



**Crediton Open Space  
Committee Meeting,  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017, at 4:00 pm**



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**Present:** Cllr Frank Letch (Chairman), Cllr Heather Sansom, Laura Conyngham, Kendra Ezekiel, Clare Dalley and Cllr Liz Brookes-Hocking (part meeting)

**21 To receive and accept apologies.**

No apologies were received.

**22 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Letch declared that as a member of more than one authority 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.

**23 Crediton Open Space Committee Minutes – To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Crediton Open Space Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.** It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Crediton Open Space Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017, as a correct record.

**24 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**25 To review the Peoples Park Wildlife Area project and agree any further actions required, including the following:**

- **Installation of large logs cut into discs**

Kendra advised she had another client who had a felled tree and large logs cut into discs would be available. It was **resolved** for Clare to contact Ross Andrews and ask him if he would liaise with Kendra regarding their relocation to the wildlife area.

- **Possible removal of the laurel hedge**

Quotations had been issued with the agenda. It was noted the Committee did not have sufficient budget to commission this work. It was **resolved** to recommend to full Council for Urban and Rural Tree Services to be instructed to undertake the removal of the laurel hedge at a cost of £530 plus VAT, with the money being taken from the Council's General Fund. It was agreed for Clare to liaise with the neighbouring property regarding the works and for it not to be carried out until October when bird nesting season has finished.

- **Future tidy up and planting days**

It was **resolved** for future planting and tidy up days to be as follows:

- 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017, starting at 10.00 am
- 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017, starting at 10.00 am

Several members raised concerns regarding the amount of leaves and debris over the steps adjacent to the wildlife area. This is a hazard to anyone using the steps. It was **resolved** for Clare to request Hooper Services, the Council's Grounds Maintenance Contractors, to clear the steps on a monthly basis, with the work being added to the Peoples Park grounds maintenance contract.

**26 To receive an update on the following items and agree any actions required.**

- **The leet and land which runs adjacent to the road owned by Tesco**

Clare advised that Mid Devon District Council will not consider putting a bin in this area until their review is completed.

Clare advised that Emma had spoken to Andrew Drayton, Tesco Community Champion, and he had no knowledge of the Bio-Blitz.

- **The public consultation on proposals to install fitness equipment on the tarmac area in front of Newcombes Meadow**

The findings of the public consultation were issued with the agenda and discussed by members. It was agreed that there was insufficient support for fitness equipment.

Discussion ensued about how the space in front of the toilets could be used and Clare asked if this item could be put on hold for the following couple of months. Discussions are taking place between Mid Devon District Council and Crediton Town Council regarding the future ownership of the Newcombes Meadow toilet building. She advised that once the ownership of the building had been settled the Committee will be in a better position to consider how the space in front of it can be used. It was **resolved** to put this item on hold for the next few months.

Clare advised that Sport England do not fund fixed equipment.

- **The transfer of Fulda Crescent, Spinning Path Gardens and Greenway play areas**

Clare confirmed the transfer took place on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017, and Spinningpath Gardens and Greenway play areas have been added to the Council's maintenance schedules. It was **resolved** for the Council to issue a press release promoting the transfer of the play areas and advising the public that the Council will be contacting residents for their views on the future of the areas. It was further **resolved** for members of this Committee, and the Council's Property & Allotment Committee, to visit the areas in readiness for discussions regarding their future maintenance and possible development as public amenity spaces.

Liz Brookes-Hocking arrived at 4.25 pm

**27 To discuss this Committee's future aims and objectives in order for them to be included in Crediton Town Council's 5 Year Strategic Plan.**

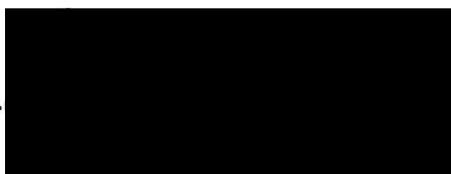
It was **resolved** to include a scheme to 'Oxygenate Crediton' by

- making areas within the Town user friendly and incorporating an environmental element such as planting more trees and shrubs to absorb carbon dioxide.
- where possible adding landscape areas to the Lords Meadow Industrial Estate by working with local businesses.

**28 Close**

The meeting closed at 4.35 pm

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Dated... 12/09/2017