



Credon Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 7 December 2010

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr P Finnegan (part meeting) Mr T Connell Mrs A Hughes
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr N Way (part meeting) Mr J Downes (part meeting)
	Clerk	Mr M Ashley
	Public	Nil
	Press	Nil

AGENDA ITEMS *(for discussion and determination)*

116. Apologies

Councillor F Letch for personal reasons.

117. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillor 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.
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 124b: App. 10/01816/FULL
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 129: DCC Highway issues

118. MDDC Recycling Officer Presentation

This item was deferred to later in the meeting at the request of the Recycling Officer for technical reasons.

119. Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

120. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Assistant Clerk emphasised busy schedule from now to June, especially in light of next year's local elections.

The Chairman reported on a discussion with the Credon Police Sergeant concerning a recent assault in Tinpot Lane. It was emphasised that the assault was not a rape. The Clerk added that the Queen Elizabeth Community College Principal had written to parents echoing the Sergeant's points.

121. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 9 November 2010 were received and approved as a correct record.

122. Matters Arising

Minute 104: Councillor Brookes-Hocking asked whether the People's Park and Scout Memorial Working Group had been re-formed. It was confirmed that it had been at the last Council meeting.

123. MDDC Recycling Officer Presentation

Mid Devon's Recycling Officer gave a brief overview of various aspects of the District Council's recycling policy, including commercial and supplier recycling as well as domestic collection.

On the issue of street cleaning, the officer outlined some of the difficulties in staffing that had resulted in street cleaners being absent from their street cleaning duties to attend to refuse collection. Members noted that the mechanical street sweeping vehicle was likely to be unavailable until the end of December due to these staff shortages as well as technical issues with the vehicle itself. The Chairman emphasised that the criticism by the Town Council was for the lack of organisation and resources for street sweeping and that no criticism was implied of the street sweeping staff themselves who were commended for their diligence and hard work. Members noted that staffing levels may further be impacted by future retirements. The Recycling Officer was thanked for his attendance.

Councillor Downes entered the meeting.

124. Planning

a) Planning Decisions

The Planning Decisions were noted.

b) Planning Applications

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

c) Supplementary Applications and Applications/Items for Determination week ending 9 November 2010

Applications 10/01814/FULL & 10/01861/FULL were tabled & the Council's responses are appended to these minutes.

The National Association of Local Councils and the Central Government consultation documents on proposals for streamlining the Tree Preservation Order process were received and noted. Members remarked upon the extremely short deadline and the impossibility of making a comprehensive study of the documents in the very short time available before the meeting. It was agreed that tree preservation is very important to the Town Council and that the Council would oppose any change in legislation that would make it easier to cut down any TPO trees without due consultation with local people and the Council or without proper authorisation.

125. Allotments

a) The Clerk updated members on current issues, vacancies and the present state of the waiting list.

b) There were no new issues raised by tenants or the Allotment Association.

126. Meeting Management

Councillor Way entered the meeting and Councillor Downes left the meeting.

a) Meeting Dates

The Clerk briefed members of the legal and timetabling implications of meetings for 2011 in light of the forthcoming Local Elections. The following meeting dates were approved:

- Cancellation of the General Purposes Committee meeting of 3 May 2011.
- Confirmation of the Council's Annual General Meeting of 17 May 2011.
- 14 June 2011 was set as the date for the Annual Town Meeting.

b) Election of the Committee's New Vice-Chairman

Councillor A Hughes was elected, unopposed, as the General Purposes Committee Vice Chairman.

127. Electoral Review Consultation

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England's consultation documents "A Consultation on Policy and Procedures for Electoral Reviews" and on "A Consultation on Policy and Procedures for Principal Area Boundary Reviews" were received and noted. It was remarked that it may well be good for the Council to be able request changes, for

example to Councillor numbers or to the Town boundary, in the future. Notes and comments from the Town Clerk concerning the questions posed by the Boundary Commission were tabled and considered and members accepted the Town Clerk's recommendations for responses to the Commission. The Chairman expressed appreciation for the Town Clerk's efforts and acknowledged the value of his advice on the issues.

128. Mid Devon District Council Recycling Presentation

It was remarked that the policy of not replacing retiring or resigning staff, whilst possibly workable for back office and support staff, would have an appalling negative impact when applied to front line, service provision personnel.

