



# CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

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To All Credition Town Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Community Committee**, which will be held on **Tuesday, 28 July 2026, 18:30 - 19:30, at Credition Library, Belle Parade, EX17 2AA.**

This meeting may be livestreamed via Facebook in order to allow Members of the Public to watch the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to transact the following business.

**Rachel Avery FSLCC**

**Town Clerk**

**Wednesday, 22 July 2026**

Please note that:

- Members of the Press & Public are invited to attend under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address councillors in attendance as part of the agenda.
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## **AGENDA**

### **39 - Welcome and Introduction**

Opening of meeting by the Chair and member introductions

### **40 - Public Question Time**

To receive questions from members of the public related to matters on the agenda (CTC's adopted Standing Orders 3d, 3e and 3g; a maximum period of 3 minutes will be permitted for any person wishing to ask up to three questions with a maximum of 15 minutes being allowed for this item)

### **41 - Apologies**

To receive and accept Town Councillor apologies (apologies should be made to the Town Clerk)

### **42 - Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

**42.1 - To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI's) in respect of items on this agenda**

**42.2 - To consider any dispensation requests (requests should be made to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting)**

### **43 - Order of Business**

At the discretion of the Chair, to adjust, as necessary, the order of agenda items to accommodate visiting members, officers or members of the public

### **44 - Chair's and Clerk's Announcements**

To receive any announcements which the Chair and Town Clerk may wish to make (for information only)

### **45 - Community Committee Minutes**

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 07 July 2026, as a correct record (minutes will be issued with the agenda)

### **46 - Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications:**

[MDDC Planning Public Access Portal](#) - Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Town Council on the following planning applications:

[26/00853/CAT | Notification of intention to crown lift to 6m mature Beech tree on the south aspect only and pollard at 3m Judas Tree within the Conservation Area | Three Corners Pounds Hill Crediton Devon EX17 1DT](#)

### **47 - Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions:**

Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed:

26/00635/FULL

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 20/01814/FULL (Erection of garden shed, alterations to ground levels and retention of terracing and retaining walls) for substitution of plans to allow larger two storey domestic storage building

Location: Fair Havens Mill Street Crediton Devon

25/01501/FULL

Proposal: Installation of Pulse Smart Hub with integrated digital screens at 2 locations within Crediton

Location: Pavement Adjacent to The Wellparks Farm Complex, Exeter Road (A377), Crediton EX17 3PJ; & Section of Grass Verge Adjacent to Lidl, Exhibition Road (A3072), Crediton EX17 1EP

25/01503/ADVERT

Proposal: Advertisement Consent for the installation of Pulse Smart Hub with integrated digital screens at 2 locations within Crediton

Location: Pavement Adjacent to The Wellparks Farm Complex, Exeter Road (A377), Crediton EX17 3PJ; & Section of Grass Verge Adjacent to Lidl, Exhibition Road (A3072), Crediton EX17 1EP

26/00745/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to fell 2 Cypress trees (T1, T2) in a Conservation Area

Location: 1 Hawthorn Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DF

#### **48 - Crediton Urban Taskforce [CUT!]**

To receive the report and note the contents therein

#### **49 - Allotment rent**

To receive the report and agree the annual rent increase for the forthcoming year 2026-27

#### **50 - Newcombes Meadow Paddling Pool**

**50.1 - To consider sending a letter regarding paddling pool guidance to PWTAG and HSE and agree any actions (drafted by Cllr Backhouse)**

**50.2 - To receive a verbal update on the Newcombes Meadow Water Play Consultation**

#### **51 - East Street/Charlotte floral displays**

To receive the report regarding the purchase of planters and to consider the quotation therein

#### **52 - Trees on the High Street**

To receive the report from Cllr Brookes-Hocking relating to trees on the High Street and consider the recommendations therein

#### **53 - Date of next meeting**

To note that the date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday, 15 September 2026**

## 54 - Reports Pack

### **Attachments – for internal use only**

[AI 45 - 2026-07-07 - Community Committee - Minutes.pdf](#)

[AI 48 - \[CUT!\] report.docx](#)

[AI 49 - Allotment rent.docx](#)

[AI 50.1 - Proposed letter - Paddling Pool Guidance.docx](#)

[AI 51 - East Street flower bed.docx](#)

[AI 52 - Trees on the High Street.docx](#)



**Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026  
at 18:00 in Credition Library, Belle Parade, EX17 2AA**

**Present:** Cllrs Liz Brookes-Hocking, Jim Cairney, Steve Huxtable, Vix Frisby, Giles Fawssett, Joyce Harris and Tim Stanford (part meeting)

**Apologies:** Cllr Guy Cochran

**In Attendance:** 6 members of the public  
1 member of the press  
Steve Densham, Mid Devon District Council  
Rachel Avery, Town Clerk  
Tim Bland, Events & Town Centre Officer

**Minute Taker:** Emma Anderson

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## MINUTES

### 19 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Cllr Brookes-Hocking opened the meeting and members introduced themselves.

