

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 18.30, on Crediton Town Square

Present: Cllr Huxtable (Town Mayor)

Cllrs Huxtable, Harris, Fawssett, Cochran, Cairney and Frisby

24 members of the public

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Huxtable opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to this year's Annual Town Meeting.

2. Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 17 May 2024. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

3. Public Participation

Several questions were asked by members of the public in attendance:

Money was allocated to improving the 'western gateway' from developments like Lidl – how is this money being spent? Cllr Huxtable confirmed that Crediton Town Council (CTC) is currently talking to Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) about S106 funds and how they could be spent.

Have there been any proposals in the town relating to traffic calming? Cllr Huxtable advised the individual talk to Cllr Fawssett about the traffic calming proposal on display at the meeting and walking/cycling routes. Further consultation will follow.

Is speedwatch still operating? Yes, and volunteers are always welcome.

What data was collected from the camera by QE Drive? Cllr Huxtable suggested CTC submit an FOI request to Devon & Cornwall Police.

One individual complained about the grass cutting strategy in Peoples Park. In their opinion it was messy and the seeds from plants travel into his garden. Cllr Fawssett responded with an explanation of why the strategy has been implemented and that it is part of a learning process. A review will be carried out at the end of the cutting season and opinions formulated. Other residents in attendance were supportive of the strategy.

One resident was in favour of the splash park idea in Crediton.

Gratitude was expressed by one resident who was particularly appreciative of the community events held in the town and would like to see more.

Upcoming town events were discussed:

- Crediton Heart Project outdoor film night 3 August, Newcombes Meadow
- Crediton Food Festival 12 July, Crediton Town Square
- Sustainable Crediton Big Green Fair 27 September, Crediton Town Square
- Folklore Library & Archive Meet Joanne Harris on 9 September, Boniface Centre

Cllr Huxtable expressed his thanks to the community groups in the town. He said it is a pleasure to read the grant applications submitted and give back to the community through the grant funding.



Attendees had an open discussion regarding drawing people into the town, how to do this and how CTC could work with the Chamber of Commerce. Cllr Huxtable explained that this would be part of Jo's new role as Events and Town Centre Officer.

Two questions were asked from young people in the youth club:

- When will Old Landscore School be finished? This is not currently known.
- Why is Crediton so boring for young people? Cllr Huxtable wondered if the young people would come up with some suggestions to submit to CTC.

Cllr Huxtable thanked everyone in attendance.

The meeting closed at 19.16 and was followed by refreshments and viewing of display boards and consultations.

