



Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Amenities & The Built Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 2022, at 19.00 at Old Lansdown School, Greenway, Crediton.

Present: Cllrs J Harris, G Cochran, M Szabo and J Cairney, Ross

Apologies: Cllrs Huxtable and Martin

In Attendance: Lisa Blake, Projects Officer
Penni Tearle, Chairman of the Boniface Allotment Association
Christine Dymond, Sustainable Crediton

61 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Huxtable and Martin (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)

62 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cairney 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. Cllr Ross declared a personal interest as a member of Sustainable Crediton.

63 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

64 To note that decisions will be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making

This was noted.

65 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

66 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

67 Committee Meeting Minutes - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Amenities & The Built Environment Committee meeting held on 4 January 2022
It was resolved to approve the minutes (Proposed by Cllr Cairney).

68 Allotments:

- **To consider the following issues and agree a course of action – vacant plots, Non-Cultivation Notices and Notices to Quit no issues.** There are no vacant plots, following recent allotment inspections there had been some non -cultivation notices sent and two notice to quits had been issued.
- **To consider matters raised by the Boniface Allotments Association and allotment tenants and agree any actions-** Dr Tearle updated that the widths of the paths at Exhibition Road was still an ongoing concern and that the rules of no structures within 1 metre of the boundary had been updated.
- **To consider the idea of Sustainable Crediton taking on the community allotment- Cllr Szabo it was firstly noted to thank Catherine and the team at Westbank for their hard work in improving the allotment.** A representative of Sustainable Crediton spoke about the benefits of them taking over the plot. Cllrs agreed that it would be good for the allotment to be kept within a local group. It was **resolved** for Sustainable Crediton to become the new tenants of the community allotment (Proposed by Cllr Cairney).

7.14pm Dr P Tearle left the meeting

69 To consider quotations for the maintenance of the Peoples Park Scout Memorial Garden from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 and agree a course of action

A copy of the quotations had been issued prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to proceed with the quotation from Contractor Mike Turnbull (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

70 To receive an update on the supply of Crediton's floral displays for 2022 and agree a course of action

The Projects Officer advised that the quotation from Taunton Deane who had previously supplied the baskets and troughs had been accepted at a cost of £984.20 in the colours of red, white and blue in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations this year.

71 To consider quotations for the watering of Crediton's floral displays for 2022 and agree a course of action

A copy of the quotations had been issued prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to proceed with the quotations from Hewitt and Son (Proposed by Cllr Szabo) Cllr Szabo requested that the cost of watering the trees in the square should be reclaimed from MDDC as it is their property.

72 To consider quotations received for the highway grass verge cutting contract for 2022-2023 and agree a course of action

A copy of the quotations had been issued prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to proceed with the quotation from Hooper Services (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

73 To consider quotations received for the Exhibition Road hedge cutting contract for 2022-2025

A copy of the quotations had been issued prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to proceed with the quotation from Devon Tree Services (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

74 To consider obtaining quotes for a Quantified Tree Risk Assessment at the Town Square

(this item was requested by Cllr Szabo) It was **agreed** for the Projects Officer to contact MDDC to discuss as they are owned by them.

75 To receive an update on the summer bedding in St Lawrence Green and Newcombes Meadow

The Projects Officer advised that the flowers for the bedding had been ordered for Mr Jewell to plant in June.

76 To discuss the Floral Crediton competition for 2022 and agree any actions

A poster had been designed for the competition by the Administrative Assistant and was in the process of being reviewed. Cllr Szabo offered to take applications to shops if required.

77 To receive an update on concerns regarding street lighting at Threshers

The Projects Officer shared a reply from Devon County Council regarding the concerns of the street and that there was no budget from them for it to be considered. Cllr Ross suggested a solar light, but this maybe an issue as the area is shady and whether there maybe grants available to help fund a solution. It was **agreed** for the Projects Officer to investigate this.

78 To consider and approve the quote for litter bin painting in the High Street

The Town Clerk had advised that she had spoken to Turning Tides regarding the painting of these as part of their maintenance within the town and was awaiting a further update. Councillor Szabo raised the importance of using the correct paint to ensure the longevity of the works, the materials required had been described in quotations received.

79. To receive an update on the outline management recommendations on page 3 of the recent QTRA report after the site visit from Cllrs Cochran and Szabo

The feedback from this is below.

Starting at Western end of park near Alexandra Rd / Buller Rd.

G 55 3 trees

Crown lift hornbeam tree to 1.5 meters.

Remove 2 other decaying trees.

G 54 2 trees

Light crown lift leaving main branches

Remove 1 decaying tree

G 53. 4 trees

Remove dead tree

2 Silver Birches light crown lift

Cherry tree very light pruning

G50 4 trees by Scout memorial garden

Remove large lower limbs from all trees

All 4 need minor crown lifts

2 Oak trees remove stakes / ties

G49 2 trees. One blown over last year leaving large stump.

Hoopers have quoted to grind out stump

Crown lift remaining tree.

G48. 4 trees near wildlife area
Remove 1 tree.
Crown lift all trees- quotation being sought

By crown lifting the trees they will get better form and the lawn mowers can more easily mow the grass without hitting the trunk.

Cllr Cairney queried whether any wood chippings from works completed could be utilised within the grounds. It was **agreed** for quotations to be obtained for the works required. Cllr Cochran offered to undertake this work, the Projects Officer will seek advice to clarify if this would be acceptable and update the committee accordingly.

79 To receive an update on the crescent shaped rose bed behind the Boniface statue and agree a course of action

Cllr Szabo updated that roses are not able to be planted but that it will be planted with the expertise of Bert Jewell. It was noted that a plaque for the remembrance of Judy Tucker should be allowed at the rose bed.

80 To receive an update on tree planting and open spaces

A response is yet to be received. The Town Clerk advised that she would follow this up.

81 To note the date of the next meeting – 24 May 2022

The date of the next meeting was **noted**. The meeting was closed at 19.44

Signed
Chairman

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