



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 1 March 2001

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr F Letch Mrs A Hughes
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr J Downes
	Clerk	Mr M Ashley
	Public	4 (1 Allotment Association Representative & 2 Representatives of the Summer in the Square Event)
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AGENDA ITEMS

160. Apologies

Councillor E Brookes Hocking and Councillor T Connell for personal reasons.

161. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillor Downes	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.
Prejudicial	Councillor Downes	Minute 168: Summer Events Donation.

162. Presentation by Journey Therapeutic Counselling

The Counselling Co-Ordinator of Journey Therapeutic Counselling gave a brief presentation on the services provided and answered members questions. It was noted that the service was located in the Manse next to the Congregational Church and sessions were currently being provided on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as well as Monday evenings but that it was hoped to expand this. The service is provided at a low voluntary donation for local people over 13 years old, dealing with a variety of issues. It was also noted that the service was accepting NHS referrals, often with much reduced waiting times over the NHS itself.

163. Public Question Time

A resident of Barnfield asked members about the situation with regard to the reduced levels of street cleaning in the town. Members re-emphasised the Council's concern over the reduction in service due to the fall in staff numbers deployed and the reduction in machinery available and stressed that the Council had already expressed it's views to the District Council on a number of occasions. The Committee asked the District Council ward member present to raise the issue at the District Council.

164. Meeting Management

It was agreed to advance Item 16, Summer Events Donation Request forward to after Mattes Arising and it was further agreed to bring Item 11, Allotments forward, both for the convenience of members of the public participating in these items.

165. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Council Chairman announced his attendance at the forthcoming District Council Chairman's civic lunch at Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme.

166. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 1 February 2011 were received and approved as a correct record.

167. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

168. Summer In The Square Event; Donation Request

There were two separate donation requests made and presentations given by a representative of the event Steering Committee for assistance with the scaffolding for the event and also by the Arts Centre Youth Theatre for a Primary Schools' performance project for the event.

Cllr Downes Declared a Prejudicial interest, gave a short representation in support of the requests & left meeting for duration of debate.

Members emphasised the points made in the presentations, namely the benefit to the town as a whole of using the unique space of the square, as well as the large number of local organisations involved in providing events and performances. It was noted that the District Council in previous years had waived the booking fee for the use of the square and members hoped that this would be the case this year.

- a) It was recommended that the Arts Centre be awarded a Five Hundred pound donation towards the Youth Theatre project from the Youth Donations budget.
- b) It was recommended that the Steering Committee be awarded a Five Hundred pound donation towards the erection of the scaffolding from unallocated reserves.
- c) It was further recommended that the proposed Grants Sub-Committee consider making a bi-annual allocation to support this event.

The Summer Events Representatives left the meeting.

169. Allotments

- a) 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.
- b) A representative of the Allotment Association requested that the Council consider the provision of a manure lay-down facility at the entrance to the Exhibition Road site. Members agreed that he should go ahead and price the proposal for further consideration.

The Allotment Association representative left the meeting.

170. Peoples' Park and Scout Memorial Gardens Working Group Meeting Report

- a) The meeting notes from the Peoples' Park & Scout Memorial Working Group meeting of Tuesday 22 February 2011 were received and noted.
- b) The recommendations of the PP&SMG WG were approved.

171. 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 1 March 2011*
None.

172. Devon & Somerset Fire Service Corporate Plan Consultation

The draft Corporate Plan from the Devon and Somerset Fire Service was received and noted. Members supported the draft plan and noted the service's efforts to maintain service levels in the face of recently imposed funding cuts.

173. Big Society –Blueprints for Devon

The Big Society Blueprints for Devon from the Community Council of Devon were received and noted. Members made no further comments or recommendations to Council.

174. Mid Devon District Council Green Infrastructure Strategy Consultation

The District Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy Consultation document was received and noted. Members made no further comments or recommendations to Council.

AGENDA (items for discussion and recommendation)

175. Closure of County Council Registrar Service in Crediton

It was agreed to defer this item to the arrival of the County Ward Member who, it was believed, would have more information.

