Panel
- Appointment of the (interim) Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Chief --- Executive Officer
- Change to Council Procedure Rules
- Budget Council Protocol
- Protocol for Member/Officer Relations.

Cabinet Meeting: 4th July 2022

- Cirencester Old Station – Use of Government grant to develop options.
- Green Economic Growth Strategy Update
- RAU Business Park
- Town Centres
- Visitor Economy
- Infrastructure
 - Missing Link
 - Broadband improvement
- Key Sites
 - Cirencester
 - Moreton in Marsh
- Changing Places toilet facilities

UK Shared Prosperity Funding

Financial Council Priority and Service Performance Report

Local Plan Update

- Statement of Common Ground
- Planning Reforms

Legal Service Commissioning Review

Overview & Scrutiny Meeting - 21st June 2022

- Cotswold Water Park Update – Cllr Andrews reported that the emphasis seems to be on the other side of the A419 and he is endeavouring to ensure that this side of the A419 is also covered.

Transport Decarbonisation Options for the Cotswolds

- Workshop held on 4th July
- Inconclusive Outcome - CWP Questionnaire

Cirencester Master Plan Development

- Workshop held on 15th June
- Possible tension between developing Cirencester as “hub” and other Market Towns such as Lechlade

Health

- HOSC on 12th July - Ambulance response time and related issues

Cotswold Canal – Open day @ Inglesham 23rd July

Footpaths

- Progress with Sustrans Study of Fairford-Kempsford-Lechlade network
- Lake 103-104 footpaths – generally positive meetings continue with an increasing likelihood that the “Southern Route” will prove to be deliverable.

Planning

- Lakes 103/104 other issues (Fairford Leisure Facility)
 - Planning Enforcement
 - Lake 103/104
 - Land Behind Wick House (The Wall)
 - Breach of Working Hours
 - Compliance of wall reconstruction
 - Hyperion House
 - Gardenside, Cinder Lane

Forthcoming Meetings:

13th July – Planning & Licensing [Cancelled due to lack of business]

20th July – Full Council

22nd July – Audit Committee
4th July – Cabinet
TBC – Ward visit by Chief Exec – Rob Weaver [Postponed from June]
5th September - Cabinet
20th September – Overview & Scrutiny

County Cllr Morris reported as follows:-

Gloucestershire living with covid -Gloucestershire County Council also recognises the efforts of communities over the last two years and shares sincere thanks to the county for pulling together during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the same way as the Government is intending to remain able to respond to any new variant, Gloucestershire will remain ready to respond in a number of ways, including:

- Prepared to bring back Local Contact Tracing
- Prepared to carry out Targeted Community Testing
- Access mass surge testing if required

Tree Planting - Plans are now being made for the winter planting season from October 2022 and next year, when we aim to plant over 100,000 more trees. A 'Gloucestershire Tree Warden Scheme' is being set up, in partnership with the Tree Council, to bring everyone together who has a shared interest in looking after trees. To find out more about the Tree Warden Scheme and sign up, please email glosclimate@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

More land is also needed around the county for tree planting. If you have a possible planting project, or have land that could be used, you can submit your expression of interest.

Employment and Skills Hub - The hub has a physical base in Gloucester but also provides services online, in communities, and over the phone for those looking to retrain, upskill or gain employment. The service provides a central source of information and specialist coaches who can work with residents to provide practical support or information either through the hub programmes or one of their partner organisations. A tailored package and ongoing support is made available whether the resident needs training, a new career, advice, support, an apprenticeship including residents who may need specialist support to help them get into work. The only criteria to access the service is to be a Gloucestershire resident.

Launching of online volunteering service in Gloucestershire

Go Volunteer Glos, the digital home of volunteering in Gloucestershire, was launched on 1st June 2022, the first day of national Volunteers Week. It's a brand-new free website for local people aged 16 plus who are looking to offer their time as a volunteer and for organisations, charities and community groups needing volunteers. See website GoVolunteerGlos.org.

Know your plastics and help increase recycling rates

The campaign has been launched by the Gloucestershire Resources and Waste Partnership, which is made up of Gloucestershire County Council and the district councils and aims to increase the amount of plastic that is recycled correct at kerbside.

