

**THORNBURY**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Annual Town Meeting held on  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at the Cossham Hall

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- APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Emma Bone, and Phyllida Parsloe
- OPENING REMARKS:** The Chairman, Cllr.Pam Shipp, welcomed all present.
- MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were read by the Town Clerk, approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
- PRESENTATION** Penny Baker of ‘Krunch’ gave a presentation on the provision of Youth Services in Thornbury
- To begin the presentation Penny played a short video showing the many activities that were enjoyed by the young people.
- She continued to inform members that since the inception of the youth club the number of attendees had trebled. The club provided many activities and it was hoped that in the near future further funding would be available activities for such as football training.
- Members of Krunch work closely with the police and statistic showed that there had been a reduction in crime and ASBO’s served since the group had been started. Recently a mentoring project had been formed where students who had issues with schooling, personal development etc. could attend Krunch one day a week. This was proving very successful and it was hoped to develop the project further. Krunch was also helping the older youths with work experience and offering tangible skills to enable them to go out into the work place.
- Penny finished the presentation by informing members that Krunch had grant funding for 2 years but hoped that more would be available to not only continue the project but also to increase the meeting space required, further activities and the number of staff. She thanked Council for its contribution and hoped that it would continue in the forthcoming year.
- The Chairman thanked Penny for a very informative presentation and asked that Council record their thanks to Penny Baker for starting the

initiative and all the work that Krunch has carried out for the youth of the area.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

The Chairman called in turn on Committee Chairmen to present their reports:-

**TOWN  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE:**

The Report of the Town Development Committee was presented by its Chairman, Cllr. Maggie Tyrrell. She concluded her report with thanks to members of the Committee for their help and support during the past year. Adrian Savery who was the Chamber of Commerce representative was also thanked for his time on committee. Thanks were also expressed to the Vice Chairman, Town Clerk, her Deputy and the office staff for their support throughout the year. The report is appended hereto (Appendix A)

There were no matters arising from the report.

**ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE:**

The Report of the Environment Committee was presented by its Chairman, Cllr. Matthew Stringer. He concluded his report by thanking the Town Hall staff and outside staff. The report is appended hereto (Appendix B).

There were no matters arising from the report.

**PLAYING FIELDS  
AND CEMETERY  
COMMITTEE:**

The Report of the Playing Fields and Cemetery Committee was presented by its Chairman, Cllr Clive Parkinson. He concluded his report by thanking the Playing Fields and Cemetery staff for their work in maintaining all of Council's open spaces to such a high standard. He also thanked the Town Clerk and her office staff for their support. The report is appended hereto (Appendix C).

Cllr Neil Halsall expressed concern over the vandalism that had occurred at the Eastland Road Play Area and thought that it would be beneficial if Council pressurised Merlin Housing, owners of the derelict garages adjoining the play area, to demolish to prevent gangs of youths congregating there. He also suggested that CCTV monitoring of the area, similar to that carried out in Pullins Green, should be considered as an effective way of alleviating the problem.

Cllr Clive Parkinson informed that the Clerk had been working closely with Tina Rainey of South Gloucestershire Council and the police in an effort to solve the problems.

**FINANCE AND  
POLICY  
COMMITTEE:**

The Report of the Finance and Policy Committee was presented by its Chairman, Cllr. Guy Rawlinson. He concluded his report with thanks to the committee members and the Town Clerk and her office staff for their support. He also thanked members for supporting him as Deputy Mayor. The report is appended hereto (Appendix D).

**CLOSURE:**

The Chairman, Cllr Pam Shipp, thanked members for all their hard work over the past year.

Mrs Clare Fardell wished to thank Cllr Pam Shipp for all the work she had carried out over the past year in the important role of Mayor of Thornbury

There being no other business the Chairman formally closed the meeting.