



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 4 September 2007

Present: **Councillors**

Mr F Letch **Chairman**
Mr P Finnegan
Miss J Harris
Mr W Brown
Mr R Wright
Mr D Nation
Mrs E Brookes Hocking
Mr S Baker

In Attendance:

Mr M Ashley **Meeting Clerk**
Mr M Maggs **Clerk**
Press
MDDC Forward Planning & Conservation Officer

Prior to the start of the meeting a presentation was given to Members of the Committee by the Forward Planning & Conservation Officer of Mid Devon District Council on the proposed Area Development Plan, (Issues and Options Report). Members then took the opportunity to raise issues with the Officer, primarily on the level of development planned for Credition, the proposals for a link road, the provision made for parking in the plans and likely sites for development.

15. To receive apologies

Councillor Mr R Adams, (Personal Commitment).

Councillor Mr D Sansom, (Indisposed due to health reasons).

16. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillor Nation Councillor Wright	As members of more than one authority, declared that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.
Personal	Councillor Brookes-Hocking	Minute 20b (Recess planning consultation)

17. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman outlined how he wished the Meeting to run and proposed bringing forward Agenda item 6e to allow the MDDC Forward Planning and Conservation Officer a timely departure. This was agreed.

18. Approval of General Purposes Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 5 June 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19. Public Question Time

None.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*items for discussion and determination*)

20. Planning

a) *The draft MDDC Area Development Plan, (Issues and Options Report). (This Item was brought forward by the Chairman).*

The "Issues and Options" Report of the MDDC Area Development Plan was received and noted. It was also noted that the Public Exhibition of the Area Development Plan is to be held at the Council Offices, Thursday 6 September 2007. It was agreed to defer discussion of the report to the Town Council meeting of 18 September 2007 to provide time for consideration.

b) *Town Council Planning Decisions for the Recess Period, 25 July to 28 August 2007.*

Received and Noted.

c) *Planning Decisions.*

Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

d) *Planning Applications.*

Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.

e) *Planning Applications and Items for Determination week ending Tuesday 4 September 2007.*

None.

21. NHS Foundation Trust

The Devon Partnership NHS Trust's consultation document was discussed. members expressed scepticism that the proposed structural changes would have any benefit to the public. It was agreed not to support the proposal as it is believed this will make the current poor situation worse and the Clerk was instructed to communicate this to the Devon Partnership Trust.

22. Mid Devon District Council draft Licensing Consultation

The draft licensing policy was noted. (It was also noted the proposed changes altered very little in the actual licensing policy).

23. CCTV Project

The Clerk updated Members on the current situation of the CCTV installation project. It was noted that the suggested expansion of the project would be problematic for the Council with respect to the ownership of the system and would have a major impact upon Council staff. It was agreed to refer the issue to the next Town Council Meeting when the draft Procedure and Protocol Documents would be submitted for consideration.

24. Bus Information Strategy Consultation

The Bus Information Strategy Consultation document from Devon County Council was noted. It was agreed to request that Devon County Council provide the following:

a) That the County Council notify the Public when routes or timetables are altered, the recent changes to route 50 being an example.

b) More roadside information on the Town Bus timetable be provided. It is believed there are only four timetable boards on the entire town route.

- c) The County Council should clearly specify a maximum height for roadside timetable boards to assist those who cannot read the timetable information at the current height.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

25. The Council Chamber

The Clerk briefed Members on the situation with regard to booking the Council Chamber. It was agreed to recommend the Clerk be authorised to book the Chamber on behalf of the local voluntary organisations recognised by the Town Council.

26. Future Meeting Dates

It was recommended that General Purposes Committee meets on 8 April and 6 May 2008 and the Town Council on 22 April and 20 May 2008. In addition, it was also recommended that the Finance Committee Meeting be set as 4 December 2007 that the Annual Town Meeting date be set as 15 April 2008. (The venue for these meetings is yet to be decided).

27. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Mrs Jean Ford:- Letter; objection to resubmitted Landscore Reservoir Planning Application.
2. MDDC:- Chairman's Receptions 2007; Dates and nominations.
3. CREDITON Hospital Campaign Group:- e-mail and letter concerning lack of information from Devon PCT/DCP.
4. Angela Browning MP:- Letter; Exeter Unitary Status.
5. BT e-mail:- Road works and duct problems A377; Crediton.
6. The Post Office:- Network Change Programme consultation information.
7. The Heritage Lottery Fund:- Press Release; The Search for Saxon Crediton.
8. DCC:- Adopted Devon County Waste Local Plan availability.
9. Crediton Climate Action Group:- e-mail; CCAG presentation; September/October 2007.
10. Creedy Local Action Group, Devon Community Safety Partnership:- Meeting Minutes, 12 July 2007.
11. Mr Tony Connell:- Judge's Comments; Floral Crediton.
12. DCC:- A377 Maintenance notification 3 September 2007; Barnstaple Cross to Chapel Downs.
13. MDDC:- e-mail; Open Space and Play Area Strategy; Open Space Officer response.
14. Community Council of Devon:- Letter; Devon's Community Buildings Survey.
15. Black Rock Merrill Lynch:- Investment Funds Interim Report. To 31 May 2007.
16. South West Regional Assembly:- Letter; Public Consultation on additional pitches for Gypsies and Travellers.
17. MDDC:- Full site inspection; Marlin Cars, Mill Street.
18. MDDC:- Police Authority Liaison Meetings; dates.
19. Julia Ryder:- e-mail; CCTV project; next meeting.
20. Devon PCT:- Letter; Older People's Mental Health Services.
21. Dept. for Culture, Media and Sport:- Flying the Union Flag from Government Buildings Guidance notes.
22. DCC:- e-mail; St Lawrence Green Bus stop markings.
23. MDDC:- e-mail; MDDC Democracy review; response.
24. Causeway Project:- Letter; thank you for donation.
25. DCC:- Notification of Road Closure; Westwood Road.
26. MDDC:- Council Meeting Summons and Agenda 5 September 2007.
27. MDDC:- Letter; Area Development Plan Public Exhibitions.
28. BTCV:- Letter; Winter period planning.

29. The Standards Board for England:- Occasional Paper; August 2007.
30. NALC:- Conference and Exhibition; 5-7 October 2007.
31. Crediton & Area Tenant Group:- Meeting Agenda; 3 September 2007.
32. SLCC:- Devon Branch Meeting Agenda; 7 September 2007.
33. DCC:- Notice of Road Closure; 3 – 7 September 2007; North Street.
34. DAPC:- Invitation to AGM; 29 September 2007 and Annual Report. Noted. The Council can send two voting members to the AGM. The Clerk to contact Members with details.
35. Community Council of Devon:- Invitation to Rural Communities Conference 2007; 17 October 2007.
36. Mrs G. Ponsford:- Letter concerning MDDC proposed privatisation of Crediton Leisure Centre. Noted. To be raised as an Agenda item at the Town Council Meeting, Tuesday 16 October 2007.
37. CAB:- MDDCAB Advisory Committee Meeting 26 September 2007.
38. MDDC:- Minutes of the Planning Committee; 29 August 2007.
39. DCC:- Invitation to “Everyone’s Tomorrow” Conference; 1 October 2007; concerning Devon’s ageing population.
40. DAPC:- Agenda; Larger Councils Sub Committee; 6 September 2007.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

28. Newcombes Meadow Lighting

The parlous state of the lighting in Newcombes Meadow was highlighted.

29. Car Parking

A Member raised the issue of Car Parking in the town, (Future Agenda Item).

30. Floral Crediton Presentation

Members were informed of the presentation of prizes for the Floral Crediton Competition on Tuesday 11 September 2007 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber and the Council Chairman requested that as many Councillors as possible attend.

PART TWO

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was agreed, in the public interest, that the press and public were temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

31. Council Staffing

The Council Chairman informed Members of a review of the Assistant Clerks employment on successful completion of the probation period and that the matter will be raised at the next Town Council Meeting for formal approval.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: