



**Meeting of the Events Committee Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> 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 Holland, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Lighting of the Lamp of Peace. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May) and Sausage & Cider Festival (31<sup>st</sup> 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) - to discuss with RBL and Church.

**16. Date of next Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

Signed:.....



Date:.....

21/4/2026