Each district has its own processors and methods for separating and processing plastic recycling, meaning that types of plastic suitable for collection are different in each district.

Some tips to get you started include:

- Always wash your recycling - dirty items are not able to be picked up by automated plastic sorting machines

- Many items like plastic bags, salad bags and crisp packets can't be added to your kerbside recycling, but they can be recycled at some supermarkets – find your nearest place here: www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator?rlw-stream=16
- Check your local district guidance for details about what can be recycled in your area or the Gloucestershire Recycles website – www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/plastics/

Adult Education Provision - At a meeting on 22 June, the county council's Cabinet approved to receive £2.6 million of funding from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for adult education provision

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-june-2022/council-set-to-receive-26m-of-adult-education-funding/>

Cycling in Gloucestershire

By working with Sustrans, a charity that looks after the national cycling network, the county council wants to identify a potential long-term strategic cycling network across the county. This network would aim to connect people and places across the county with safe and accessible routes for everyone. Views from residents will help form the long-term ambitions for cycling in the county. In addition to wanting to hear from cyclists about their experiences, the county council is keen to understand any potential barriers to residents getting on their bikes.

To give their views, residents can visit one of the following workshops:

- Moreton-in-Marsh – 3pm-7pm, Tuesday, 5 July, Redesdale Hall, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0BA
- Dursley – 3pm-7pm, Wednesday, 6 July, The Dursley Community Centre, Rednock Drive, Dursley, GL11 4BX
- Tewkesbury – 3pm-7pm, Monday, 11 July, Tewkesbury Town Hall, High Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5AL
- An online survey will also be available soon if you are unable to attend the workshops.

Support for families over the summer holidays - Families who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals can now register for the summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) funded by the Department for Education. Now in its second year, the programme is going from strength to strength, and last year provided over 26,377 HAF activity sessions for children to enjoy and nutritious food through hampers and meals.

This summer, using grant funding, the council is once again able to extend fun holiday activities to all children and young people in the county, through its Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

Both the HAF and HAP programmes will run for four weeks from 1 – 26 August and families can register from today. Activities include drama, various sports, art, and crafts as well as ticketed attractions. More information is available at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf.

Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals can also apply for Holiday Food Hampers and Holiday Free School Meal vouchers. More information about the hampers can be found here www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf.

Holiday Free School Meal vouchers are available to cover the remaining two weeks of the summer holidays when the HAF isn't running. Parents will receive £30 per child (£15 per week, per child) from reception to year 11. Applications are open now and will close at midday on 12 July. Find out more at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/

Families who need additional support can apply to the [Household Support Fund](#) which supports households in the most need with food, energy and water bills and other essential items.

Education Inclusion Strategy and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Strategy - The Education Inclusion Strategy and Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy set out a blueprint for how the council intends to improve the outcomes and life experiences of children and young people as they move into adulthood. The number of children who need help and support because they have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or they struggle to cope with life at school, continues to rise.

Cllr Morris also reported that he had recently visited the primary school. He was very impressed with the school.

70 22/23 To receive other reports: -

- **Interim Report from Systra – Fairford Gate traffic survey (Cllrs page of website)** – Cllrs agreed that these reports don't serve a real purpose and seemed to be a bit of pointless exercise.
- **Lakes 104.....** Cllr Thornhill reported that Natural England are in constant contact with the Corylus regarding the Lakes development. The proposed Leisure Centre will contain a Gym in the basement and a café, bar and pool on the ground floor. A suggested charge for members of the public was in the region of £90 - £100 a month with a one-off joining fee of £100. They will not be operating a pay as you go system. Socially prescribed members will be included. The café will be open to the public. Parishes covered will be Fairford, Kempsford, Quenington, Southrop and Meysey Hampton. A request for other parishes to be included to be made. For the Gym to be viable 500 local residents would need to subscribe. Cllrs felt that much of this information is not acceptable in its current format and further discussion is required. The next meeting will take place in August.

Cllr Andrews also reminded the Council that nothing is set in stone as this would all have to be agreed by CDC. He also said that if facilities previously agreed were not being provided an explanation would be required.

County Cllr Morris left the meeting.

