Meeting of the Events Committee Meeting
15th July 2025 at 6pm
The Council Chamber, Cinderford

Present
Cllr Graham Morgan (Chair)
Cllr Mark Turner
Cllr Darren Flower
Cllr Roger Sterry
Emma Bennett (Clerk)
Les Love (Estates Manager)

In attendance:
Nikki Norman (FOD Dog Rescue, Nikki's Events & The Golden Lion)
Katie Sanderson, Project Manager, Canopy Creative Network
Sara Rickards, Canopy

Apologies:
Cllr Jeremy Charlton-Wright
Cllr Di Martin
Cllr Emma Phillips
Jer Holland (Town Crier)
Vanessa Stratford, The Forest Road Centre
Deborah Vaughan (Crossroads)
Julie Kingston (Crossroads)
Karen Lougher (The Picture House, Art Gallery & Forest Road Centre)
Allison Holland, MusicWorks
Ian Holder, The Forest Road Centre
Cllr Chris Brown
Cllr Tim Holder
Cllr Alison Pflug
Khady Gueye (The MusicWorks)
Julie Abolins (Candi)
Artspace
Joseph-James Picknell, Events Director & Trustee, Pride in Gloucestershire

1. **To appoint Committee Chair and Vice-Chair 2025/26**
   Chair - Graham Morgan
   Vice Chair – Roger Sterry
   Proposed to appoint as above: Cllr Turner, Seconded Cllr Flower. All in favour.

2. **To receive apologies for absence**
   Recorded as above.

3. **Declarations of Interest – to receive any declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. Members and Officers are requested to identify the nature of the interest**

Item 17, Forest Road Centre – Cllr Flower declared a non-pecuniary interest as Trustee

4. **Public Participation Session – to provide the opportunity for Members of the Public to raise questions or comment on items on the Agenda (limited to 15 minutes, with a maximum 3 minutes per person)**
   None.

5. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2025**
   The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

6. **Matters arising**
   None.

7. **To discuss half term activities programme 2025:**
   - **Progressive Sports and consider written update -** Discussed. Advertising needed to be improved.
   - **Nikki's Events –** every Tuesday 9am –11am during half term, sports, arts & crafts, Triangle.
   - **Youth Association/FVAF -** 3 discos planned.

8. **To receive an update on past events and identify any changes for future events:**
   - **VE Day 80 8.5.2025** - feedback discussed.
   - **Canopy - Cinderford ArtsFEST 17.05.2025**
     Report circulated. Event discussed in detail.
   - **Cindyfest 12.07.2025**
     Organisers thanked. Event discussed in detail.
     i. **Discuss resident correspondence on road closure and sound**
        Discussed in detail. An update on actions taken at the event was provided.

9. **To receive an update from MusicWorks on Cinderford events planned**
   Not in attendance. CTC to contact MW.

10. **To receive an update from FOD Dog Rescue & The Golden Lion on Cinderford events planned**
    10th anniversary of Dog House. Music event "DogFest" planned 24.08.2025.

11. **To receive an update on FOD Pride Event 2025 - 20.07.2025**
    Event discussed.

12. **To receive an update from the Palace Cinema & Art Gallery**
    Not in attendance.

13. **To receive an update regarding Memorabilia Day**
    Two tours of Wesley planned on 13.09.2025.

14. **To discuss Health & Safety arrangements for events held including Temporary Event Notices, insurance, risk assessments, Martyn's Law, first aid, security & road closures**
    All events will have in place.

15. **To discuss Christmas light switch on 29.11.2025**
    Event discussed.

16. **To receive any update on Christmas Convoy and receive insurance update**
    External organised event planned for 13.12.2025. Update from CTC's insurers noted.

17. To receive an update from Forest Road Centre
Job Fayre planned.

18. To discuss other Event ideas including:

- **Town Crier Competition** – update to be received.
- **Day Disco** – more information sought.
- **Skatepark event** – details awaited
- **Any additional ideas**
    i. **VJ Day** – flags purchased. Discuss with RBL and Cinderford Churches. Afternoon tea event planned by RBL.

19. Date of next Meeting – 4th November 2025

Signed: G Morgan

Date: 4/11/2025