### 20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

At the opening of public question time, the Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that questions relating to the paddling pool would be taken at the point where the agenda item was discussed.

No other public questions were raised at this stage.

### 21 APOLOGIES

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Cochran (attending another meeting). (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)  
No apologies were received from Cllr Stanford, however, Cllr Stanford joined the meeting late.

### 22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

#### 22.1 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI'S) IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 22.2 TO CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS (REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING)

No dispensation requests had been received.

### 23 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Members **noted** that decisions would be taken with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making.

**24 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Given the substantial public interest in the paddling pool item, the Chair proposed item 32, would be taken at the end of the agenda. The Chair explained that this would allow the committee to complete the remaining business first while preserving as much time as possible for the later discussion.

**Decision:** It was **resolved** that item 32 would be taken after item 36. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

**25 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**26 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Decision:** It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 12 May 2026. (Proposed by Cllr Cairney)

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

Members reviewed the following planning applications:

26/00745/CAT | Notification of intention to fell 2 Cypress trees (T1, T2) in a Conservation Area | 1 Hawthorn Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DF

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION, but request that a suitable replacement is planted. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

26/00816/LBC | Variation of conditions 3 and 4 of Listed Building Consent 22/00068/LBC (Listed Building Consent for conversion of farmhouse and buildings to 17 dwellings) to align implementation requirements with the associated planning permission | Wellparks Exeter Road Crediton Devon EX17 3PJ

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to OBJECT on the grounds that the planning officers made the right decision including the conditions in the original planning application. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

26/00795/MOUT | Variation of condition 24(i) of planning permission 09/00244/MOUT (Mixed use development comprising full details relating to food store, petrol filling station and change of use/refurbishment of redundant Class B8 building to provide 4 residential units; and Outline proposals for family pub/restaurant, residential development (36 units), class B1a office use; Class B1c light industrial use, drainage works, highway works and landscaping (revised food store design and minor changes to car park)) to remove the requirement for the 'Bus Gate' from the approved access road linking the development to Station Approach | Land at NGR 284308 99430 (South Of Exeter Road) Station Approach Crediton Devon

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to OBJECT due to the lack of information relating to the impact on residents in the area, traffic calming and safe cycling. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, Cllr Cairney abstained)

26/00782/FULL | Change of use from unrestricted B2/B8 industrial use to an auction house (Use Class E) for in-person and online auctions | Unit 1 Marsh Lane Lords Meadow Industrial Estate Crediton Devon EX17 1ES

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

26/00839/HOUSE | Erection of single storey front extension; alterations to and recladding of existing rear store to include insertion of window; widening of existing driveway to provide additional off-street parking; and rebuilding of front boundary wall | 2 Okefield Ridge Crediton Devon EX17 2EG

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

**Task:** Submit planning comments to MDDC @Emily Armitage

## 28 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

Members **noted** the planning decisions.

## 29 CREDITON URBAN TASKFORCE [CUT!]

Members received and **noted** the report. Members thanked those involved and recognised the continuing work being carried out, noting the positive contribution it was making locally.

## 30 PEOPLES PARK

Members received and **noted** the report. Members thanked those contributing to the work in the park.

## 31 TOWN SQUARE BENCHES

Members discussed the benches on the square, including the cleaning and ongoing maintenance. It was agreed that replacement benches would not be purchased now, with 15 benches now available rather than the original 12, and to assess how the two heavier plastic benches are used over summer.

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to sand and treat the 13 wooden benches in the Autumn, at a total cost of £780. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to clean the benches at a cost of £30 per clean until the end of September as required, with fortnightly cleaning set as the maximum frequency. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

**Decision:** It was **noted** that provision for future bench expenditure should be included in the budget planning for 2027-28, including regular cleaning, maintenance and replacements.

