



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 19 February, 2008

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr W Brown Mr N Way (part meeting) Mr R Adams Mrs E Brookes-Hocking Mr D Nation Mr R Wright Mr F Letch
In Attendance:	Assistant Clerk Press	Mr M Ashley 2

AGENDA ITEMS

207. Apologies

- Councillor Hughes (personal commitment).
- Councillor Downes (personal commitment).
- Councillor Finnegan (personal commitment).
- Councillor Sansom (due to ill health).
- Councillors Way was delayed due to other commitments.

208. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 220 Market Square traffic management
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 225 Town Square Usage
Personal	Councillor Brookes-Hocking	Minute 215b Applications 08/00188/FULL and 08/00209/FULL
Personal	Councillor Brookes-Hocking	Minute 220 Market Square traffic management
Prejudicial	Councillor Brookes-Hocking	Minute 225 Town Square Usage
Prejudicial	Councillor Brown	Minute 223 Funding – Community Transport
Personal	Councillor Wright	Minute 220 Market Square traffic management
Prejudicial	Councillor Wright	Minute 223 Funding – Community Transport
Personal	Councillor Wright	Minute 225 Town Square Usage
Prejudicial	Councillor Adams	Minute 224 Sponsored Litter Bins
Code of Conduct	Councillors Nation Way Wright	As members 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.

209. Public Question Time

None

210. Chairman's Announcements

None

211. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 22 January 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

212. Matters Arising

Minute 181: a member reminded the Council that the new staff announced by PCSO Pilling at Crediton Police Station are not an increase in staffing levels, but a return to the previous numbers.

Minute 181e: It was reported that the information requested from the developers representative was on its way to the Council. It was also noted that Members were not in favour of development at Chapel Downs as reported in the press, merely identifying this as another option.

Minute 194: Councillor Brookes-Hocking reported on the offer of Local Authority Publishing of 6 years of guides, updated bi-annually, of 3,000 copies each, but with an additional 500 copies for the Crediton 2009 Festival. Councillor Nation asked for his thanks to Councillor Brookes-Hocking be recorded.

213. General Purposes Committee Minutes

a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 05 February 2008 were received and noted.

b) The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee held on 05 February 2008 were approved.

214. Matters Arising

Minute 70(7): Councillor Nation reported that he had attended the Devon NHS PCT meeting, although there was little concrete information on the results of the strategic review.

Minute 71: It was noted this should read "...Saturday Afternoon."

215. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions*

Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

b) *Planning Applications*

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

c) *Items for Determination*

None.

d) *MDDC Consultation on draft Supplementary Planning Document; Public Open Space Funding.*

The draft consultation document was received and noted.

216. Finance

a) *Schedule of Accounts*

The schedule of accounts, numbers 002764 to 002770 amounting to £3,812.23 was approved.

It was reported that the contractor had been instructed to take greater care to minimise weed killer damage in People's Park, as noted by Councillor Nation previously.

b) *Donation Requests*

None.

217. Allotments

a) The Assistant Clerk reported that there were currently 2 allotments vacant, both of which should be re-let shortly.

b) Further delay was reported on the plot numbering project whilst awaiting delivery of the posts. As at the time of the meeting, they had not arrived at Tucker's.

Councillor Way entered.

- c) The e-mail from the Boniface Allotments Association was noted. Members expressed concern at the issues raised and the disquiet obviously felt by the Association. It was also noted that Association volunteers would no longer be able to help with the post numbering work. Members agreed to write, under the Mayor's signature, to the Association to assure them of the value the Council places upon them and empathising with their predicament over the issues raised by them.

218. Town Council Representatives' Reports

- a) Council Representatives' Reports:

Councillor Letch reported on the BTCV work on the steps of Footpath 29, St Saviours Way up to QECC Lower School, and remarked on the good job they did.

It was reported in response to a Member's enquiry, that resurfacing Footpath 1, St Saviours Way to Landscore, is the priority project for the next financial year.

Councillor Wright reported on the events of the Crediton Climate Action Group Open Day.

Members were informed that the Fairtrade Café Crawl will be taking place on Saturday 23 February 2008 as part of the Crediton Fairtrade Fortnight.

- b) The Minutes of the Police Liaison Meeting of 06 February 2008 was received and noted. Members were informed that Sergeant Twigg will be discussing the issues associated with young drivers at the next Chamber of Commerce and Community Safety Group meetings.

Councillor Brown expressed concern over the issue of speeding on Jockey Hill, especially in the vicinity of the pedestrian access to the bungalows at the top on the East side. Councillor Brown requested a future agenda item.

