



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 7 June 2011

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr F Letch (Part Meeting) Mrs A Hughes Mr T Connell Mr M Szabo
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr R Adams (Part Meeting)
	Clerk	Mr M Ashley
	Public	1 Allotment Association Representative 5 Public
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AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Election of Committee Chairman**
Councillor Joyce Harris was elected unopposed and unanimously as the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- 2. Election of Committee Vice-Chairman**
Councillor Anne Hughes was elected unopposed as the Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- 3. Apologies**
Councillor E Brookes Hocking for personal reasons.
- 4. Declarations of Interest**

Personal	Councillor Hughes	Minute 14b: Journey TCS Donation Request
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- 5. Public Question Time**
None.
- 6. Meeting Management**
The Chairman announced that members of the public wishing to make representations concerning allotments would be able to participate in that agenda item.
- 7. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements**
None.
- 8. General Purposes Committee Minutes**
The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5 April 2011 were received and approved as a correct record.
- 9. Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.
- 10. Floral Credition Working Group**
 - The meeting notes of the Floral Credition Working Group meeting held on 13 May 2011 were received and noted as a correct record.
 - The recommendations of the Floral Credition Working Group were approved.
- 11. Peoples' Park & Scout Memorial Gardens Working Group**
 - The meeting notes of the Peoples' Park & Scout Memorial Gardens Working Group

held on 24 May 2011 were received and noted as a correct record.

- b) The recommendations of the Peoples' Park & Scout Memorial Gardens Working Group were approved.

Councillor Letch left the meeting

12. Allotments

Councillor Adams entered the meeting

- a) *Clerks Report on the Allotments*

The Clerk updated members on current issues, vacancies and the present state of the waiting list and other issues, including progress on surfacing the ramped entrance to the Barnfield site and the condition of the main gate at the Barnfield site. The Clerk was requested to find out about the cost of a replacement gate.

- b) *Allotment Association and Tenants Issues*

An allotment holder at Exhibition Road raised the issue of the broken tap at his allotment site and emphasised that the lack of rain over recent weeks coupled with the single tap on the site was having a very detrimental effect upon the tenants crops. A representative of the Allotment Association informed the Committee that he had obtained quotations from some engineering companies that provide suitable push action taps for the allotments. He also reported that the tap on the Barnfield site, nearest to Barnfield, does not work properly.

- c) *Proposals For Replacement Water Supply Fittings*

A proposal by Councillor Adams was received suggesting the broken tap at Exhibition Road not be replaced and instead a small agricultural style trough, such as Exeter City Council use, be installed. One of the allotment tenants and the Allotment Association representative, on behalf of the Association, both strongly opposed this suggestion on the grounds of safety, especially for young families, reliability and the liability of the ball-valves freezing open, thus leading to flooding and also that tenants had already previously stated their preference for taps.

The Committee, therefore, agreed that the broken taps should be replaced, the one in Exhibition Road as the priority. The Allotment Association suggested that they could replace the other taps, although this would take some preparation. As it was understood that informal discussions as to the Association removing all the taps during the winter had taken already taken place, it was agreed to request the Allotment Association formally consider making such a proposal.

13. Planning

- a) *Planning Decisions*

The Planning Decisions were noted.

Councillor Adams left the meeting.

- 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 7 June 2011*

Nil

- d) *Development Management Development Plan Document*

The District Councils Development Management Development Plan Document was received for consideration. Also, tabled, a report and proposed responses on the issues and options questionnaire was received from Councillor Brookes-Hocking. On consideration of the report, it was agreed to submit the report from Councillor Brookes-Hocking in full. Members also agreed with her that the language of the District Council's report was "fairly impenetrable". Members also formally thanked Councillor Brookes-Hocking for her efforts on this issue.

14. Finance

a) The Schedule of Accounts, Cheque numbers 3274 to 3284 totalling £12,089.87, was approved.

b) *Journey Therapeutic Counselling Service donation request*
Councillor Hughes declared a personal interest.

A donation of £250- pounds was agreed by the Committee although there was some concern over the status of the organisation and its eligibility for a grant. The donation was therefore conditional on establishing the eligibility of Journey to receive the grant.

15. NALC Consultations

a) *Regulations under the Sustainable Communities Act 2008.*

The consultation document on regulations under the Sustainable Communities Act 2008 was received and noted. Members made no comments.

b) *Consultation on proposals to relax the planning rules for change of use from commercial to residential.*

The consultation document on proposals to relax the planning rules for change of use from commercial to residential was received and noted. Members felt that this appeared to be a good idea generally, as long as the development was appropriate to the location and that local council planning departments have the final say so that there is some form of local control over unsuitable develop.