**Task:** Instruct contractor to clean the town square benches and treat them in the Autumn @Emma Anderson

## 32 NEWCOMBES MEADOW PADDLING POOL

*Agenda item taken as item 36*

### 32.1 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE REQUIRED CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR ANY PROPOSED WATER PLAY INSTALLATION, FOR INCLUSION IN FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SURVEY

*Agenda item taken as item 36.1*

*Standing orders were suspended*

Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised members of the public that Steve Densham, an officer at Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) was in attendance to answer some of the questions they may have. Amongst the discussion, members of the public presented the following questions:

- Has replacing the existing paddling pool been costed in environmental terms, including water use and the impact from removing and replacing with new materials? Cllr Brookes-Hocking confirmed these costings would be investigated, including the use of grey water.
- Is the current facility in fact meeting local needs as it is? Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that the aim of the survey is to find out what locals want to see.
- Would a make-do-and-mend option be viable? If the existing facility could continue beyond the end of the decade, that option should be available for public consideration. Steve Densham covered this point in the statement below.
- Information regarding the upgrade of Tiverton's paddling pool had been received, and it suggested that the pool in Tiverton could be repaired at a cost of £90,000. Steve Densham noted that the situation in Tiverton is not relevant to this discussion.
- The guidance referred to does not apply legally, as it does not relate to paddling pools. Steve Densham explained that the guidance is for public swimming pools, however there is no other guidance to refer to.
- Concern was also raised that the survey as drafted appeared to assume provision of a toilet block alongside any retained or renewed water play, rather than asking whether water play without a toilet should also remain an option. The committee agreed to amend the survey so that water play without a toilet would be included.

Steve Densham explained that the paddling pool was last upgraded 25-30 years ago. Current guidance refers to manual dosing checks every 2 hours and automatically dosed pools still being tested 3 times a day. The current operation in Crediton involves water testing twice daily for pH and sanitiser. He said the current water circulation rate is around 3 hours, whereas guidance refers to 10 to 45 minutes. To move the existing pool toward that standard would require increasing from 2 inlets and 2 outlets to 6 inlets and 6 outlets, and larger pipework, which could not realistically be put into the ageing concrete structure without potentially compromising its integrity.

*Cllr Stanford joined the meeting at 18.52*

Steve Densham also explained that any new plant would need to be brought above ground because the current below-ground plant space no longer provides a reasonable place of work. Mr Densham suggested that although the guidance is for swimming pools, MDCC are calling time on the risks associated with the current pool.

*Standing orders were reinstated*

Members concluded that they were not in a position to agree a contingency figure at this meeting, due to unknown costs. It was acknowledged that the Band D cost information in the survey would therefore increase once contingency and longer-term maintenance costs were known and the survey would clearly state that these costs are not currently included.

**Decision:** It was **resolved** that contingency funds would not be included in the survey at this stage as further information is required. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

### **32.2 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT REGARDING THE DRAFT NEWCOMBES MEADOW WATER PLAY SURVEY, AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN** *Agenda item taken as item 36.2*



Cllr Brookes-Hocking proposed publishing the survey now as per the report, with the amendment to include water play without a toilet in the options.  
This proposal was not carried.

Cllr Huxtable proposed delaying the issue of the survey until fuller costings, including expected life of the pump room and/or toilet and pool/splashpad, and a reworked survey structure had been completed.  
This proposal was not carried.

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to proceed with publishing the survey on 10 July as per the report, with the amendment to include an option of water play without a toilet, while complete costings are investigated over the following month and communicated to the public when available. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

**Task:** Amend Newcombes Meadow Water Play Survey to include an option of water play without a toilet block and publish on Friday 10 July @Emma Anderson

**Task:** Obtain additional information regarding contingency costs and sinking costs for the proposed water play options @Emma Anderson, Rachel Avery

### 33 ST LAWRENCE GREEN TELEPHONE BOX

*Agenda item taken as item 32*

The committee considered quotations for repainting St Lawrence Green telephone box. The discussion focused on the quality of the proposed approach rather than lowest price alone.

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to instruct Contractor C to repaint St Lawrence Green telephone box, with a recommendation going to Full Council to spend from EMR 368. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

**Task:** Instruct Contractor C to repaint the telephone box at St Lawrence Green, subject to Full Council approval. @Emma Anderson

### 34 POSTBOX CORNER

*Agenda item taken as item 33*

Members discussed the report. Although it was noted that existing volunteers were content to step over the railings, members ultimately considered that a gate would be the safer and more practical option. Members also recognised the improvement made to the area and thanked Sustainable Crediton and residents involved.