- c) The Minutes of the Crediton CCTV Group Meeting of 15 January 2008 was received and noted. It was reported that the Chair of the Group was seeking sources of funding for expanding the system. It was emphasised that the CCTV Group was an advisory body and must defer to the final decisions of the Town Council.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

219. Committee Membership

- a) The review of appointments to Council Committees and Sub-Committees was deferred due to the absence of the new Councillor, Councillor Hughes. It was agreed, however, to invite Councillor Hughes to join the General Purposes Committee.
- b) Members considered the requirement to create a Floral Crediton Working Group. It was agreed to set up the group consisting Councillors Harris, Letch and Brookes-Hocking. An initial meeting date of Monday 25 February 2008 was agreed to lay out skeleton planning and budgeting before advertising for public engagement. It was emphasised that other local organisations, such as the Allotment Association and the Chamber of Commerce, should be involved.
- c) Members considered the desirability of creating a Town Plan Working Group. It was agreed to set up the Group consisting of Councillors Brookes-Hocking and Nation and invite Councillor Downes to join.
- d) The resignation of Councillor Downes as the Council's Twinning Association representative was noted. The Assistant Clerk believed Councillor Hughes was prepared to accept this responsibility and members agreed to invite Councillor Hughes to represent the Council on the Twinning Association.

220. Market Street Traffic Management (item requested by Councillor Downes)

This item was deferred due to the absence of the requesting member.

221. High Street Trees (item requested by Councillor Downes)

This item was deferred due to the absence of the requesting member.

222. Lords Meadow Leisure Centre

A Ward Member updated members on the outline of the two extant bids to run the leisure Centre, namely DC Leisure Management and Sports and Leisure Management, (SLM),

Ltd as well as the bidders event. It was also explained to the Council how the evaluation decision process would work and concern was expressed, especially by Ward Members, over the lack of input allowed from District Councillors by this process.

223. MDDC Review of Grants (item requested by Councillor Way)

Councillors Brown and Wright declared Prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

Councillor Way updated members on the result of MDDC grant awards for the forthcoming year with respect of the grant to the Crediton Area Community Transport Group. Concern was expressed over the very different grant allocations and partnering arrangements between Tiverton and Crediton despite the symmetry of their applications. Councillors were concerned that the one year funding package and lack of strategic partnership would negatively impact the groups ability to raise funds with a possible perception of unreliability or funding weakness. It was understood that no reasons had been given for the differentials and members therefore agreed to write to MDDC asking for an explanation and also to request strategic partnership with the District Council in a similar vein to Tiverton.

Councillor Nation informed members that the issue will be referred to a working group of the MDDC Scrutiny Committee, although the Committee had no more information concerning the award of grants than the Town Council at present.

224. Litter Bins

Councillor Adams declared a Prejudicial Interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

Councillor Wright updated members on the project to install sponsored letter bins in People's Park and at Upper Deck. It was noted that one sponsor had pulled out and that the Council would have to fund the fifth bin from the Street Furniture Allocation. The Council is also paying for the sponsorship signs on the bins. The member tabled the designs and indicated the planned locations of the bins to which there were no objections.

Councillor Adams re-entered the meeting.

Councillor Wright additionally reported that a landscaper had met himself and the Town Clerk and was going to provide an initial proposal for renovating the Scout Memorial Gardens. A future agenda item was therefore requested.

225. Town Square usage (item requested by Councillor Finnegan)

This item was deferred due to the absence of the requesting member.

226. Correspondence Received

1. DCC - e mail:- Exeter's Unitary Status update.
2. EU inforegio news - Newsletter:- December 2007.
3. I & DeA - e-mail:- Newlsetter January 2008.
4. Cllr.Nation - e-mail:- East St. Flats door security query. *Currently being dealt with by District Council Officers.*
5. CCD - Information flyer:- Devon Communities in Action.
6. CCD - Letter:- Devon Association of Community Buildings; Access Project.
7. SLCC - e-mail:- Guidance on EU Parish Polls.
8. MDDC - Copy of Grant of William Brewer, Bishop of Exeter, in favour of the Men of Crediton.
9. EU inforegio - Gender Mainstreaming and Regional Development.
10. DCC - Notification of Road Closure:- Alexandra Rd. 18 - 23 Feb.'08.
11. DCC - Cancellation of Road Closure:- Westwood Rd. - 10 Mar.'08
12. Information Commissioners Office - Confirmation of renewal of Registration.
13. Communities & Local Govt. - Guidance Notes:- Sustainable Communities Act 2007.
14. DAPC - Letter & Agenda:- Larger Councils Sub Committee; Thurs. 21 Feb. 2008.
15. Town Clerk - e-mail:- correspondence with Consensus re. Red Hill Cross.

16. Local Authority Publishing - Crediton Town Guide & Map.
17. Involve - Meeting Agenda:- 21 Feb. 2008.
18. Crediton & District Access Group - Newsletter:- Feb. 2008.
19. MDDC - Letter:- Site visit to Application 07/02064/FULL, Barnfield. Councillor Brookes-Hocking was appointed as the Town Council's representative.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

227. Parking Survey

It was reported that the survey was complete but that the report had yet to be written. The lead officer from Devon County Council has recommended meeting the Town Council to present on the results. It was agreed that Councillor Way and the Assistant Clerk should liaise with the officer to organise the date and nature of this meeting. It was also indicated that the Link Road study report may also be available at the same time.

228. Union Terrace Bench

It was reported by Councillor Adams that there had once been a bench seat at the junction of Union Terrace, Park Street and Barnfield according to a constituent. A future agenda item was requested.

Meeting closed at 09:09 pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 19/02/08

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type - Appeal Against Refusal					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00718/OUT (12/02/08)	John Cummings Altaso Threshers Crediton Devon EX17 3NL		Land at NGR 282011 100555 Western Road Crediton Devon	Outline for the erection of 4 dwellings with associated parking	Mr Jeremy Ebdon
DECISION	Type - Application Approved					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/02341/LBC (18/12/07)	Rob Watson 18 Dean Street Crediton Devon EX17 3EN		The Greenhouse 2A Lower Pannier Market Crediton EX17 3EN	Listed Building Consent for internal alterations	Miss Tina Maryan
DECISION	Type - Application Approved					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/02373/FULL (02/01/08)	Mr S Reed C/o Mr W Porritt Bargains Farm Spreyton Crediton EX17 5AL		The Bungalow Charlotte Street Crediton Devon EX17 3BE	Erection of 2 dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling	Mr Delwyn Matthews

Planning Applications

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00231/CAT (07/02/08)	Mrs J Stewart Garth Searle Street Crediton EX17 2DB	Mr H Enderson Greygarth Buller Road Crediton	Garth Searle Street Crediton EX17 2DB	Notification of intention to carry out works to 2 Eucalyptus and 1 Magnolia within the Conservation Area	Miss Tina Maryan
	Approved - The Council expressed concern that the pruning of the Magnolia tree would be done sympathetically as it is a magnificent example when in bloom.					
APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00214/FULL (06/02/08)	Mr & Mrs Thresher 13 Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon EX17 2HB	Mr W Porritt Bargains Spreyton Crediton EX17 2AT	13 Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon EX17 2HB	Proposed levelling of garden to form terrace	Mr Keith Garside
	No Objection - Subject to the Planning Authority being satisfied that there is no undue adverse impact on neighbouring properties.					

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00209/FULL (06/02/08)	Dr & Mrs A Butler Broadclose Western Road Crediton Devon EX17 3NF	Bill Masztalerz Chapterhouse Design 47 Lansdowne Woodwater Lane Exeter EX2 5AR	Broadclose Western Road Crediton Devon EX17 3NF	Erection of first floor extension	Miss Tina Maryan
	Approved -					

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00190/FULL (06/02/08)	Mr & Mrs Huda 45 Threshers Crediton EX17 3JJ		45 Threshers Crediton Devon EX17 3JJ	Erection of two storey extension	Miss Tina Maryan
	No Objection - Subject to the Planning Authority being satisfied that there is no undue adverse impact on neighbouring properties' amenities.					

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00188/FULL (06/02/08)	Ms L M Findlay Yule Cottage Parliament Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BP	Mr I S Cornwall Yule Cottage Parliament Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BP	Yule Cottage Parliament Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BP	Erection of single storey extension (Revised Scheme)	Miss Tina Maryan
	Approved -					

Type - Application

Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
08/00134/FULL (06/02/08)	Mr D Gorrett D & F HIAB Haulage Units 3 & 4 Thorn Park Lords Meadow Ind. Park Crediton EX17 1EU	The Bazeley Partnership Efford Farm Business Park Vicarage Road Bude Cornwall EX23 8LT	D & F HIAB Haulage Units 3 and 4 Thorne Park Marsh Road Lords Meadow Industrial Estate Crediton Devon EX17 1HS	Erection of office, canteen and warehouse	Miss Tina Maryan

Approved -