



**Minutes of the Community Committee held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 19:00
in The Bungalow, 8 North Street, EX17 2BT.**

Present:	CLLrs Liz Brookes-Hocking, Giles Fawssett, Jim Cairney and Guy Cochran
Apologies:	CLLrs Steve Huxtable, Joyce Harris and Natalia Letch
Absent:	CLLr Paul Perriman
In Attendance:	Three members of the public
Minute Taker:	Emma Anderson

MINUTES

187 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened at 19:00 by the Chair, who welcomed everyone. Each member introduced themselves briefly.

188 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

During public question time, several questions were raised by members of the public. Appendix One lists the questions submitted by one member of the public prior to the meeting. The following responses were provided:

1: Funding

The Chair confirmed that Credition Town Council (CTC) is not aware of the earmarked use for this money as it is passed to Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) to administer. The Chair outlined previous discussions that had taken place regarding the western gateway including a proposal to take a section out of St Lawrence Green to create a bus stop, which CTC objected to, as well as ideas included in CTC's Traffic & Urban Realm Study to help traffic move more smoothly, which Devon County Council (DCC) objected to.

Further investigation will be carried out into the use of this S106 money.

2: Newcombes Park Paddling Pool

We would not propose any changes without consulting the town and particularly the users of the park and paddling pool. The idea of a splash park came up when looking at more cost-effective options in terms of the ongoing water monitoring, however no decisions have been made at this stage. The paddling pool remains under the ownership of Mid Devon District Council.

3: Road Closures

The Committee suggested Cllr Fawssett approach DCC first as they have the overriding say as the highway authority. Subject to the response from DCC, public consultation would take place before approving any proposals.

4: Tesco Roundabout Lane Markings

The roundabout is under a Section 278 agreement, due to the permanent alterations made to the highway. Within this agreement the First Owner is responsible for the maintenance, the First Owner being Tesco. Discussions are currently taking place between DCC and Tesco regarding responsibility for the ongoing maintenance under this specific agreement. DCC inspect the roundabout monthly and do not consider it to be a safety defect. If DCC deemed it a safety defect, they would report this to Tesco.

5: Buses at St Lawrence Green and the High Street

CTC will contact the bus companies to discuss the long wait times and report back with the findings.

A second member of the public asked the following questions:

1: Will the paddling pool open?

The Chair confirmed we have assurances that the paddling pool will open.

2: What is holding up the installation of the portrait of King Charles?

The Chair explained that the portrait would be put up once a more suitable building was available, which would be very soon.

3: What do members feel about the Heart's Project proposal to put a theatre on the site of the Union Street toilets?

The Chair expressed enthusiasm for the venture and its potential to inject a new facility into the town.

The final member of the public asked the following questions:

1: Referring to the application for a premises licence for Crediton United AFC, has the Council actively sought the views of local residents or is the Council relying on comments put into the MDDC planning portal?

The Chair explained that the Council had not actively sought the views of local residents. Residents often advise the town council if they have concerns and these would be considered, otherwise residents would need to submit comments to Mid Devon District Council themselves.

2: Crediton Library CCTV - Is it with the same supplier and, if it is, what guarantees have we got that it's actually going to work?

The Deputy Clerk confirmed the CCTV maintenance contract is now held with a different supplier and they would be carrying out the installation.

189 APOLOGIES

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs S Huxtable, N Letch and J Harris.
(Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

190 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

191 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

It was noted that all decisions would be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making.

192 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair decided not to adjust the order of agenda items, stating that the current sequence would be maintained to accommodate all participants effectively.

193 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

194 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 04 March 2025. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

195 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The committee reviewed several planning applications from Mid Devon District Council.

