



Minutes of Credenore Town Council's Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25 October 2022, at 19.00 at Old Lansdown School, Greenway, Credenore.

Present: Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking, J Harris, G Cochran, D Ross, N Letch, M Szabo

In Attendance: Emma Anderson, Assistant Clerk
Penni Tearle, Chairman of the Boniface Allotment Association

102 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

103 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Chenore (Proposed by Cllr)

104 Declarations of Interest

None.

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

This was **noted**.

106 Order of Business

There were no changes.

107 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

None.

108 Committee Meeting Minutes - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 27 September 2022

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

109 Allotments:

- **To consider the following issues and agree a course of action – Vacant plots, Non-Cultivation Notices and Notices to Quit**

No issues raised.

- **To consider matters raised by the Boniface Allotments Association and allotment tenants and agree any actions, including the following:**

Following the Boniface Allotments Association AGM, Dr Tearle raised the follow points:

- Allotment holders would like to revisit the idea of water troughs at the allotment sites.
- The top path at Exhibition Road allotment site, adjacent to the road, is uneven and needs remedial works. It was agreed that this would be looked at as an annual requirement when renewing the grounds maintenance contract in 2023.
- For the committee to consider creating a parking space at the Exhibition Road allotment site where there is currently a flat, unused bit of earth. It would be used as a drop off spot and would benefit the accessible plots at the rear of the site.

It was **agreed** that a site visit would need to be carried out with Dr Tearle to look at the works to the path and parking space suggestion.

It was **agreed** that all points raised will be included as future agenda items.

Penni Tearle left the meeting at 19.12

110 To receive a report on the installation of a new dog waste bin at the junction of Downeshead Lane & Wellparks Hill and agree any actions.

It was **resolved** for a new sign to be produced to encourage dog-owners to dispose of dog foul and signpost them to the nearest bin. (Proposed by Cllr Harris) Members agreed that the installation of a new bin should be reconsidered once the new footpath is complete.

111 To receive the report on the floral arrangements and associated costs for 2023 and consider the recommendations therein

It was **resolved** to agree for Sustainable Crediton to take on the planting and maintenance of the Newcombes Meadow flower beds for 2023, with plans and costing provided by Cllr Ross as a guide. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

It was **resolved** to recommend that the council budget for Option 2, with the possibility of volunteer help being explored. (Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

112 Britain in Bloom

- **Update on the 2022 It's Your Neighbourhood and Pennant Award**

Crediton was awarded the Silver Gilt Award. Out of the 20 entries into It's Your Neighbourhood Competition, 10 received outstanding and 5 received thriving.

- **To discuss the arrangements for 2023**

Cllr Szabo informed the committee that he has stepped down as Britain in Bloom coordinator for Crediton. It was agreed for Mike to meet with the council staff to discuss the competition requirements for next year. Members also agreed that increased publicity would be beneficial in 2023.

113 To receive a report on the Warm Spaces initiative and to consider the recommendations therein

It was **resolved** to support the warm spaces initiative. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

114 To receive an update on open spaces

- **Liquidambar to be planted at Peoples Park**

No update.

115 To note the date of the next meeting – 29 November 2022

The date of the next meeting was **noted**. The meeting was closed at 19.54

Signed

Chairman

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