



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Policy & Forward Planning Committee, held on Tuesday, 1st May 2018, at 6.00 pm, at the Council Offices, Market Street, Credition

Present: Cllrs Mrs L Brookes-Hocking (Committee Chairman), Mr F Letch, Miss J Harris, Mr N Way, Miss K Piercy and Mr J Downes

In Attendance: Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk

Absent: Mrs A Hughes

141 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Mr J Ross. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

142 Declarations of Interest

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

143 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

144 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

145 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

146 Policy & Forward Planning Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Policy & Forward Planning Committee Meeting held on 3rd April 2018, as a correct record. It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Policy & Forward Planning Committee Meeting held on 3rd April 2018, as a correct record and they were duly signed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

147 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

148 To receive an update on Credition Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that meetings with Mid Devon District Council's (MDDC) Forward Planning Officers, including the new department head, Mr Tristan Peat, were ongoing. It is anticipated there will be a draft Greater Exeter Strategic Plan by June 2019 and MDDC's Local Plan is expected between January to March 2019, maybe sooner. MDDC will shortly be commissioning a brief to produce a supplementary planning document 'building design guide' for the district as it intends to raise the bar on building design. Cllr Brookes-Hocking confirmed she is keeping MDDC updated on the progress of the Credition Town Centre Traffic & Urban Realm Feasibility Study. MDDC is also interested in the footpaths detailed in the Neighbourhood

Plan and has asked the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to prioritise the footpaths, with the possibility of securing Section 106 monies for footpath improvements. The challenge facing the Neighbourhood Plan at the moment is achieving an Article 4 direction on A2 use. Specialist advice is required and a specialist can't currently be found. The Neighbourhood Plan is also looking at landscaping in industrial areas, it is particularly concerned that the east end of the town is now a fairly industrial entrance and there has been no provision for landscaping. It would also be helpful if footpath links could be established via permissive footpaths, such as the area of land situated adjacent to the new Mole Avon store.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is looking to hold a public consultation in Autumn 2018, as it has been 3 years since the last big consultation. Ideally, this would be for 2-3 days in the Council Chamber.


- 149 To receive an update on the Crediton Town Centre Traffic & Urban Realm Feasibility Study.** Cllr Brookes-Hocking and the Clerk confirmed the Section 106 funding had been secured and received from Mid Devon District Council. The traffic management consultants have been instructed and a short inception meeting to discuss scope, programme, data, further meeting dates and any stakeholder input is scheduled for Wednesday, 2nd May 2018.

- 150 To review the Health & Well-Being Open Day, which took place on Wednesday 25th April 2018, and agree any further actions.** Cllr Brookes-Hocking invited comments from members. It was widely felt that the day was well worth doing, it enabled Exhibitors to talk to each other and enabled meaningful networking opportunities. Some organisations did not know each other existed!

The flow of public seemed slow and, if there was a next time, the marking/advertising of the event would need to be different to encourage more members of the public to attend. The public that attended spoke very positively about the event.

The Clerk advised that an e-mail had been sent to all Exhibitors thanking them for their attendance and asking for feedback. The feedback from the surveys completed on the day were still to be analysed and this would be presented at the next meeting. Although the new Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) did not attend the day, Dr Alex Deakin, who is a member, has offered to attend a Council meeting to provide an overview of the CCG. The Clerk confirmed she would arrange this.

- 151 To consider the new 'Community Conversation for Crediton' meeting and agree any actions.** Information relating to this item had been issued with the agenda and was discussed. Cllr Brookes-Hocking explained this is a one-off event happening on 23rd May 2018, at the Boniface Centre. Attendance is by invitation only and Involve are administering the event and Cllr Letch is chairing it. The proposed invitation list was read out by the Clerk and appeared to be very extensive. Cllr Piercy volunteered to attend on behalf of the Town Council. Cllr Way also confirmed he will be attending in his capacity as Devon County Councillor. Cllr Way advised that Devon County Council will also be carrying out a 'Spotlight Review' (1-day scrutiny event) on 6th June 2018, at 2.00pm, at County Hall, regarding the availability of care in the community. Cllr Brookes-Hocking expressed an interest in attending this with Cllr Way.



- 152 To consider a report from Cllr Piercy on her recent attendance at the 'Breaking The Mould' Conference and agree any actions.** Cllr Piercy's report on the conference had been issued with the agenda and was discussed. Cllr Piercy advised that she is sending further information to the Clerk, which includes a booklet to help Councils carry out a self-evaluation. The conference talked about cutting out red tape to better engage with the community, reducing the amount of Council Committees and meetings, and ways to raise funding for projects including crowdfunding, loans and selling energy back to the grid from electricity generated from the installation of solar panels. Frome Town Council, who organised the conference, also holds regular team building sessions amongst its Councillors.

It was agreed there was a lot of interesting information for the Council to consider. It was noted that the upcoming Administration & Personnel Committee meeting is looking at restructuring Council Committees.

- 153 To receive an update on the possibility of installing outside gym equipment at Newcombes Meadow.** The Clerk confirmed there had been a site visit and she was now obtaining quotations for possible equipment. Cllr Letch questioned why the Town Council would have to lease the land on which the equipment would stand, as MDDC wants trim trails in Mid Devon and the equipment is being installed on its land. Both Cllr Letch and the Clerk confirmed they would investigate this.

- 154 Close**

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm.

Signed



(Chairman)

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