25/00322/HOUSE | Erection of an extension to garage | Palm Lodge Deep Lane Crediton Devon EX17 2BY

Decision: It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

25/00148/FULL | Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 23/01923/FULL (Construction and operation of a micro energy storage facility) to allow substitute plans relating to the change of design and specification of the battery box | Land at NGR 282446 100921 (Playing Field) Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon

Decision: It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Cairney)

It was noted that this application would be discussed by MDDC's Planning Committee on 9 April.

25/00364/CAT | Notification of intention to fell 2 Leyland Cypress trees within the Conservation Area | 54 East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3BA

Decision: It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION, subject to the Tree Officer's recommendations, with a condition included to plant a suitable replacement tree. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

25/00371/HOUSE | Erection of single storey rear extension following removal of existing conservatory | 9 Meadow Gardens Crediton Devon EX17 1EJ

Decision: It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

25/00397/FULL | Installation of replacement refrigeration plant and gas coolers | Morrisons Mill Street Crediton Devon EX17 1EY

Decision: It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

25/00382/FULL | Change of use from highway to car park | Land at NGR 283208 100428 Car Park Market Street Crediton Devon

Decision: It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

25/00418/FULL | Installation of 3 vehicle wash bays | Mole Avon Country Stores Joseph Locke Way Crediton Devon

Decision: It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Task: Submit planning comments to Mid Devon District Council. @Emily Armitage

196 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

The committee noted the planning decisions made by Mid Devon District Council.

197 CREDITON URBAN TASKFORCE

A verbal update was provided by the Deputy Clerk. The next action day is taking place on Saturday, 12 April. The planned location is Western Road however the vegetation may have been cut back by DCC already, in which case the location will be changed to Jockey Hill. This will be confirmed and notice sent out of the new location as soon as possible.

198 PEOPLES PARK

Cllr Fawssett provided a verbal update on Peoples Park, highlighting the recent tree planting and progress on the new grass cutting plans. Cllr Fawssett thanked neighbours for their assistance in watering the new trees and the committee expressed appreciation for the efforts and the positive developments in the park.

199 PREMISES LICENCE

Decision: It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Task: Submit comments to Mid Devon District Council. @Emily Armitage

200 CREDITON LIBRARY CCTV

The committee received a report and discussed the recommendations therein.

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the recommendations regarding installation of CCTV at the rear of Crediton Library and a contribution towards electricity costs. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Task: Proceed with CCTV installation at Crediton Library @Emma Anderson

201 GRASS VERGE CUTTING

The committee received a report on Devon County Council's grass verge cutting scheme.

Decision: It was **resolved** to continue with the current cutting arrangements and review the scheme prior to the 2026-27 cutting season. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Task: Review grass cutting maps prior to 2026-27 cutting season @Emma Anderson

202 BARNFIELD ALLOTMENTS

The Deputy Clerk provided a verbal update on the investigation of the water leak at the Barnfield allotment site. The initial investigation identified the leak in a section of footpath. Once ownership has been established, repair work can begin.

203 CREDITON & HAMLETS WAR MEMORIAL

A verbal update was provided on the request to engrave additional names on the War Memorial. The committee is awaiting a list of names from the Royal British Legion. The process of obtaining quotes and planning the inscriptions was discussed. The committee also considered ways to communicate the project to the public and ensure comprehensive research.

Decision: It was agreed to obtaining quotes for the stone and inscription once a list of names is received.

Task: Obtain quotes for the addition to the War Memorial once the list from the Royal British Legion is received. @Emma Anderson

204 LAND SOUTH OF BARNFIELD

Cllr Brookes-Hocking provided an update. The Community Conversation on the Land South of Barnfield was very well-attended. The notes gathered at the event are currently being typed up and will be formed into a document summarising the progression. The next step involves seeing how local views can be fed into the Local Plan at this early stage. The Chair advised that MDDC's Director of Place has offered to come to Crediton, which will provide an opportunity to discuss the progression of the Local Plan and the potential involvement of the community in shaping development proposals.

205 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday, 06 May 2025**. Meeting closed at 19:48.

206 REPORTS PACK

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