176. Public Rights of Way; Footpath 5; Crediton Hamlets

The Clerk updated members on the situation as outlined by the Public Rights of Way Officer and was asked to pass the details to Councillor Nation, the sponsoring member for this item.

177. Closure of County Council Registrar Service in Crediton

As the County Ward member had not arrived, this item was debated by members present. Members expressed concern over the complete closure of this service to make what appeared to be minimal cost savings and stressed that one registrar session per week in Crediton would be better than complete removal of the facility if cuts had to be made. It was also emphasised that the removal of this service struck at the most vulnerable in society as it was very difficult for many to get to Tiverton or Exeter at present on public transport and that already tortuous journeys were likely to get much worse with the looming public transport service cuts. It was felt that it was not terribly sympathetic to force transportless, possibly elderly residents to make very difficult journeys to register a death. It was recommended that the Council write to the Devon Registrar Service to question the justification for complete removal of the service, to express the Council's concerns and to request consideration for retaining a reduced level of service.
Councillor Downes left the meeting.

178. Correspondence Received

Correspondence

1. Creedy LAG – Notification: Next CLAG meeting; Wednesday 16 March 2011.
2. Historical Promotions & Event Management – e-mail: St George's Day Medieval Proposal 2011.
3. Rt. Hon. Mel Stride MP – Letter & Poster: How residents can contact their MP.
4. Crediton Farmers' Market/Cllr D.Nation – e-mails: Use of Banners in High Street to advertise Farmers' Market.
5. DCC – e-mail: Response to Town Council Highways Issues Various"; Dean St Speed zoning; High St. Disabled Parking Bay & Thresher's Bus Stop marking.
6. DCC – Letter: Local Government Pension Scheme; Request to complete Annual Return. *(Passed to MDDC Payroll)*
7. Pure Systems Ltd. – Agreement: Website Support Quotation.
8. DALC – Letter: Nomination form for Buckingham Palace Garden Parties.
9. Rt. Hon. Bob Neill MP; DC& LG – Letter: Public Access to Meetings.

Information

1. MDDC – Summons: Agenda MDDC Council Meeting – 23 February 2011.
2. MDDC – Notice of Motion: Agenda Item MDDC Council Meeting – 23 February 2011.

Business Brought Forward

179. Office Staff Leave

The Clerk informed members that with the end of the leave year approaching all staff members would be ensuring that they would be taking any outstanding leave subject to staffing the office and servicing the Council and its meetings. This may mean the office would not be staffed during normal office hours outside of the publicly open days.

Meeting closed at approximately 20:13.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

Crediton Town Council

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 1 MARCH 2011

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/00836/FULL
	Address: 2 Longmeadows Crediton Devon EX17 1DU
	Description: Erection of dwelling following demolition of detached garage and erection of single storey extension to 2 Longmeadows (Revised scheme)
	Decision: Details Pursuant
Web link: 10/00836/FULL	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/01801/OUT
	Address: Land off Hawkins Way, Lords Meadow Industrial Estate, Crediton, Devon
	Description: Outline Application for the erection of 3 dwellings and 6 flats and formation of access.
	Decision: Application Refused
Web link: 10/01801/OUT	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/01899/CAT Works to Trees in a Conservation Area
	Address: Gothic Cottage Parliament Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BP
	Description: Notification of intention to fell 1 Willow and 1 Apple tree within a Conservation Area
	Decision: No Objection
Web link: 10/01899/CAT	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 11/00079/CAT Works to Trees in a Conservation Area
	Address: Ivy Cottage St Lawrence Drive Crediton Devon EX17 3LT
	Description: Notification of intention to reduce the height of 2 Leyland trees and reduce the height of 1 multi-stemmed Bay Laurel tree
	Decision: No Objection
Web link: 11/00079/CAT	

Planning Applications -

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	Reference: 11/00159/FULL Full planning application, registered 21/02/2011
	Address: Leapfrogs Nursery School, East Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AX
	Description: Erection of a canopy (Revised scheme)
	Web link: 11/00159/FULL
Approved -	