



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 5 February 2008

Present:	Councillors	Mr R Adams (Chairman) Mr W Brown Miss J Harris Mr F Letch Mrs E Brookes-Hocking Mr P Finnegan Mr D Nation Mr D Sansom
In Attendance:	Clerk Press	Mr M Maggs 2

GENERAL PURPOSES *(items for discussion and determination)*

61. Apologies

Received from Councillor Wright (training course).

62. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillor Nation	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.
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63. Public Question Time

None.

64. Chairman's Announcements and Meeting Management

None.

65. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting of 6 November 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

66. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions.*

Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

b) *Planning Applications.*

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

- c) *Planning Applications and Items for Determination week ending Tuesday 5 February 2008.*

The Clerk had circulated an invitation to attend an MDDC Planning Training Event on 12 April. Councillors interested in attending were asked to inform the Clerk as soon as possible as numbers would be limited.

67. Allotments

- a) The Clerk provided an update:
- There was one vacancy which was likely to be filled shortly
 - There were 28 people on the waiting list. It was Council policy to split allotments to try to accommodate the increasing demand and cater for peoples' busier lifestyles. Consideration might need to be given to restricting tenancies to one allotment in order to reduce the waiting list.
- b) It was reported that the delay in installation of a plot numbering system was due to delays in the delivery of plastic numbers.
- c) It was reported that the Chairman and Secretary of the Boniface Allotment Association had expressed concern over the delay in progressing plot numbering.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*item for discussion and recommendation*)

68. Town Council Plan

Two members and the Clerk outlined the importance of having a Council plan. Apart from providing an opportunity to feed local priorities into the strategic planning system, a Council plan would enable the Council to make better provision for its own financial commitments and at the same time provide for the needs and opinions of the community. Consideration was given to adopting aspects of the MCTi Strategic Action Plan. It was agreed to recommend that a small working group be set up to investigate the feasibility of developing a Town Council plan. Agenda item at next meeting.

69. MDDC Corporate Anti-social Behaviour Policy

Noted. Members commented favourably on the comprehensive guide to helping deal with anti-social behaviour.

70. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 1) Crediton Fairtrade; Minutes of Meeting 16 Jan.2008.
- 2) Crediton Chamber of Commerce; Agenda & Minutes for Meeting 29 Jan.2008.
- 3) Sally Blake; Letter objecting to Planning Application 08/00006, Parliament Street.
- 4) MDDC; Planning Training Notification.
- 5) MDDC; Standards Committee Annual Report.
- 6) Black Rock Merrill Lynch; Annual Report & Accounts. Clerk to email to Councillor Nation.
- 7) Devon NHS PCT; Devon PCT Board Meeting 06 Feb.2008. Councillor Nation to attend and raise issue on beds, it was hoped that members would attend also.
- 8) Audit Commission; Appointment Of External Auditor. It was noted that there might be an increase in audit fees 2008/9.
- 9) Julia Ryder; e-mail, Crediton CCTV Update. A member raised the issue of clarity of pictures.
- 10) EDF Energy; Notification of price rises.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

71. Library Service

A member reported that he had written to the Library Services suggesting a revision of opening times to include Saturday morning.

72. Leisure Centre Bidding Event

Ward members reported that a decision would not be made until late April/May. However, it was hoped that members would try to attend the Bidding Event in Tiverton on 8 February. Agenda item at next meeting with update from members.

73. Parking Survey

It was reported that the results of the survey should be available within the next few weeks.

74. Downeshead Lane

Problems with overgrowth were reported. The Clerk to pursue with DCC Highways.

75. East Street Flats

Reported anti-social behaviour inside East Street flats had highlighted the need for a more secure entry system. Local MDDC ward members to pursue with MDDC Housing.

76. Police Liaison Meeting

The next Liaison meeting was scheduled for 6 February. Councillors Harris, Adams, Brown and Sansom agreed to attend.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2008

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type - Application Refused					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/02303/FULL (05/12/07)	Mr M Salter R J Salter & Sons 28 Marsh Road Lords Meadow Crediton EX17 1EU	Mr D Armstrong WWD Ltd Chiltern House Matford Court Sigford Road Exeter EX2 8NL	Hillside Buller Road Crediton Devon EX17 2AX	Erection of 6 flats with parking facilities following demolition of bungalow	Mr Delwyn Matthews

Planning Applications

The General Purposes Committee considered the following applications:

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/02422/FULL (23/01/08)	KME Partnership C/o Keith Mortimer Upper Park 2 Searle Street Crediton Devon EX17 2AT		Warehouse Rear of 109 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	Conversion of warehouse to 2 dwellings	Mr Keith Garside
	NO OBJECTIONS					

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	07/02423/LBC (23/01/08)	KME Partnership C/o Keith Mortimer Upper Park 2 Searle Street Crediton Devon EX17 2AT		KME Partnership 109 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	Listed Building Consent for conversion of warehouse to 2 dwellings	Mr Keith Garside
NO OBJECTIONS						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00025/FULL (23/01/08)	Mr T Howes Royal Mail Group PLC Colnebank House St Peter Street Colchester CL1 1HY	Mr P Irons Vickery Holman Pembroke House Southernhay Gardens Exeter EX1 1UN	Post Office Hawkins Way Crediton Devon EX17 1HX	Erection of office extension	Miss Tina Maryan
APPROVED						