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to instruct the contractor to make and install railings at Postbox Corner with a gate included. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

**Task:** Instruct contractor to make and install railings around Postbox Corner flower bed @Emma Anderson

### 35 PLAN MID DEVON SCOPING CONSULTATION

*Agenda item taken as item 34*

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to delegate preparation of the council's corporate response to Cllrs Brookes-Hocking and Fawssett. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

**Task:** Prepare the council's corporate response to the Plan Mid Devon scoping consultation. @Giles Fawssett, Liz Brookes-Hocking

**36 ACTIVE TRAVEL***Agenda item taken as item 35*

Cllr Fawssett introduced his report by linking active travel to the council's climate emergency declaration made 7 years earlier and government funding available for active travel. He argued that councillors should lead by example in a town where many journeys should be manageable locally. Cllr Huxtable offered to work with Cllr Fawssett to refine the wording and bring forward a developed proposal to present to Full Council.

**Task:** Cllrs Fawssett and Huxtable to work together to finalise an Active Travel proposal for presentation to Full Council. @Steve Huxtable, Giles Fawssett

**37 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **noted** that the date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 28 July 2026. The meeting closed at 19.08.

**38 REPORTS PACK**

Signed .....

Dated.....



# CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

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## [CUT!] Report (for noting only)

**Report by:** Cllr Backhouse  
**To:** Community Committee  
**For consideration on:** 28 July 2026

There have been more queries about why [CUT!] operates and whether MDDC should still be carrying out this kind of work. This kind of job has been cut from their budget.

Luckily, most people are able to clear the area immediately outside their own front doors/houses, and the purpose of our community weeding project is not simply to weed the whole town, that would be impossible as we do 2 hours per month. Part of our purpose is to encourage people to carry out this task as a community and help those who live nearby who cannot.

The town is looking a little better since we started about 3 years ago, and many people clear their own bit of pavement or help their elderly or disabled neighbours.

Interestingly, different parts of town show different levels of participation. East St are the clear winners for sheer enthusiasm and community participation.

Residents from other parts of the town came along to help on 18 July on Jockey Hill.

Upcoming [CUT!] actions days are below, all volunteers very welcome and people from the actual streets especially so!

8 August - Exeter Road  
12 September - George Hill brambles  
10 October - Union Road/East Street  
14 November - TBC  
12 December - TBC

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# CREDITON

## TOWN COUNCIL

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### Allotment Rent Report

**Report by:** Deputy Clerk  
**To:** Community Committee  
**Date:** For consideration on 28 July 2026

#### **Recommendation**

Community Committee is requested to consider and agree the annual allotment rent increase for 26-27.

**1. Purpose**

1.1 To consider the annual allotment rent increase for 2026-27.

**2. Background**

2.1 The allotment rent is currently set at 30 pence per square meter.

2.2 An increase of 5% was agreed last year.

2.3 An increase of 5% for 2026-27 would take the price per square meter up to 31.5 pence.

**3. Proposal**

3.1 To consider and agree the annual rent increase for the forthcoming year 2026-27.

**4. Financial Implications**

4.1 Allotment rent makes up approximately £4,500 of the town council's income which contributes to a proportion of the maintenance costs.

**5. Climate Implications**

5.1 None.

**6. Conclusion**

6.1 Members are requested to consider the report.



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Pool Water Treatment Advisory Group (PWTAG)  
Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

**29 July 2026**

To whom it may concern,

We are part of a Town Council who are currently considering whether to invest approximately £500,000 in upgrading a paddling pool facility.

What should be a straightforward decision has become extremely difficult because there appears to be a gap in national guidance relating specifically to paddling pools.

Our primary concern is protecting children from waterborne illnesses such as *Cryptosporidium* and *E. coli*. We are committed to providing a safe environment, but we are struggling to determine what level of treatment and infrastructure is genuinely required for a paddling pool as opposed to a conventional swimming pool.

There are many regulations, standards and guidance documents relating to swimming pools, including PWTAG guidance. However, there appears to be no specific guidance for paddling pools, despite the fact that they are used predominantly by very young children who may be at greater risk of faecal contamination incidents and associated infections.

PWTAG is widely recognised as the industry standard for pool water management, and the HSE recognises its guidance as a key resource for operators.

The HSE acknowledges that paddling pools will require different considerations and that the applicability of swimming pool guidance depends on the individual circumstances of the facility. This leaves operators in a difficult position when making major investment decisions.

We would welcome the development of national guidance addressing:

- Appropriate water treatment standards for paddling pools.
- Recommended filtration and disinfection requirements.
- Management of *Cryptosporidium* and faecal contamination risks.
- Water quality testing frequencies and parameters.
- Risk assessment approaches for different paddling pool designs
- Crucially, circumstances in which existing facilities can continue to operate safely without major capital investment.



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Without clear guidance, operators are left trying to interpret swimming pool standards for facilities that are fundamentally different in design, use and risk profile.

This creates uncertainty, inconsistency across the sector and the potential for either unnecessary expenditure or inadequate protection of public health.