16. Property

a) *War Memorial, Bus Shelter, Boniface Statue & Bandstand*

The clerk reported the completion of the works to the War Memorial, War Memorial Bus Shelter, Boniface Statue and Bandstand.

b) *Farmers' Market Stall*

The Clerk reported that the table for the Council's Farmers' Market stall had been purchased and that the Council was using one of the empty stall pitches.

17. Request to Use the Town Seal

The request by the Crediton Running Network to use the Crediton Town Seal was approved.

AGENDA (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

18. Meeting and Mayor's Surgery Dates

a) The proposed meeting dates for Town Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups for 2011-12 was recommended for approval.

b) The Mayor had left the meeting and this item was deferred.

19. Mary Michael Pilgrims' Way

The letter and briefing document from the Mary and Michael Pilgrims' Way project was received and noted. Members expressed their support for the project and its aims.

20. Sustainable Crediton – Climate Change Seminar

The invitation from Sustainable Crediton to hold a climate change seminar for the Town Council was received and noted however members were a little unclear as to the purpose and utility of such an event in light of the amount of information available to them. It was agreed to recommend inviting representatives of Sustainable Crediton to attend a future Council meeting to provide further details before deciding whether to go ahead with such a seminar.

21. Market Street Loading Bay

The loading bay and parking restrictions on Market Street adjacent to Market Square House were considered and members felt that it was the placing and lack of signage that was causing the problem. It was recommended that the Council write to the County Council to request an additional sign on Market Square House between the Post Office and the new coffee shop.

22. Correspondence Received

1. East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – Letter: Local Action Groups Community Safety Issues & Problem Solving.
2. MDDC – Fire Action Notice: Action in the event of MDDC staff not being present.
3. Alzheimer's Society – Letter: The Big Collection; 27 – 28 May 2011.
4. BlackRock Investment Management – Statement: Peoples' Park Charity Statement. *(Future agenda item but not a priority)*
5. Handicare/Age Uk – e-mail: Referral Partner scheme. *(Future Agenda Item?)*
6. Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – Minutes: Meeting of 12 May 2011.
7. MDDC – e-mail: Request for a bench in Newcombes Meadow. *(Potential future Agenda Item)*
8. Dept. of Communities & Local Government – Letter: Geographic Information Group outlook on Public Sector Mapping Agreement.
9. SW in Bloom – Letter: Confirmation of judging dates.
10. The Hon. Mel Stride MP – Letter: Rural Broadband update, including speech transcript.
11. Crediton Fairtrade Partnership – e-mail: Thank you for donation.
12. Crediton Arts Centre – Letter: Complimentary Tickets for theatre in the Square in thanks for donation.
13. CTC – e-mail: Insurance claim for Bus Shelter glass & bandstand paving slabs.
14. Cllr Downes – e-mail: MDDC Planning Officer attendance at Link Road application meeting.
15. CHAT – Letter: Thank you for donation & local activities update.
16. CTAG – Letter: CTAG's responses to the Access Groups request to raise issues with Town Council. *(Future Agenda Item)*
17. Pure Systems – e-mail: Response to CTC cookies enquiry.
18. Forestry Commission – Letter: Funding Application; Peoples' Park not successful.
19. M.Delve – Letter: Bus timetables and routes. *(Potentially a future Agenda Item for the Peoples' Park & Scout Memorial Gardens Working Group)*

Information –

1. East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – Newsletter: Spring 2011.
2. Local Government Group – Newsletter: May 2011.
3. DCC – Emergency Management Newsletter: June 2011.
4. QECC – Newsletter: May 2011.

Business Brought Forward

23. The Condition of Alexandra Road and Alexandra Way

Councillor Szabo reported that the weeds had re-established in these roads and should be dealt with before the judging for South West in Bloom took place. He believed it had been some four years since these had last been sprayed. It was suggested that the commercial business volunteers could be used for this sort of clearing up and that members should individually provide recommended areas around town to be addressed.

