

Report from District Councillor Mansilla

There was no council meeting held in April 2024.

The fourth full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15 May, 2024, at 6.00 pm.

OTHER MATTERS

Economy & Communities

Funding

a. UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

Around £190,000 of funding for local investment is still available to be spent by March 2025. The fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life changes by investing in communities and places, supporting local business, people and skills. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>

Grants already approved:

- Fairford Town Council - Fairford - Lechlade MUP - £12,500.

The deadline for applications is 17 May 2024. Further information, including the application form, is available at www.cotswold.gov.uk/spf

b. Rural England Prosperity Fund

• Cultural & Heritage Buildings

Around £100,000 in funding is available in 2024/25, which can be between £5,000 and £50,000. Approved Heritage and Cultural Buildings grants already approved:

Local Cultural Heritage

- Bowmoor Sailing Club - Solar panel & battery solution project - £34,000.
- Lechlade Community Library - Library refurbishment project - £16,000.

Active Travel Enhancements

- Lechlade Town Council - St John's Priory Path project - £15,000.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 17 May 2024. Further information, including the application form, is available at www.cotswold.gov.uk/repf

• **Community Infrastructure Grants**

Around £100,000 of funding is available in grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 for improvements to village halls and community buildings, particularly in energy efficiency and decarbonisation projects. Other capital improvements will be considered.

There are two applications rounds left: 12noon, Thursday, 23 May 2024 and 12noon, Friday, 12 July 2024. Further information, including the application form, is available at <https://www.grcc.org.uk/news-events/news-events/post/278-cotswold-district-council-rural-england-prosperity-fund-community-infrastructure-capital-grants>

All funding needs to be spent by the end of March 2025. I strongly encourage new and existing applicants, who may or may not have already received grants under any of these schemes, to apply for funds or further funds to advance their projects.

Infrastructure

• **Rural Services Network**

The Rural Services Network is looking for a community to feature in BBC Radio 4, Farming Today programme. They are particularly interested in a community who is actively finding solutions to improve their mobile or

broadband signal as a result of the switchover of telephone lines in 2025 to digital lines.

Communities interested in being interviewed by Farming Today please contact press@sparse.gov.uk

CDC Services

Cotswold District Council Website

There are new reporting forms for reporting graffiti, overflowing bins, dog fouling and street cleaning. <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/report-it/> changes allow residents to drop a pin in the map and allowing for what3words location submission.

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Report an Issue with Graffiti


Issue Location Issue Details Additional Information Complete

*Please choose one or more of the following to provide a location of the issue:

- Manually add an address
- what3words
- Drop a pin in the map

To use this map, please zoom in on the town and area where the issue has been identified. Please then click on the map to place the pin. Please try to be as exact as possible with the pin to provide a clear location for our officers to investigate.

If you place the pin in error you can start again using the options below. Please be aware that if you need to start again, you will lose the information in all sections of this screen.



If you are unable to find the location of the issue or place a pin on the map, it may be that the issue is outside of our district. You can find the local council for the address or location on the government website.

*I am happy with my selections

- Yes (continue to next page)
- No, I need to reload the map as I have an issue with map or pin (click next button to reload map)

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Environment & Climate

a. Revocation of the Lechlade Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)

There was an expectation from Defra that the AQMA should be revoked, and consequently CDC had little option.

CDC will continue to monitor air quality within Lechlade town, both in Thames Street and High Street, as well as working with Gloucestershire County Council and Lechlade Town Council to continue reducing air pollution from exhaust emissions.

b. Electric vehicle charging points (EVCPS) - Cirencester

New public EVCPS have been installed at the car park at the Council's Trinity Road offices in Cirencester to respond to the climate emergency by providing more sustainable transport options and anticipate the future needs of residents.

Housing/Planning

a. Planning application 24/00845/FUL - Lechlade

An application for the erection of 15 dwellings at the Land South of Butlers Court, London Road, Lechlade has been received.

b. The Round House - Lechlade

There are no further updates at this stage regarding the planned site visit.

c. Lakes by YOO Leisure Facility Building

Matters regarding the Leisure Facility at Cotswold Waters are progressing well.

The Lakes by Yoo ("Yoo") is very keen to start building as soon as possible and it is working hard to finalise drawings for the Leisure Facility, inclusive of a flood management plan that will potentially seek ways to improve water flows between Fairford, Kempsford and Lechlade.

I have not been notified of the aforementioned details having being received by CDC. Once such details are received, I would expect local residents, town and parish councils, schools, business and other stakeholders to be able to make their own representations through the usual channels e.g. CDC's website before CDC makes any decision on the proposal.

Additionally, I have been informed that Yoo and Corylus are hoping to present an early draft proposal, potentially inclusive of an entire masterplan of the site to the application to Fairford (Roz Morton (Deputy clerk) and Derek Thornhill (Cllr)),

Lechlade (Steve Trotter (Mayor)) and Kempsford (Teresa Griffin (clerk) and Steven Andrews (Cllr)) town and parish councils' representatives at their monthly meetings ahead of any formal submission to CDC officers.

The next community meeting will be held on 13 May 2024 at The Lakes.

Future Meetings

As per aforementioned, the next full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15 May, 2024, at 6.00 pm.

Feedback

Please do let me know if there are particular matters/subjects which you would like to see included in my updates. Moreover, please do get in touch if there are any queries arising out of this report. My email is: helene.mansilla@cotswold.gov.uk