



**Meeting of the Events Committee Meeting
27th January 2026 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:

Julie Kingston (Crossroads)
Nikki Norman (FOD Dog Rescue, Nikki's Events & The Golden Lion)
Ellie Tompkins, MusicWorks, Community Project Manager

Apologies:

Jer Holland (Town Crier)

Absent:

Cllr Jeremy Charlton-Wright
Vanessa Stratford, The Forest Road Centre
Karen Lougher (The Picture House, Art Gallery & Forest Road Centre)
Joseph-James Picknell, Events Director & Trustee, Pride in Gloucestershire
Allison Hollands, MusicWorks
Ian Holder, The Forest Road Centre
Khady Gueye (The MusicWorks)
Julie Abolins (Candi)
Artspace
Deborah Vaughan (Crossroads)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Recorded as above.

2. 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 14 Forest Road Centre – Cllr Flower declared a non-pecuniary interest as Trustee.

3. 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.

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2025

It was proposed by Cllr Sterry and Seconded by Cllr Flower and resolved to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting. These were signed by the chairman. All in favour.

5. Matters arising

None.

6. Chairman Urgent Business (for information only)

None.

7. To discuss half term activities programme 2026:

- a. Nikki's Events
- b. Youth Association/FVAF
Update on 2025 events provided. 2026 events to be scheduled.

8. To receive an update on past events and identify any changes for future events:

- o Crossroads Fireworks – update provided and 2026 event arrangements discussed.
- o Remembrance Sunday – future events would include the Lamp Light of Peace for Animals. A local choir would be contacted regarding attendance.
- o Light Switch On - Event discussed. Next planned for 28.11.2026. Increased youth group involvement and event arrangements were discussed.
- o Convoy 13.12.2025 - update on the event was provided.
- o Markets – discussed weather impact and need to increase advertising and signage.

9. To receive an update from MusicWorks on Cinderford events planned

Sessions available at [Make Music in the Forest - TheMusicWorks](#)

Future events and community involvement discussion took place.

10. To receive an update from FOD Dog Rescue & The Golden Lion on Cinderford events planned

Update on Cinderford events planned included Beer and Food Festival (Sunday 3rd May) and Sausage & Cider Festival (31st May). An event at Steam Mills was also discussed.

11. To receive an update from the Palace Cinema

Not in attendance.

12. To receive the 2026 Events list and discuss

List discussed and to be updated. Event advertising discussed. Agreed to circulate to schools and sports clubs.

13. To discuss Health & Safety arrangements for events held including Temporary Event Notices, insurance, risk assessments, Martyn's Law, first aid, security & road closures

Health & Safety requirements for all events required and discussed.

14. To receive any update from Forest Road Centre

Update on events held was provided.

15. To discuss other Event ideas and agree way forward including:

- a. Town Crier Competition
- b. Day Disco
- c. Skatepark event
Event ideas for items A – C were discussed.
- d. Any additional ideas:
Football event
Marking Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January) - discuss with RBL and Church.

16. Date of next Meeting – 14th April 2026.

Signed:..... **Date:**.....