Meeting closed at approximately 20:29

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

Crediton Town Council

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 7 JUNE 2011

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	<p>Type – Decision</p> <p>Reference: 11/00709/LBC Listed Building Consent Address: The Maisonette 108 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF Description: Listed Building Consent for change of use of 3 ground floor rooms from veterinary surgery to residential Decision: Listed Building Consent not required</p> <p>Web link: 11/00709/LBC</p>
DECISION	<p>Type – Decision</p> <p>Reference: 11/00462/FULL Full planning application Address: 108 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF Description: Conversion of upper floor maisonette into 2 flats; erection of staircase enclosure following demolition of rear extension and installation of cloakroom on ground floor Decision: Grant permission</p> <p>Web link: 11/00462/FULL</p>

DECISION

Type – Decision

Reference: **11/00465/LBC** Listed Building Consent
Address: 108 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF
Description: Listed Building Consent for the conversion of upper floor maisonette into 2 flats: erection of staircase enclosure following demolition of rear extension and installation of cloakroom on ground floor
Decision: **Grant permission**
Web link: 11/00465/LBC

DECISION

Type – Decision

Reference: **11/00475/ADVERT** Consent to Display an Advertisement
Address: The Red Deer Joseph Locke Way Exeter Road Crediton Devon EX17 3FD
Description: Advertisement consent to display 2 fascia and 7 other various illuminated and non-illuminated signs
Decision: **Grant permission**
Web link: 11/00475/ADVERT

DECISION

Type – Decision

Reference: **11/00509/FULL** Full planning application
Address: The Red Deer Joseph Locke Way Crediton Devon EX17 3FD
Description: Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 10/01255/FULL to substitute Drawing Number SPP.1592.1 Rev B with Drawing Number SPP.1592.2B to incorporate the provision of a play area
Decision: **Grant permission**
Web link: 11/00509/FULL

DECISION

Type – Decision

Reference: **11/00509/FULL** Full planning application, registered 04/04/2011
Address: The Red Deer, Joseph Locke Way, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3FD
Description: Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 10/01255/FULL to substitute Drawing Number SPP.1592.1 Rev B with Drawing Number SPP.1592.2B to incorporate the provision of a play area
Decision: **Grant permission**
Web link: [11/00509/FULL](#)

DECISION

Type – Decision

Reference: **11/00493/CLP** Certificate of Lawful Use, registered 01/04/2011
Address: 9 Chapel Downs Drive Crediton Devon EX17 2ED
Description: Replace existing dormer flat roof with lean-to roof, raise chimney height and installation of photovoltaic panels
Decision: **Grant permission**
Web link: [11/00493/FULL](#)

DECISION

Type – Decision

Reference: **11/00441/FULL** Full planning application, registered 01/04/2011
Address: Milk Link Processing Ltd, Church Lane, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2AH
Description: Erection of covered loading area/chilled hub (Revised Scheme)
Decision: **Grant permission**
Web link: [1100441/FULL](#)

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 11/00453/FULL Full planning application, registered 04/04/2011
	Address: Fermaine, Threshers, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3NL
	Description: Erection of a two storey extension following demolition of existing store/sun room and erection of double garage
	Decision: Grant permission
Web link: 11/00453/FULL	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 11/00517/CLP Certificate of Lawful Use, registered 05/05/2011
	Address: 2 The Mannings, Downeshead Lane, Crediton, Devon
	Description: Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a conservatory in accordance with submitted plans/drawings.
	Decision: Grant permission
Web link: N/A	

Planning Applications

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	Reference: 11/00723/FULL Full planning application, registered 09/05/2011
	Address: 36 Greenway Crediton Devon EX17 3LP
	Description: Erection of two-storey and single-storey extensions
	Web link: 11/00723/FULL
Approved -	

APPLICATION**Type – Application**

Reference: **11/00708/FULL** Full planning application, registered 18/05/2011
Address: The Maisonette 108 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF
Description: Change of use of 3 ground floor rooms from veterinary surgery to residential

Web link: [11/00708/FULL](#)

Approved -

APPLICATION**Type – Application**

Reference: **11/00740/FULL** Full planning application, registered 25/05/2011
Address: Moose Hall Bowden Hill Crediton Devon EX17 3EJ
Description: Hip to gable roof extension, insertion of windows and rooflights to form self contained flat

Web link: [11/00740/FULL](#)

Approved -

APPLICATION**Type – Application**

Reference: **11/00775/FULL** Full planning application, registered 27/05/2011
Address: Peck and Strong Unit 2 Marsh Lane Lords Meadow Industrial Estate Crediton Devon EX17 1ES
Description: Installation of 228 photovoltaic panels to roof

Web link: [11/00775/FULL](#)

Approved -