



**Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Meeting Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7.00pm. Held at Caryford Community Hall**

Councillors: Cllr.C.Edwards, Cllr.B.Williams, Cllr.R.Leary, Cllr.D.Pinnions & Cllr. P.Clark  
Parish Clerk: A,Roberts  
District Councillor: None  
County Councillor: None

Parishioners: None

**075/2022 Apologies**

**076/2022 Declarations of Interest**

To be declared prior to any discussion of items listed on the agenda.

**077/2022 Caryford Hall APC & CCTC Jointly apply for a Public Works Loan to enable completion of Phase 2 at Caryford Hall**

It was proposed that APC agree in principle, to consider the proposal put forward by Caryford Hall, for the use of a Public Works Loan to be arranged by the two local councils, including consultation with parishioners, in respect of the current Phase 2 extension plan. Resolved (5.0.0)

**078/2022 To consider CCTC proposal for a joint partnership agreement with APC.**

Following a free & open discussion, it was agreed that all APC councillors were willing to consider new projects proposed by CCTC at inception stage, and if found to be appropriate to the needs and interests of Ansford parishioners, to support specific projects on a case by case basis, and to provide a proportionate level of financial contributions.

With reference to some existing shared amenities arranged several years ago (eg. Free Car Parks in Castle Cary [jointly subsidised by CCTC/APC], joint ownership of Fairfield, Newsletter magazine, Castle Cary Library, plus several other arrangements), it was noted that these examples had all been achieved without the need for a formal partnership, and where collaboration by the two councils in the future is expected to continue. Indeed, during the fairly recent Public Inquiry, requiring a huge amount of strategic decision-making between multiple agencies, the co-operation between the two councils was well maintained, despite many significant and challenging circumstances.

It was not therefore felt necessary to enter into a partnership agreement, as all new projects will need to be individually assessed according to their own merits, thus offering sufficient flexibility and avoiding an unnecessarily rigid "one size fits all" format.

The proposal for a partnership agreement by CCTC was rejected by Ansford councillors, with a unanimous decision(5.0.0)

Meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Next full parish council meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022. 7pm at Caryford Hall.