We would be grateful to know whether new guidance is planned, and which organisation is responsible for developing it.

Yours faithfully,

**Cllr Liz Brookes-Hocking**  
**Chair of Community Committee**

**On behalf of Credition Town Council**



## East Street Planters Report

Report by: Deputy Clerk  
To: Community Committee  
Date: For consideration on 28 July 2026

### **Recommendation**

Community Committee is requested to consider purchasing four barrel-style planters to place around the tree on the junction of East Street and Charlotte Street.

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report set out a quotation received to purchase four barrel-style planters.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 A local resident has offered to maintain and water planters situated on the grass area around the tree.
- 2.2 A group of volunteers planted this area up several years ago, but due to a lack of ongoing maintenance, there are only a few plants remaining and the area is quite bare.
- 2.3 The purchasing of standalone planters would be easier for the residents to maintain and water, as well as a safer option located further away from the kerbside.
- 2.4 The location and proposed planters are shown in Appendix One.

#### **3. Proposal**

- 3.1 To consider purchasing four barrel-style planters to place on the junction of East Street & Charlotte Street, around the tree.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The cost of four barrel-style planters is £501.70 including delivery.
- 4.2 There is £1,000 in the new planters/replacements budget.
- 4.3 There will be a small cost to purchase compost and plants, covered by the existing budget.

#### **5. Climate Implications**

- 5.1 Biodiversity benefits, using durable planters with built in water reservoirs.

#### **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 Members are requested to consider the proposal.





Diameter 630mm  
Depth 450mm

Style matches existing  
planters at War  
Memorial & Hillbrow





## High Street Trees Project

**Report by:** Cllr Brookes-Hocking  
**To:** Community Committee  
**Date:** For consideration on 28 July 2026

### **Recommendation**

The Community Committee is recommended to consider the proposals in this report.

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 Members are requested to consider the proposals for the installation of suitable semi-mature trees in large containers to be installed in various locations along the High Street.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 There have been proposals for trees to be planted along the High Street for at least ten years. Most recently, visualisations for the MDDC Crediton Town Centre Masterplan , adopted in 2024, showed a greener High Street with trees in large planters. See Project C1, High Street Urban Realm Enhancements. pp 45-48.
- 2.2 The Masterplan frequently points out that achieving the plan will be phased as funds are available. However, Project C1 suggests Early Interventions that could be made as a temporary measure. These include raised planters with trees.
- 2.3 Trees lift the environment and absorb carbon. They provide at least a little shade which mitigates against the heat generated by hard surfaces in rising summer temperatures and the movement of large vehicles along our High Street.
- 2.4 The presence of trees along roadsides helps to reduce the speed of traffic and creates a more pleasant environment for residents and visitors.
- 2.5 As LGR in Devon is entering the Implementation stage, it is unlikely that significant funding will be available for Crediton Town Centre Masterplan from external sources in the near future. A limited and therefore less expensive temporary intervention could make an immediate difference to the High Street.

#### **3. Proposal**

- 3.1 To consider setting up a High Street Tree Task & Finish Group with the following remit and reporting its findings back to the Community Committee:
  - Investigate potential suitable locations for the installation of semi-mature trees in large temporary containers on the High Street (identified in Appendix One), principally:
    - existing pedestrian crossing points where the pavement is built out
    - areas where the pavement is wide
    - sections where the pavement is narrower but double yellow lines prohibit parking enabling containers potentially to be safely placed closer to the kerb
  - Engage with MDDC members for support in implementing this part of the Masterplan and DCC members and Highways officers for advice and support towards achieving an Early Intervention aspect of the CI Project

- Research suitable tree species, containers and their costs, including installation
- 3.2 To appoint up to 5 members to the High Street Tree Task & Finish Group (The quorum of the task & finish group shall be 3 members)

**4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The cost of trees, containers and their installation would have to be met by the town council. Maintenance costs would also need to be considered as it is likely that with hotter, drier summers, trees would need to be added to the watering schedule for some months of the year. Dealing with autumn leaf fall and care of the trees would also be a cost.

**5. Climate Implications**

- 5.1 Provision of trees, although temporary, would help to mitigate against heat and pollution while providing some shade. Depending on the species chosen, trees would provide habitats and food sources for insects and birds affected by climate change.
- 5.2 Investing in good quality trees and containers would enable their use for a long time. At the point of replacement, if possible, trees could be permanently planted in their location or be replanted elsewhere. The containers may also be reused in the town centre or in other parts of the town, depending on the progression of other aspects of the Masterplan.

**6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 Members are requested to consider the installation of trees in the High Street.











