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MINUTES OF CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 15th July 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Judi Morison (Chair), Frances Alden, Linda Ball, Margaret Bebbington, Philippa Biddlecombe, David Gill, Pek Peppin, Angela Piggott and Tom Trouton

In attendance: Lisa Davis (Clerk)
Kevin Messenger (Somerset Councillor)
Debra Henderson (Ansford Parish Council)
Fiona Houlton (Ansford Parish Council)
One member of the public

Before the meeting started, Judi Morison reminded all Councillors of the Civility and Respect pledge that has been approved by CCTC.

19:00 – Open session

A member of the public spoke about the walking paths at Lodge Hill and requested a site meeting with CCTC and The Newt to discuss possible options for the lower path.

Fiona Houlton spoke about the newsletter and reported that APC agreed at their meeting on 10th July to fund the July edition of the newsletter. Fiona advised that there had been a misunderstanding and that APC had never pulled out of contributing towards the newsletter. A request was made to print 750 copies to be delivered to Ansford residents. CCTC Councillors expressed their frustrations and concerns about the delay in APC's approach to CCTC and the late request to amend the printing and delivery arrangements for this edition.

Debra Henderson reported that APC had agreed to consult Ansford residents regarding the newsletter and that APC were now happy to contribute towards costs. She expressed her disappointment that the request for CCTC to print additional copies had been refused.

Philippa Biddlecombe stated that she was pleased that APC had attended the meeting and Judi Morison acknowledged the need to draw a line under any misunderstanding and welcomed further discussion with APC about the future arrangements for the newsletter but Councillors re-iterated that the request had been received too late for this edition.

Cllr Kevin Mesenger expressed his frustration about the hostility between CCTC and APC and asked that efforts are made to resolve the issues as it is not fair on residents in Castle Cary and Ansford.

The meeting started at 19:39

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TC31 Apologies for absence

Trevor Oats and Cllr Henry Hobhouse had sent their apologies.

TC32 Declarations of personal or pecuniary interests

None

TC33 To approve the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 17th June 2024 to be signed by the Chair at a later time.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed (7 – for, 2 – abstained, 0 – against) that the minutes of the Full Council meeting on Monday 17th June 2024 are approved.

TC34 Community Safety and Security update

The crime report was circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to contact the PCSO's to clarify which month the data related to and also to query the statistics on the Police website which had not been updated.

Action 240715/1: Town Clerk

TC35 To receive reports, updates and correspondence:

- a) **Somerset Councillors:** Cllr Kevin Messenger gave an update on the flood meeting he attended in Queen Camel the previous week and the planning application submitted by Hopkins for trunk services at West Camel. He also reported that he had raised further concerns about the collapsed culvert on Station Road with Somerset Council. Dan Bennet from Somerset Council had approached Cllr Messenger about the land at Maggs Lane, currently used by Castle Cary Football Club, and the possible transfer of the land to APC.
- b) **Dimmer Liaison Group** There was no update.
- c) **Caryford Hall** An update report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.
- d) **Castle Cary Museum** Pek Peppin reported that the Museum had received 100 more visitors this year compared to this time last year.
- e) **Update on Key Objectives/Projects** There was no update.
- f) **To review action points from previous meetings** There was no update.

TC36 Chairs' Report

- a) **Youth provision – update** a report from Youth Connect had been circulated in advance of the meeting and it was noted that the youth club is meeting at the Donald Pither Field on Tuesdays, 4 – 6pm.
- b) **Coffee morning on 27th July in aid of the Market House** The date was noted and a request for help on the day from Town Councillors and cakes / raffle prizes was made.
- c) **Correspondence**
 - i. **Letter from Cary History Society regarding Milepost** The Town Clerk reported that the request to re-paint the Milepost had been referred to Somerset Council Highways

Committee Reports, Recommendations & Progress on Major Projects

TC37 Planning Committee & Neighbourhood Plan

- a) **Planning Committee update report** the Council received a report of the Planning Committee meeting of 1st July
- b) **To consider the amended plans received (detailed below)**

Application No	Proposal	Applicant details	Observation Expiry Date for Town Council
23/03085/FUL	Part demolition of existing building and erection of 16m hi-bay storage facility building. Formation of additional car parking area (AMENDED PLANS)	Centaur House, Centaur Services Ltd Torbay Road Castle Cary Somerset BA7 7EU	19 th July
	Proposal: MB proposed and PB seconded to support the amended plans. Councillors voted unanimously to support the amended plans.		

TC38 Properties and Infrastructure Committee

- a) **Properties and Infrastructure Committee update report** – the Council received a report from the Properties and Infrastructure Committee.
- b) **Update on Market House project (PP)** Pek Peppin reported that works to remove the staircase had been completed but further electrical and decorating works are required.
- c) **Update on Pavilion Project** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that the planning application had not yet been validated
- d) **Traffic Working Group update** There was no update. David Gill reported that he had been invited to be part of the A371 group set up by APC, the next meeting was planned for 8 August.

TC39 Marketing and Communications

- a) **Marketing and Communications Committee update report** the Council received a report from the Marketing and Communications Committee. It was noted that Apple Day would be held on 27th October.

TC40 Finance and Management

- a) **Budget year to date summary** – Noted.
- b) **Payments - to approve the June 2024 payment schedule for the Town Council and the Donald Pither Trust and to nominate Councillors to verify and authorise payments.**
RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the July 2024 payment schedule for the Town Council be approved.
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It was agreed that Margaret Bebbington would check the invoices against the payments and that Philippa Biddlecombe would execute the payments.

TC41 EAT Festival

- a) **To consider proposal for Eat Festival to be held in Castle Cary on Sunday 13th April 2025**

RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (8 – for, 1 – abstained, 0 – against) that the date for an event in Castle Cary is included in the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) being submitted by the organisers but that further discussion would take place before confirming the event.

TC42 Exclusion of Press and Public To consider exclusion of press and public for remainder of the meeting under *Public Bodies Admissions To Meetings Act 1960*, Section 1 (2) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed unanimously that in accordance with the *Public Bodies Admissions To Meetings Act 1960*, Section 1 (2), the press and public be excluded on the grounds that discussion of the following business would disclose confidential information.

TC43 Staff pension contributions

a) To agree the recommendation of the Finance and Management Committee regarding staff pension contributions

RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the recommendation of the Finance and Management Committee regarding staff pension contributions

TC44 Market Porter

a) To agree the recommendation of the Finance and Management Committee regarding a contract of services.

RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the recommendation of the Finance and Management Committee regarding a contract of services for the Market Porter role.

The meeting concluded at 20:59 hours.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Monday 12th August 2024 at 7:00pm. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 1st August 2024.