



**Meeting of the Events Committee Meeting
7th July 2026 at 6pm
The Council Chamber, Cinderford**

Present

Cllr Graham Morgan (Chair)
Cllr Jeremy Charlton-Wright
Cllr Karen Turner
Cllr Mark Turner
Cllr Roger Sterry
Cllr Tim Holder
Cllr Di Martin
Cllr Darren Flower
Emma Bennett (Clerk)
Les Love (Estates Manager)

In attendance:

Nikki Norman (FOD Dog Rescue, Nikki's Events & The Golden Lion)

Apologies:

Cllr Alison Pflug

Absent:

Ellie Tompkins, MusicWorks, Community Project Manager
Jer Holland (Town Crier)
Julie Kingston (Crossroads)
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 appoint Committee Chair and Vice-Chair 2026/2027

The Committee approved Cllr Morgan as Chair.

Proposed: Cllr M Turner, Seconded Cllr Flower. All in favour.

The Committee approved Cllr M Turner as Vice-Chair.

Proposed Cllr Sterry, Seconded Cllr Charlton-Wright. 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.**
None.
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 21st April 2026**
The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed as a true record.
Proposed Cllr M Turner, Seconded Cllr Charlton-Wright. All in agreement.
6. **Matters arising**
None.
7. **Chairman Urgent Business (for information only)**
None.
8. **To receive an update on past events and identify any changes for future events:**
 - a. **Beer and Food Festival (3rd May) (externally organised)** - weather impacted on attendance. Agreed stallholder arrangements would follow Cindyfest arrangements for future events.
 - b. **VE Day (8th May)** - CTC and RBL attended.
 - c. **Youth Association/FVAF at Miners Welfare (27th May)** - well attended
 - d. **Sausage & Cider Festival (31st May).(externally organised)** - same as 8A.
 - e. **R&R Events Continental Market (25th to 28th June)** - Event discussed.
Waste collection arrangements to be improved for future events.
9. **To discuss half term/Summer youth activities programme 2026:**
 - a. **Play Gloucestershire – 28th August, MWPF.** Event discussed.
 - b. **Cinderford Town Youth Football Sessions –** date to be confirmed
 - c. **Nikki's Events –** school holiday events discussed. To be advertised.
 - d. **Youth Association/FVAF** - update awaited.
 - e. **Thursday Night Youth Engagement –** update provided on past and planned engagement.
10. **To receive responses from Cinderford Traders on Continental Market and discuss future events**
Responses circulated in advance of meeting and noted.
Future markets were discussed.
11. **To receive an update from MusicWorks on Cinderford events planned**
Not in attendance.

12. To receive an update on Cindyfest 2026 (30th August 2026) including update on Event Management Plan review

Discussion regarding event undertaken which included:

- Road closure.
- Event Management Plan update
- Stalls.
- Portaloo hire
- First aid & Security arrangements

Detailed arrangements for the event would be progressed.

13. Buskers & Street Entertainment

a. To approve the Town Centre being a suitable venue

Proposed to approve by Cllr M Turner, Seconded Cllr Charlton-Wright. All in favour.

The possibility of a stage approximately 2m x 2m would be explored.

b. To receive and approve the Buskers and Street Entertainment Voluntary Code

Proposed to approve by Cllr M Turner, Seconded by Cllr Charlton-Wright. All in favour.

c. To agree to setting up a Cinderford Buskers Network on Facebook

Proposed Cllr M Turner, Seconded Cllr Charlton-Wright. All in favour.

14. To receive an update on Cinderford Heritage Open Day

Date provisionally arranged for 12th September 2026.

15. To receive an update from the Palace Cinema

No update received.

16. To receive an update from Crossroads Gloucestershire on Cinderford events planned including Fireworks

No update received.

17. To discuss Cinderford Christmas Event Planning

Details for the event were discussed which included procession arrangements and the arrival of Father Christmas.

18. Forest Pride:

a. To receive the statement from Pride in Gloucestershire cancelling the Forest event

Statement from event organisers received and considered. Committee were disappointed that the Council were not informed of the cancellation prior to the statement being published.

Proposed to write to the event organisers by Cllr M Turner, Seconded by Cllr Sterry. All in favour.

b. To receive an update from the Palace Cinema on Pride film planned

Committee received details of the proposed film showing and agreed to fund a further age-appropriate film.

Proposed arrangements would be discussed with the Palace Cinema by Cllr Charlton-Wright, Seconded Cllr Marsh. All in favour.

c. To receive an update from the Golden Lion on Pride event planned

Details of the format were discussed.

Proposed to proceed with arrangements by Cllr Flower, Seconded Cllr Charlton-Wright. All in favour.

d. To discuss the 2026/27 Pride Budget and agree funding of the Palace film and Pride acts within the budget set recognising this is a Forest community event

The budget for the event [4314/140] was noted and discussed. Event costs were within budget.

Proposed by Cllr M Turner that the event budget was used for the community event which was open to all residents without charge and proposed that a policy was created, Seconded Cllr Charlton-Wright. All in favour.

19. To receive an update from Cinderford Traders on any Cinderford community events planned

Reclaim the Night (27th November 2026) - further information awaited.

20. To receive the 2026 Events list and discuss any updates or changes and agree Councillor assistance at events

List revised and would be circulated.

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

Discussed. Requirement for all events. Arrangements being taken forward.

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

- a. **Summer Saturday Sounds** – look at music subscriptions.
- b. **Town Crier Competition** – no information received.
- c. **Any additional ideas** – the Committee suggested:
 - i. a youth organisation engagement showcase event in the Triangle
 - ii. Annual football competition between local teams with a CTC awarded Cup

Proposed to explore items i and ii by Cllr Sterry, Seconded Cllr Charlton-Wright. All in favour.

23. To consider how the Town Council can support other community groups/charities to arrange events in Cinderford

Poster advising use of Triangle, play areas and premises to be re-sent.

24. Date of next Meeting – 3 November 2026

Meeting closed at 7.12pm.

Signed:.....

Date:.....