



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 8 September 2009

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr W Brown Mr F Letch (Council Chairman) Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr P Finnegan Mrs A Hughes
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr N Way (part meeting)
	Clerk	Mr M Ashley
	BAA Representative	Penni Tearle
	Public	Sgt Gareth Twigg
	Reed Construction	2
	Press	1

AGENDA ITEMS *(for discussion and determination)*

- 36. Apologies**
Councillors R Wright and D Nation sent apologies for personal reasons.
- 37. Declarations of Interest**

Code of Conduct	Councillors Way	As a member 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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- 38. Presentation by The Architect to Reed Development & Construction**
Mr Edwin Holden gave a presentation on initial design proposals for development of the empty building site on Market Street adjacent to the Council Offices. The preliminary design is for two shops with flats above. It was emphasised that the design process was in it's early stages and that a full planning application would be submitted for full consultation.
- 39. Public Question Time**
None.
- 40. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements**
The Committee Chairman and Clerk had no announcements. The Council Chairman requested all Councillors to remain after the meeting.
- 41. General Purposes Committee Minutes (*copies of minutes are unconfirmed*).**
The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 July 2009 were received and approved as a correct record.
- 42. Matters Arising**
Minutes 28, Item 10: The Assistant Clerk was asked to check on the situation regards the Council's request for railway timetables in the town bus stops.

43. **Tour of Britain 2009**

It was agreed to bring this item forward as Police Sergeant Twigg was present with an update on the practical implications for the town. It was noted that the tour will pass through Crediton on Friday 18 September 2009 and that there would be a rolling road closure with disruption to traffic in town from approximately 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. The riders would be accompanied by 56 marshalling motorcycles, whose main concern would be road safety, in addition to the entourage of support and press vehicles. The race will include a sprint section in Western Road and will then depart the town towards Tiverton, with a "King of the Mountains" section at Cadbury. It was confirmed that racing riders will be able to ignore traffic lights whilst with the main body of the race and that there will be television coverage on ITV4, although this was not expected to be extensive.

Sergeant Twigg left the meeting.

44. **Planning** http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/tdc_home.aspx

a) *Planning Decisions*

Noted.

b) *Planning Applications*

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

Councillor Way entered the meeting

c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 8 September 2009*

None.

45. **Allotments**

a) *Clerk's Report*

The Assistant Town Clerk informed members that two notices had been received to vacate plots and that these would be filled from the waiting list at the end of the rental year, 30 September 2009.

b) *Tenancy Agreement Amendments*

The proposed amendments to paragraphs 1f, 5e, 5j, 5p and 5v of the Allotment Tenancy Agreement were approved for the forthcoming rental year.

c) *Matters raised by Tenants*

It was noted that the tap that had been removed from the northern edge of the Barnfield would be replaced upon completion of repairs. It was also noted that grass that appeared to have been dumped on the southern boundary of the Barnfield site, adjoining the rear of properties on Spinning Path Gardens, has started to take root and spread over the fence.

AGENDA (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

46. **Cycle Parking**

It was agreed to defer this item to a future Town Council meeting as Councillor Nation, who had requested the item, was not present.

47. **Floral Crediton Competition Prize Giving Dates**

A request for the allotments judging prize-giving to take place at the Boniface Allotments Association AGM was noted and this was agreed. The remainder of the prizes would be awarded at a separate event and it was agreed that this would be at the Council Chamber on Tuesday, 29 September 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

48. **Correspondence Received**

1. Black Roack Investment – People's Park Charity – Interim report.
2. Crediton CAB – Notification: Additional opening days.
3. Devon: Police Liaison Meeting; Mon. 7 Sept.'09.
4. Festival 2009 Committee – Minutes: Final Meeting Minutes; 20 Jul.'09.
5. Vitalise – Letter; Grant Aid Scheme 2010-2011.
6. Involve Devon – Notification: Annual Conference; Tiverton – 9 Sept.'09.
7. Peter Ashby- Crane: Parking meters in the High Street.

(It was noted that parking meters for the town centre were still on the agenda with the County Council, but that the Council will be consulted.)

8. Royal British Legion – Dartmoor Military Heritage Weekend: 12 & 13 Sept.'09.
9. DAPC – Agenda; AGM; Sat. 26 Sept.'09
10. DAPC – Annual Report: 2008-09.
11. North Tawton Town Council – Letter: Offer of sale of redundant bus shelter.
12. MDDC – Letter: Training for Town & Parish Councillors: Planning Training; Thur. 15 Oct.'09 & Standards Training; Mon. 9 Nov.'09.
13. Mrs L.J. Elt – Letter: Footpath 24 resurfacing complaint. (*Future Agenda Item*)
14. MDDC – Letter: Gambling Act 2005 – consultation on first review of Statement of Principles, (*Future Agenda Item*)
15. Network Rail – Letter: mast construction – Crediton Station; Notification of works. (*Future Agenda Item*)
16. Devon Rural Network – Devon Rural Profile - 2009.
17. SmithsGore – Letter: Crediton Link Road & Downes Estate issues.
18. Acorn Ecology Ltd – Letter: Increasing the value of wildlife sites.
19. MDDC – Council Summons & Minutes: 2 Sept.'09.
20. The Bandstand Marathon – letter & Poster: Town Band; 27 Sept.'09.
21. Clerk & councils direct – Newsletter: Sept.'09.
22. DAPC – Letter & Newsletter, (Sept.'09): DAPC Subscriptions proposed increase.
23. Devon Countryside Access Forum – Annual Report: 2008-09.

Business Brought Forward

49. Exeter Road Link Road

The Council Chairman asked that the letter concerning the Link Road be distributed to all Councillors.

50. Mayor's Surgery

It was noted that, due to the limited number of the public attending the surgeries, these would be reduced to half an hour.

51. Land Registration

Councillor Finnegan re-iterated his concerns that the registration of the Council's property with the Land Registry was not receiving a high enough priority. It was, however, stated by the Chairman that this issue could not be a high priority with the current, dire staffing situation.

52. Link Road Questionnaire.

Councillor Way informed members that the Exhibition of proposed Link Road routes would take place on Friday 25 September, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m; and Saturday 26 September, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It was also noted that the County Council report would be published the week commencing 14 September 2009 and that the County Council's questionnaire would be sent to residents approximately a week before the exhibition. It was agreed that this item would be an agenda item for the Town Council meeting of 22 September 2009. It was additionally agreed that the Chairman's letter be copied to the Leader of the County Council and the Portfolio Holder.

Meeting closed at approx. 20.46 p.m.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date: