



Dear Councillor,

I hereby give notice of the Town Council Meeting that will be held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford, on Tuesday 14th April 2026, commencing at 6.00pm. All Residents of the Parish are welcome to attend, and Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the business of considering and resolving upon the matters as set out below.

Public Questions: a period of no more than 15 minutes will be set aside for public questions.

Dated: 7th April 2026

E Bennett, Clerk to Council

1. To receive apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest and dispensations

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests (if any);
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

- 3. Public Participation Session –** A period not exceeding fifteen minutes for members of the public to make statements and ask questions of the Council.
- (i) Each person will be allowed no more than three minutes plus a brief follow-up to any answers given by the Council.
 - (ii) Questions may be answered but not debated by the Council.
 - (iii) Any issues which the Council deem require consideration will be referred to the appropriate committee or deferred to the next Council Meeting.

4. Chairman's Urgent Business (for information only items)

5. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2026

6. Matters Arising from Minutes (for information only)

7. Police Update:

- a) To receive and note the written monthly report
- b) To discuss any Cinderford policing issues
- c) To discuss Youth Engagement

8. FODDC

- a) To receive a presentation from the FODDC Sustainable Economy Manager, Market Towns Officer & Arts, Culture & Heritage Officer and agree way forward



- b) To receive an update on the Hiyacar Car Club vehicle and agree the Clerk progressing with FODDC
- c) To approve the Clerk progressing with FODDC OPCC grant funding for 6 additional CCTV cameras and approve addition to current CCTV system and agree installation with Redhand (existing supplier)
- d) To receive information and note correspondence on the FODDC Biosphere
- e) To receive details of the Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project Opportunity and agree exploration by CTC Flood Wardens (GM, DF, CM)
- f) To receive the FODDC Nature & Climate Emergency Strategy - Town and Parish Council Response Pack and agree submission of a response by the Climate Adaption Working Group
- g) To receive the application to address 49 properties at the Former Engelhard Complex, Valley Road, Cinderford (P0685/25/APP) and consider and comment on the developer proposal for street names:
 - i. Founders Field
 - ii. Founders Place
 - iii. Golden Crumb Row

9. Reports/Minutes (N) - to receive reports from:

- a) Gloucestershire County Councillor
- b) Forest of Dean District Councillors
- c) Committee Updates - Estates & Finance Committee 17.03.2026 & Playing Fields Committee 17.03.2026
- d) GCC Highways & CTC meeting 23.03.2026
- e) Clerks & FODDC meeting 27.03.2026
- f) FODDC Biosphere meeting 25.03.2026
- g) Market Towns Officer and Town Councils 25.03.2026
- h) Ellwood Youth Football Club meeting 02.04.2026

10. Estates (A/N/D) - To receive an update from the Estates Manager and note and approve any associated actions:

- a) The Wesley (LUF/ACE funded)
- b) Clock works 6 Market Street (LUF funded)
- c) Rheola House (LUF funded)
- d) Other Properties

11. Correspondence/Community (A/N/D)

- a) To receive GCC initial information on the Safer Roads and Community 20s programme
- b) To receive the donation of book "The Complete Works of Catherine Drew" to the archives and formally thank Dr Jason Griffiths
- c) To receive an update from the Cinderford Community Emergency Plan Working Group on plan progress
- d) To receive an update on the skatepark drainage project



- e) To receive the GALC (formerly GAPTC) subscription information and Service Level Agreement and approve membership for 2026/2027
- f) To approve R&R Events running a Continental Market 25-28th June 2026 and consider resident feedback on the road closure and agree road closure submission
- g) To receive a dog waste bin request and suggested locations list and agree way forward
- h) To receive an invitation from the FOD Swimming Club to view a session and meet the coach trained from CTC grant funding
- i) To receive and note the LGR response submitted
- j) To receive the PROW Update noting work on DCF10 and DCF15
- k) To receive road closure information

12. Finance (N/A)

- a) To receive and approve the Accounts for Payment as per the list circulated prior to the meeting and urgent payments already made for ratification including debit card payments
- b) To note due to finalising Year End 2025/2026 the financial reports to 31.03.2026 (mth12) would be provided and discussed at the May 2026 meeting.
- c) To note the Year End virements and Earmarked Reserves Creation
- d) To receive and note the monthly Internal Control Checklist & Clerk/RFO Update
- e) To receive the annual subscriptions list and approve renewals
- f) To receive the Direct Debit and Standing Orders list and approve
- g) To agree use of contractors for emergency and small maintenance projects/works on Council and Town property
- h) To note grant applications submitted/awarded and agree Clerk progressing with contractors identified in grant applications to meet funding deadlines

13. Documentation & Policies (A)- To receive and approve the following:

- a) Bad Debtors Policy
- b) Investment Policy

14. Planning Applications - see list attached (D)

15. Date of next Meetings (N):

- a) Annual Parish/Community Open Meeting 12th May 2026, 6pm
- b) Annual Meeting of the Town Council: 12th May 2026, 6.45pm

16. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. To



resolve to continue in 'Closed Session' under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as the following business to be discussed is considered to be of a confidential nature. Reason: Staffing and Awards.

17. To receive an update from the Clerk on any Staffing Matters

18. To discuss applications for the Cinderford Awards and agree category winners

"Members are reminded that the Council has a duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights". (N) - for noting, (D) - for discussion, (A)-for approval