



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 7 July 2009

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr W Brown Mr F Letch (Council Chairman) Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr P Finnegan Mr R Wright Mrs A Hughes
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr D Nation (part meeting)
	Clerk	Mr M Ashley
	BAA Representative	Mrs Maggie Stewart
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	Press	1

AGENDA ITEMS *(for discussion and determination)*

16. **Apologies**
None.
17. **Declarations of Interest**

Prejudicial	Councillor Nation	Minute 25; Donation Request
Code of Conduct	Councillors Wright and 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.

18. **Elect Chairman**
Councillor Harris was elected as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. Councillor Harris took the Chair.
19. **Elect Vice Chair**
Councillor Hughes was elected as Vice-Chairman of the General Purposes Committee.
20. **Public Question Time**
Mr M Szarbo asked the Council to consider landscaping the western entrance to the town with the Tesco community project funding, including terracing the banks and replanting trees and shrubs.
21. **Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements and Meeting Management**
The Chairman had no announcements to make.
The Council Chairman reported that he was unable to attend the Mid Devon Show as the Council's representative, and neither could the Vice-Chairman and asked if anybody else wished to attend in their stead. The council Chairman also reported his activities over the recent weeks and that he would be out of contact until 26 July 2009.
The Clerk had no announcements to make.

22. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 9 June 2009 were received and approved as a correct record.

23. Allotments

a) Allotment Update

The Clerk reported that vacancies arising were being filled by the Boniface Allotment Association but that it had not been possible recently to visit or inspect the allotments due to the pressures on staff.

b) Matters Raised By Tenants

The Secretary of the Allotment Association raised a number of issues, namely; the tap by the north side boundary had been leaking, that the Womens' Environmental Network appeared to be advertising public events on the allotments, and that the Allotment Association had passed suggestions for amendments to the tenancy agreement to the Assistant Town Clerk.

Councillor Wright reported that the Police would prefer allotment holders to park in the road, rather than partially on the pavement on Exhibition Road, as this not only slows the traffic but also prevents obstructing the pavement.

The Council Chairman reported from the judging of the allotments for the Floral Crediton Competition that one allotment in each of Moffat's Land and at Exhibition Road appeared uncultivated and that there had been rubbish dumped near the gate at Exhibition Road.

c) Tenancy Agreement

The new tenancy agreement proposal was deferred until Town Council meeting of 28 TC July 2009.

24. Planning

a) Planning Decisions

Noted.

b) Planning Applications

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

c) Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 7 July 2009

None

25. Donation Requests

Councillor Nation declared a Prejudicial Interest, made a short representation to members and left the meeting for the duration of the debate on this item.

Crediton History Society, museum set up proposal.

It was agreed, in accordance with the delegated powers of the Council Meeting of 23 June 2009 that a donation of one thousand pounds would be made to the Museum and that the Finance Committee should consider budgeting for future ongoing support donations. It was also noted that the County Council Ward Member could investigate applying for Community Enhancement funding.

26. Licensing

The White Swan application for variation of the licence conditions was objected to on the grounds of late night noise and nuisance very close to neighbouring residences.

AGENDA ITEMS (for discussion and recommendation)

27. Town Plan Item

Councillor Brookes-Hocking raised the concerns that development is a major issue within the town, especially with a number of major development projects currently under way or under consideration and expressed concern that progress was very slow. It was noted that much effort had been put into the project by several Councillors and the development of a plan had progressed far beyond anything previously achieved. It was suggested that Councillors may have to have a dedicated meeting to ensure continuing

progress and that the plan may have to be reviewed annually prior to the budgeting exercise.

28. Correspondence Received

1. Involve Training Programme 2009 - 10
2. Clerk and Councils Direct – July 2009
3. Devon Health and Social Care Learning Disability Partnership – June 09
4. DCC – P3 Co-ordinators and Parish Clerks Jun 09
5. Crediton Industrial Link Road – Meeting Notes 20 November 2007
6. DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – July 2009
7. Letter – Carolyn Stoye, Crediton Link Road
8. Devon Talk – Summer 2009
9. DCC – Highway Surface Dressing
10. Take the Train – The Tarka Line, times to 12 December 2009 (*Check whether rail timetables are on display at the town's bus shelters*).
11. DAPC – Newsletter Jul/Aug 09
12. Society of Local Council Clerk: Membership, Conference
13. The Clerk – July 2009

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

29. Tour of Britain Cycle Race

Councillor Letch requested an agenda item next for the next meeting on the Tour of Britain which would pass through Crediton on Thursday 18 September 2009 in the morning.

30. Speeding on Exhibition Road

Councillor Wright reported that the Police were now deploying mobile speed detectors on this road.

31. Poppy Wreaths for the Avranches Mayoral Visit

Councillor Letch requested an agenda Item concerning the purchase of 2 Poppy Wreaths for his forthcoming visit to the Avranches anniversary celebrations of liberation in World War Two.

32. Blagdon Corner

Councillor Letch requested an agenda item on the work carried out at Blagdon corner.

33. Land Registration

Councillor Finnegan expressed concern that the Council needed to understand resourcing of lands and how Land Registration could affect this.

34. Crediton Festival 2009

Councillor Brookes-Hocking expressed her thanks to the Festival Committee for the splendid efforts made to make the festival such a success and suggested the Committee should be written to, to express this appreciation.

35. Four Mills Lane and Exeter road

Councillor Hughes highlighted that Four Mills Lane Has become a rat run and it is becoming more dangerous. Large agricultural tractors and trailers now use this route at some speed, thus forming a particular hazard in this narrow lane.

Meeting closed at approx. 20:41 pm.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date: