



Dear Councillor,

I hereby give notice of the Town Council Meeting that will be held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford, on Tuesday 13th October 2026, commencing at 6pm. 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: 6th October 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 8th September 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 receive and note the response to questions raised at September meeting
- 8. To receive a presentation from the Gloucestershire Fire Service Fire Brigade Union on plans for a proposed Day Crew at Cinderford Fire Station and note resulting impact on Cheltenham West Station**



9. To welcome the FODDC Market Towns Officer and discuss any relevant matters

10. To receive a presentation from Id2 Design, Cinderford relating to relevant actions within the Cinderford Action Plan

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

- a) Gloucestershire County Councillor
- b) Forest of Dean District Councillors
- c) Town and Parish Council Biosphere Engagement – 09.09.2026
- d) Police & Councillor Meeting – 10.09.2026
- e) Cinderford Transport Hub Meeting 18.09.2026 & Bus Passenger Group notes
- f) Cinderford Vacancy Academy Meeting 18.09.2026

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

- a) To approve registering all CTC properties as Community Assets for future safeguarding
- b) Ow Bist, Dockham Road:
- c) Triangle
- d) The Wesley
- e) St Annals House
- f) Rheola House
- g) 6 Market Street

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

- a) To receive and note the FODDC Flood Risk Management Officer update on planned clearance works at Steam Mills
- b) To receive and consider the FODDC Market Towns Officer update on the role and agree way forward
- c) To receive information on the GCC Safer Roads and Community 20s Programme Public Consultation on proposed reduced speed limits across Cinderford and surrounding areas noting Councillor attendance required at 20.10.2026 meeting to discuss in detail
- d) To receive further information on the Cinderford shop local competition and agree way forward
- e) To receive further information on the FODDC Love Your Local High Street Campaign for Town Councils and agree way forward
- f) To receive and agree the proposal for a Market Traders CIC and confirmation on insurance
- g) To receive and agree the request for a Blue Plaque to be installed for Jimmy Young
- h) To receive and note the FODDC Biosphere update
- i) To receive and note the Cinderford Summer Detached Youth Project Report



- j) To receive and discuss the Cinderford Action Plan and agree way forward in relation to CTC actions
- k) To receive an update on Cannop Ponds and discuss any relevant matters
- l) To receive details on the FODDC review of the Council Tax Support Scheme for working-age residents, consider 3 proposed options and agree response
- m) To receive correspondence from the Forest MP, consider whether to support the request for a feasibility study into a railway station at Elton Corner, agree a representative to attend the proposed meeting and agree any further actions
- n) To consider the draft letter to the DFE regarding the Forest High School's building condition and agree signing by individual Councillors
- o) To receive and note the LGR Pause and Review presentation slides
- p) To agree Committee Membership for Cllr K Lovegood
- q) To receive The Good Councillors Guide (6 in series)
- r) To receive an update on Youth Council activities
- s) To approve a Christmas Story Evening for SEN children – 22.12.2026
- t) To approve a Cinderford Community Christmas Carols Event (community singing around Xmas tree) - 21.12.2026
- u) To receive details of the Western Gateway Rural Mobility Pilot noting round 3 applications are open and consider any suitable projects
- v) To receive and note road closure information

14. Finance (A/N/D)

- 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 receive and discuss the latest financial reports - income & expenditure, income receipts, budget vs spend, earmarked reserves, balance sheets, bank statements, budget review, earmarked reserves, virements, bank reconciliation to 30.09.2026 (month 6)
- c) To receive and note the monthly Internal Control Checklist & Clerk/RFO Update

15. Planning Applications(A/N/D):

- a) To consider and make recommendations on the following applications/correspondence received from FODDC:

Change of use from dwelling (class use C3) to children's home (class use C2) to provide residential care and accommodation for a maximum of one child at any one time, within an age range of 5 to 17 (Revised plans and additional information).

90 Woodside Avenue Cinderford (P0705/26/FUL)

Extension to Internal first floor mezzanine inside the gym

37 Foxes Bridge Road Cinderford (P1066/26/FUL)



Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension with associated works. Demolition of rear porch and shed.
61 Woodside Avenue Cinderford (P1008/26/FUL)

Application for the erection of 10 dwellings as a replan of approved units 18-22 pursuant to OPP P0577/20/OUT and P0685/25/APP.
Engelhard Complex Valley Road Cinderford (P0985/26/FUL)

Outline planning for the erection of two dwellings with off road parking and demolition of existing dwelling. (some matters reserved)
70 Valley Road Cinderford (P1098/26/OUT)

- b) **To note any late planning applications/correspondence received since the agenda was posted**
Clerk to advise at meeting.

16. Policies – to approve (A):

- a) Co-Option Policy

17. Date of next Meetings (N):

10th November 2026, 6pm

18. 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.

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

“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