



Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Floral Crediton Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday 11th April 2017, at 5.30 pm, at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Crediton

Present: Cllrs Mr M Szabo, Mr F Letch, Miss J Harris and Mrs H Sansom

In Attendance: Mrs Emma Anderson, Assistant Clerk
Mr Bert Jewell

17. To receive and accept apologies

No apologies were received.

18. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Letch declared that as a member of more than one authority, that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

19. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

20. Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

21. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

Cllr Szabo advised members that this year's Britain in Bloom Awards Presentation will be held on 5th October 2017 in Torquay.

22. Floral Crediton Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Floral Crediton Committee Meeting held on 24th January 2017, as a correct record. Copies had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to approve, and sign, the minutes of the Floral Crediton Committee Meeting, held on 24th January 2017, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

23. Matters Arising

- Page 2, minute number 12. Cllr Szabo requested an update. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that Devon County Council (DCC) had been contacted, however a response had not yet been received. The Assistant Clerk will follow this up.
- Page 3, minute number 15. Cllr Szabo confirmed that two Lauder Mews signs have been removed, however he will need help removing the one at Peoples Park. Mr Jewell confirmed he would help Cllr Szabo to remove this.
- Page 3, minute number 15. Cllr Szabo confirmed he would start looking at the artwork for the Britain in Bloom banners during the middle of May.

24. To receive an update on the floral displays/planting in the town for 2017 and agree any actions.

Various items were discussed including the following:

- Cllr Sansom explained that one of the Britain in Bloom judges thought it would be nice to install another square planter outside of Lloyds Bank to make them a pair. Members were in favour of this idea, however they agreed funding and sponsorship would need to be looked into. It was **resolved** to add this to the Committee's future aims and objectives. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)

- Mr Jewell explained that the planting beneath one of the trees near Ashton's Coffee Lounge may need re-doing as the plants are unintentionally being damaged by customers of Ashton's when the outdoor seating is used. The Assistant Clerk agreed to talk to the owners of Ashton's to see if the table could be moved slightly further away from the bottom of the tree.
- Mr Jewell also explained he was waiting to plant beneath the trees by the Three Little Pigs as it is too dry at the moment. He confirmed he may have sourced a white periwinkle.
- Cllr Szabo had spoken to Mick Jelliman, Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) Grounds Maintenance Officer, who had mentioned they would be removing the bulbs from the two roundabouts near Tesco. Cllr Szabo asked whether these bulbs could be given to the Town Council for use in other areas. The Assistant Clerk confirmed she would contact Mr Jelliman.

25. To receive an update on Crediton Town's entry into the 2017 Britain In Bloom Pennant Competition and agree any actions.

Cllr Szabo advised members that the judging will take place on Tuesday, 18th July 2017 at 2.30 pm. The judging will be carried out by senior judge Steve Clampin and judge Graham Price.

The tour will start at the recycling centre in Tesco and stop at the following locations:

- Railway tearooms
- Holy Cross Church
- Newcombes Meadow (also visiting Moffats Land allotments as an *It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN)* entry)
- Town Square & High Street
- Congregational Church (Also an IYN entry)
- Westernlea (Also an IYN entry)

The following was agreed in preparation for the judging:

- Cllr Szabo explained the judges like to speak to the individuals responsible for maintaining the areas. The Assistant Clerk agreed to contact MDDC's grounds maintenance team to see if they could be in Newcombes Meadow during the judging. Cllr Szabo also asked Mr Jewell if he could meet the judges in the Town Square.
- The Assistant Clerk will speak to Community Transport to see if they could provide a vehicle for the tour that can seat five passengers. The vehicle would need to be at Tesco recycling centre for 2.30 pm.
- The Assistant Clerk will contact MDDC to request that the two roundabouts at Tesco are cleared from weeds before the judging.
- Cllr Szabo will send the artwork for the "many hands make light work posters" to the Council office for printing.
- Mr Jewell explained he may be able to get the Landscore choir to perform for 5 minutes when the judges visit the Church.

26. To receive an update from Cllr Szabo on the It's Your Neighbourhood Awards Competition.

Cllr Szabo confirmed there are 15 entries this year, 4 of which are brand new. Currently, no date has been set for judging.

27. To receive an update on the Floral Crediton Competition 2017 and agree any actions.

The Assistant Clerk confirmed that two entries had been received so far. The entry forms will be handed out at the Mayor's Surgery, and the competition will be advertised over the next couple of months via the Council noticeboards, local shops, the Council website and social media pages, and also the Crediton Courier.

28. **To review the Committee's aims and objectives as detailed within the Council's Action Plan.** A copy of the Council's action plan had been issued with the agenda. It was **resolved** to note that all aims and objectives were either completed or on target. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

29. **To discuss this Committee's future aims and objectives in order for them to be included in Crediton Town Council's 5 Year Strategic Plan.** It was **resolved** to add the following to the Committee's future aims and objectives:

- Look into installing another square planter outside Lloyds Bank as agreed under minute number 24.
- Expand on the current High Street focus, and encourage residents located away from the High Street to maintain the area in front of their houses, including their hedges.

Members discussed the state of the pavements in the Town and requested that the Assistant Clerk find out whether the road sweeper is still operating and how regularly.

30. **Business brought forward.**

Cllr Sansom:

- Has regularly noticed a local gentleman sweeping the streets with his wheelbarrow.

Mr Jewell:

- Confirmed that he ended up clearing the cuttings that had been left in Winswood.
- Asked whether any information had been obtained regarding the floral tubs on Church Street. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that MDDC do not have any record of maintaining these. Mr Jewell agreed to speak to one of the residents in the flats to see if he would be interested in maintaining the tubs.

Cllr Letch:

- Lorries have driven over the verges in Winswood and Spruce Park, taking chunks out of the grass. The Assistant Clerk agreed to report this to MDDC.

Cllr Harris:

- Reported that the strip of grass outside the houses before Tuckers Country Store, is overgrown. The Assistant Clerk confirmed she would find out if this is on MDDC's grass cutting schedule.

31. **Close**

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm

Signed
(Chairman)



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