AGENDA (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

129. Devon County Council – Highways & Transport

a) Local Transport Plan 3rd Review

The County Council consultation documents on the third Local Transport Plan for Devon were received and noted. Members remarked upon the very short consultation periods given by the County Council which did not give adequate time for proper debate and considered responses to these documents. The feeling was expressed by several members that the County's coastal and market towns appeared at the bottom, almost as an afterthought, despite accounting for a large swathe of the County's population. Members agreed that undue emphasis appeared to have been given to the economic criteria in driving policy which would result in conflict with the sustainability criteria and for which there appeared little consideration of a strategy for addressing this conflict and meet the sustainability criteria. It was also agreed that many residents would neither be happy with, nor approve of the stress placed upon the criteria apparently driving policy. It was also noted that there was little emphasis on rail transport and that the Tarka Line was not mentioned at all. A member also expressed some doubt as to the notice or attention the County Council will pay to the Town Council's views.

b) Devon County Council's Highways Update

- The County Ward Member updated the Committee on the installation of six new grit bins in the Ward, paid for with Locality funding, However, residents had identified another three locations within the town but that there was no further locality fund monies available. Councillor Way asked the Council to consider purchasing these three new bins, providing that the County Council's Highway Services Group approved of the location. Members considered the available "Street Furniture" budget and reserves and agreed to purchase the three grit bins at Three Hundred Pounds each. The Clerk was asked to pass the three locations, namely: the Top of Southfield Drive, Tower Gardens and the top of Bramble Lane; to the County engineer for approval of the sites.
- The County Council's "Crediton Link Road Environmental Statement – Scoping Report" was received and noted. Once again, Councillors were dismayed at the short consultation period and the Chairman expressed the view that the only possible response was that it was a ridiculously short time to draw up a considered Council response. Members also noted that the County Council has explicitly stated that the Link Road is not to be considered as the start of a route, or part of a future route around Crediton. It was additionally noted that the current proposed works contain no mention of improvements to the local infrastructure to the Lord's Meadow industrial estate area to cope with the increased traffic, for example, the issue of narrow roads where the link road is proposed to join the estate. It was remarked that one of the primary justifications for the Link Road was the improvement in air quality along Exeter Road and the report appeared to confirm that taking a certain amount of traffic away from the Exeter Road/Mill

Street end of town will achieve this. Some members, however, expressed the feeling that this consultation process was a box ticking exercise and that the Council's views are of little, or no import to the County Council.

c) *A3072 Road Closure*

The communications with the responsible County Highway Engineer was received and noted. Councillors acknowledged the necessity of closing the road for the works to be safely done.

It was recommended that the Council's Transport Working Group be re-activated to deal with the large number of highway and transport issues arising. It was suggested that invitations should be made to Sustainable Crediton and the Crediton Transport Action Group to send representatives to sit on the group.

130. Dean Street – Traffic Calming

It was noted that the issue of pedestrian safety in Dean Street had been raised on numerous occasions, however none of the suggested solutions were both workable and satisfactory for local residents. The merits of a 20 Mph speed limit were discussed but it was noted that the County Council will not now impose this speed limit on single streets, only on zones. Following some debate, the Committee recommended that the Town Council request a 20 Mph zone for that area of the town to include; Bowden Hill, Dean Street, Park Road and Park Street, Barnfield, Spruce Park and Winswood.

Councillor Finnegan left the meeting.

131. Correspondence Received

Correspondence

1. CRAMP – Letter: Thank you letter for donation.
2. Navigus Planning – Newsletter: Journal of Local Planning - Autumn 2010.
3. SCOPE – Notification: Collection dates 2011-12; 4 – 24 Apr. 2011 & 2 – 22 Apr. 2012.
4. Cllr. R Wright – e-mail: Update on recycling @ Tesco site.
5. NALC – Legal Briefing: L10-10; Responsibilities for Clearing Snow & Ice on Highways.
6. Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership CLAG – Minutes: Meeting of 18 November 2010 & Action Plan
7. Jo MacPherson – Card: Thank you card for Council sent flowers.
8. Involve Mid Devon – Letter: Thank you for donation.
9. Charlesworth Nicholl & Co – Letter & Invoice: First Registration of Upper Deck.
10. Tarka Rail Association – Letter: Thank you letter for donation.
11. Crediton Area History & Museum Society – Letter: Thank you letter for donation.
12. DCC – Letter & Booklet: Gypsies & Travellers – Information for Parish Councils on Planning Applications.
13. Hospiscare – Letter & Annual Review; Donation Request for new outreach Centre. (*Future Agenda Item*)
14. DCC – Notification: Local Government Pension Scheme – Employer Contribution Rates 2011- 2014.
15. MDDC – Letter: Electoral Register 2011.
16. MDDC - Press Release: "Householders urged to bag their batteries".
17. NALC – E-Bulletin: "Community Governance in the localism driving seat".
18. Various Residents – e-mails: Broadband in Crediton.
19. MDDC – Agenda & Papers – Pay & Display Working Group meeting.
20. DCC – Notification: Emergency Road Closure – A3072 Coffintree Cross – Cheriton Cross; 06-07 Dec. 2010.

Councillor Way left the meeting.