Project Working Groups: -

- **Skate Park Project** - The Clerk reported that following the public consultation, a contractor had been selected (Gravity). Some tweaks are required and further consultation with interested groups will now take place with the contractor. Funding will now need to be sought from grants and crowdfunding.
- **Community Building** -Pre-app advice has now been received and is supportive of the project. The next step is to work up a viable proposal together with sourcing funding sources. Cllrs Foxall and Thornhill to meet to discuss further.
- **Burial Ground** – We are still awaiting confirmation from the ECT trustees regarding our offer, so that we can move forward with the purchase of the land. Certain conditions need to be met as part of the planning approval i.e. tree surveys etc.
- **Transport Plan** - A meeting will be taking place on Friday 15th July at the Community Centre.
- **Fairford to Lechlade Path** – Cllr Thornhill reported that further meetings have taken place. The circular path, southern route, is via the Lakes and the northern route is via the old railway line. A report is being prepared and will be circulated in due course. A topographical survey is to be carried out. Sustrans will be creating a brochure which will be ready by the 5th September 2022.

FINANCE

- 71 22/23 Report from Chair of Finance Committee**
None in the absence of the Chair.
- 72 22/23 To approve retrospectively payments for June 2022**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, payments for June 2022. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr Thornhill – all in favour.
- 73 22/23 To consider and agree Reconciliation Report end June 2022**
It was **RESOLVED** to agree Reconciliation Report at end of June 2022. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr Thornhill – all in favour.
- 74 22/23 To receive Income & Expenditure figures end June 2022**
The income & expenditure figures were received. Cllr Sanford required further information regarding various percentage increases. These were explained and related to lines where expenditure exceeded the budget but were in fact covered by grants received against the expenditure but due to way this is formatted, which cannot be changed, this was immediately evident.

PLANNING

- 75 22/23 To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 21st June and 5th July 2022 (unapproved)**
The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 21st June and 5th July were received with no comment.
- 76 22/23 To receive report from Chair of Planning**
Cllr Harrison said that there was a general move to change design of Lakes development, which would have an impact on planning policy. He also reported on a recent application to reduce the amount of commercial space in the Charity shop and on a preliminary meeting to discuss a town strategy for which we await some feedback. The Marlborough Arms application has also now been re-submitted and is now much less intrusive and would now be acceptable.

WORKS & EVENTS

- 77 22/23 To receive the Minutes of the Works & Events Committee meeting held on the 28th June 2022 (unapproved)**
The Minutes of the Works & Committee meeting held on the 28th June was received with no comment.
- 78 22/23 To receive a report from the Chair of the Works & Events Committee**
None
- 79 22/23 To consider and agree contractor for the supply of replacement trim trail items.**
This item had been put onto the Agenda, due to the late submission of another quote. However, it was agreed that as this was a tender process, it should be disregarded otherwise the whole tender process would have to start again. The W & E Committee had already seen 3 tenders and were happy to accept the Sutcliffe tender and to recommend this to Full Council. Discussion took place regarding this project as these items require immediate attention. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation from the W & E Committee to appoint Sutcliffe Play to replace the 3 pieces of trim trail. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Lafford – all in favour.

80 22/23 To consider and agree to reinstate a portaloos in the Walnut Tree Field from Monday 25th July to 31st October at a max. cost of £50 per week.

Following the recent removal of the portaloos due to vandalism. The Council has been asked to consider replacing the unit. We have received letters of apology from those responsible for vandalising the portaloos and following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to contact suppliers with a view to replacing the portaloos after Fairfest. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr Sanford – 7 in favour, 1 abstention.

ACTION: Clerk to contact suppliers

81 22/23 To consider and agree to engage World Jungle to put on activities for the summer holidays.

Following brief discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to engage World Jungle to put on activities for the summer holidays. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Thornhill – all in favour. The Clerk reported that this would probably be to a lesser extent than in previous years as World Jungle were committed to provide events county wide.

ACTION: Clerk to contact World Jungle

OTHER MATTERS

82 22/23 Anything the Chair considers urgent

Cllr Sanford asked if the Clerks could contact Glos.Highways to see if anything can be done to improve the road markings in Fairford with particular reference to the lines outside the post office.

ACTION: Clerks to contact Glos. Highways.

83 22/23 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th September

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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