



**Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on  
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 19:00 in Old Landscore School, EX17 3LP**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs Liz Brookes-Hocking, Joyce Harris, Giles Fawssett, Paul Perriman, Jim Cairney and Guy Cochran
<b>Apologies:</b>	Steve Huxtable and Natalia Letch
<b>In Attendance:</b>	2 members of the public
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Emma Anderson

## MINUTES

### 63 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened at 19.00 and Cllrs introduced themselves.

### 64 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members were asked about the possibility of expanding the CCTV system to East Street due to numerous incidents of cars being damaged by tankers turning out of Church Lane. Cllr Cairney confirmed this was discussed at the last council meeting and the current priority is improving the current system and getting it into the Exeter monitoring hub. Members highlighted the importance of reporting these incidents to the police to ensure the data can be looked at.

Members were also asked about the possibility of Credition Dairy expanding with a focus on concerns about current noise level and general disruption. Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that there are several policies for the town, from the Neighbourhood Plan and District Council that would be considered if plans to expand were put forward. Cllr Brookes-Hocking encouraged them to look at the Neighbourhood Plan which identifies the east end of town specifically, and to come back with any comments they have on this section of the plan/how they would like to see this area treated in the future.

### 65 APOLOGIES

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs S Huxtable and N Letch (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

### 66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Harris declared a personal interest in item 71, planning application 24/01170/HOUSE, as the application backs on to her own property.

**67 CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Noted.

**68 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No changes to the order of business.

**69 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

**70 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Community Committee from 03 September 2024. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

**71 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

[24/01170/HOUSE | Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension | 14 East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AT \(middevon.gov.uk\)](#)

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to recommend no objection. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

[24/01317/CAT | Notification of intention to carry our works; Scots Pine remove defective overhanging branch \(1\); Poplar fell and weed-kill stump \(2\); Elder pollard top and weed-kill stump \(3\) within the Conservation Area | Haywards County Primary School East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AX \(middevon.gov.uk\)](#)

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to recommend no objection. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

[24/01338/HOUSE | Erection of single storey rear extension | 3 Albert Close Crediton Devon EX17 2BU \(middevon.gov.uk\)](#)

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to recommend no objection. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

[24/01391/HOUSE | Erection of first floor side extension | 62 Tuckers Meadow Crediton Devon EX17 3NU \(middevon.gov.uk\)](#)

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to recommend no objection. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

**72 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:**

Noted.

**73 CREDITON URBAN TASKFORCE [CUT!]**

The Deputy Clerk advised members that the evening event with Crediton Brownies was very successful and the girls really enjoyed it. The schedule is being put together to arrange the actions days from October until March 2024.

Members discussed the continuing issues with the vegetation on Exeter Road and Jockey Hill making both impassable in places. The Deputy Clerk agreed to follow up on these issues.

**Task:** Follow up on vegetation issues @Emma Anderson

**74 USE OF WEED KILLER ON BARNFIELD ALLOTMENT BOUNDARY WALL**

Local gardener Bert identified the plant as a Purple Toadflax and advised it will be allowing water to get into the wall. The adjoining residents have agreed to remove the plant if it is affecting the integrity of the wall.

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to remove the plant and permit the use of weedkiller on this occasion to prevent damage to the wall. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

**Task:** Arrange removal of plant from Barnfield boundary wall @Emily Armitage

**75 UPDATE ON CREDITON CLUSTER MEETING 03/09/24**

Cllr Brookes-Hocking provided an update. Crediton Cluster group had a presentation from the consultants who are looking at the route on behalf of Devon County Council (DCC). The design will be using publicly owned land as the first option which means it will be largely beside the main carriageway.

DCC have opened a 2-month consultation across the county on a number of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) and this information would be circulated to councillors soon. The consultation will be online only; however the town council will be holding a face-to-face consultation where local residents can look at the plans and talk to town councillors/members of the cluster group. This will make up part of the drop-in budgeting session on Saturday, 16 November.

**Task:** Circulate LCWIP consultation information to Councillors @Rachel Avery

**76 TO NOTE THE PROPOSAL FROM PJ ASSOCIATES REGARDING LAND SOUTH OF BARNFIELD**

It was **noted** that the proposal has been received from PJ Associates regarding the land south of Barnfield. Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that the budgeting sessions will also cover plans for forward development in Crediton. These will be held on 16 and 19 November.

**77 TEMPORARY SIGNAGE ON EXHIBITION ROAD**

It was noted that the Town Clerk has given permission for temporary signage to be erected on Exhibition Road allotment fence to discourage parking following a complaint to the RFC.

## 78 PROPERTY INSPECTION

### 78.1 UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk provided the following update:

- Turning Tides have been sent a list of actions
- Turning Tides will clean the bird mess from the bandstand on a routine basis and this will be reviewed
- Quotes are being obtained to repoint the Boniface Statue slabs with a silicone based material
- Bert will advise on a replacement for the Holly tree and look at lining the planter
- The overhanging plants have been cut back at the Scout Memorial Garden
- Quotations had been received today the various slab repairs

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to accept the quotation received to secure the rocking slab at the Scout Memorial Garden at a cost of £140 + VAT. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to accept the quotation received to repoint the slabs at the Scout Memorial Garden at a cost of £155 + VAT. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to accept the quotation to replace two slabs surrounding the war memorial bus shelter at a cost of £240 + VAT (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

**Task:** Instruct contractor to carry out slab repairs around Scout Memorial Garden and War Memorial bus shelter @Emma Anderson

### 78.2 UPPER DECK HANDRAIL

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to accept the quotation from Contractor A to repaint the handrails at Upper Deck and make a recommendation to Full Council to spend £430 from the Upper Deck EMR. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

**Task:** Instruct contractor to repaint Upper Deck handrails @Emma Anderson

## 79 COUNCIL OFFICE GARDEN CLEARANCE

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to proceed with proposal 1 and instruct Contractor A at a cost of £835. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

**Task:** Instruct contractor to carry out garden clearance @Emma Anderson

## 80 SCOUT MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Deputy Clerk met with the current contractor to discuss the weeds at the Scout Memorial Garden. It became apparent that manual removal was not realistic based on the large number of joints/cracks in which weeds were growing.

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to permit the use of weedkiller in small quantities on the Scout Memorial Garden to maintain the level of weeds. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

## 81 PEOPLES PARK GRASS CUTTING

Cllr Fawsett advised that he spoke to approx. 40 people at the Big Green Fair about the proposed changes to the grass cutting and the responses received were all positive.

The Deputy Clerk and Cllr Fawssett will now meet the contractor to discuss the changes and look to move this project forward.

**Task:** Meeting with contractor about grass cutting changes @Emma Anderson

**82 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 05 November 2024. The meeting was closed at 20.34.

**83 REPORTS**

Signed .....

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