Information

1. Tarka Rail Association – Magazine: Autumn 2010.
2. MDDC – Press Release: Meetings from 29 Nov. 2010 onwards.
3. DCC – Newsletter: Devontalk; Winter 2010.
4. DCC Voluntary Youth Services – Newsletter: Nov. 2010.
5. Allotments Regeneration Initiative – Newsletter: Autumn 2010.
6. LCR – Newsletter: Winter 2010.
7. CCD – Newsletter: Village Green – Dec. 2010.
8. CCD – Leaflet: “Fund It, Build It” Capital Projects Funding Training Course Notification.
9. Devon Community Composting Network – Newsletter: JunkMail – Issue 5.
10. MDDC – Newsletter: Recycling – Winter 2010.
11. DCC – Newsletter: Emergency Management – Dec. 2010.

Business Brought Forward

132. DCC Workshop Event – Budget Planning

Councillor Brookes-Hocking reported attending the County Council’s event workshop group on cutting the DCC budget.

133. Pre-Election Briefing

Councillor Connell reported that neither of the two booked attendees could attend this event due to unforeseen circumstances.

134. The Red House

Councillor Hughes briefly mentioned progress at the Red House Young Persons centre.

135. The Childrens’ Centre

Councillor Hughes briefly mentioned progress at the Childrens’ centre.

Meeting closed at approximately 20:56.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

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PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 7 DECEMBER 2010

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	<p>Type – Details Pursuant</p> <p>Reference: 09/01760/FULL Address: 34 Beech Park Crediton Devon EX17 1HW Description: Erection of extension Decision: Details Pursuant Discharged On Application</p> <p>Web link: 09/01760/FULL</p>
DECISION	<p>Type – Decision</p> <p>Reference: 10/01297/LBC Listed Building Consent Address: Fordton Cottage Crediton Devon EX17 3DH Description: Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations and installation of air source heat pump Decision: Grant permission</p> <p>Web link: 10/01297/LBC</p>
DECISION	<p>Type – Decision</p> <p>Reference: 10/01390/FULL Full planning application Address: 40 Exhibition Road Crediton Devon EX17 1BY Description: Erection of timber fence after removal of dead hedge Decision: Grant permission</p> <p>Web link: 10/01390/FULL</p>

Type – Decision

Reference: **10/01592/CAT** Works to Trees in a Conservation Area
Address: Newcombes Meadow Union Road Crediton Devon
Description: Notification of intention to fell 1 Monterey Cypress and 1 Western Red Cedar and carry out works to trees within a Conservation Area
Decision: **No Objection**
Web link: [10/01592/CAT](#)

Type – Decision

Reference: **10/01762/CLP** CLP for PROPOSED Use or Operation
Address: 3 Threshers Terrace Threshers Crediton Devon EX17 3PN
Description: Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single-storey extension
Decision: **Grant permission**
Web link: [10/01762/CLP](#)

Type – Details Pursuant

Reference: **09/01486/FULL**
Address: Rose Cottage Threshers Crediton Devon EX17 3NW
Description: Conversion of dwelling into 2 dwellings; erection of 2 dwellings and creation of parking court following demolition of existing outbuildings (Revised Scheme)
Decision: **Details Pursuant Discharged On Application**
Web link: [09/01486/FULL](#)

DECISION	Type – Details Pursuant
	Reference: 10/01255/FULL
	Address: Land at NGR 284419 99506 South of Exeter Road Crediton Devon
	Description: Erection of public house/restaurant and associated works
	Decision: Details Pursuant Discharged On Application
Web link: 10/01255/FULL	

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Planning Applications

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	Reference: 10/01806/ADVERT Advertising Consent Registered 25/11/10
	Address: Land at NGR 284419 99506, (The Red Deer), Exeter Road, Crediton, Devon
	Description: Advertisement consent to display 7 externally illuminated signs; 2 externally illuminated twin post signs; 1 internally illuminated lantern on bracket and 1 non illuminated plaque
	Web link: 10/01806/ADVERT
Objection – 10 illuminated signs and 1 unilluminated is far too much and should be reduced to a more appropriate level of signage.	

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SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 7 DECEMBER 2010

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

Nil

Planning Applications

APPLICATION	<p>Type – Application</p> <p>Reference: 10/01814/FULL Application Registered 25/11/10 Address: 6 New Spurways, Lennard Road, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2AP Description: Formation of hardstanding for disabled vehicular parking and erection of retaining wall</p> <p>Web link: 10/01814/FULL</p> <p>No Objections -</p>
APPLICATION	<p>Type – Application</p> <p>Reference: 10/01861/FULL Application Registered 25/11/10 Address: Penbeagle, George Hill, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2DS Description: Erection of conservatory and balcony over flat roof</p> <p>Web link: 10/01861/FULL</p> <p>No Objections</p>

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