



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16 February 2010

Present:	Councillors	Mr F Letch (Council Chairman) Miss J Harris Mr T Connell Mr W Brown Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr P Finnegan Mr B Wright Mr R Adams Mr N Way (Part Meeting) Mr D Nation (Part Meeting)
In Attendance:	MDDC Chairman Locum Clerk Press	Mr F Rosamond Mr P Dunn 1

AGENDA ITEMS

217. Apologies

Ms A Hughes (personal).

Mr J Downes (personal).

218. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Nation	Minute 234: Local resident
Code of Conduct	Councillors Wright, Way, & Nation	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.

219. Public Question Time

There being no public present, the opportunity was taken to welcome District Chairman Councillor Rosamond and the following issues were discussed:-

- District Council reaction to the proposed unitary authority for Exeter.
- Whether the District would support the County Council in any efforts to overturn the decision for a unitary Exeter.
- The District's Town and Parish Council (TPC) survey which resulted in a number of actions to improve communication between TPCs and the District. Councillor Rosamond stated it appeared the Town Council had not responded to this survey. This would be checked by the office.
- The District budget for 2010/11 was currently being finalised and would imminently be presented to council for approval; the budget incorporates a £2million reserve to guard against future challenges arising in the current economic climate.
- The State of the District debate would focus on the local economy.
- Closer working with local schools.

- More partnership working between District Councils within Devon to achieve savings.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Rosamond for attending.

220. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Chairman advised the following dates:-

- Annual Town Meeting 20th April 2010.
- Mayor's Reception 18th May – the Chairman welcomed suggestions of local residents who through service to the community should be recognised at the event in a presentation.

The Chairman reported since the last meeting of council:-

- Attendance at a training seminar entitled "Rising to the Challenge".
- Attendance at the Youth Club organised for child carers to present the council's grant cheque.
- Attendance at the first anniversary of the Exeter Polish School followed by an evening charity ball fundraiser for the school.
- Meeting with the clerks four times.

221. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on 2 February 2010 were received and approved as a correct record.

222. Matters Arising

None.

223. Planning http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/tdc_home.aspx

a) *Planning Decisions*

Noted.

b) *Planning Applications*

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

c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 17 December 2009*

None.

224. Finance

The schedule of accounts, numbers 3072 to 3085 (excluding number 3084 pending clarification by the Chairman) amounting to £6152.05 was approved.

225. Mid Devon District Council: Allocations & Infrastructure Development Plan Document

Councillor Nation arrived 19:31.

The non-allocated sites were discussed together with the process of consultation undertaken.

Councillor Nation apologised for arriving late.

It was clarified that an industrial development previously applied for at Fordton was declined by the Planning Authority then approved at appeal. The appeal was subsequently overturned by Judicial Review and the Planning Authorities original refusal up-held.

Councillor Brown expressed that if no response were made then this would be interpreted as the council having no objections.

Councillor Nation declared a Code of Conduct interest as a member of more than one authority at this point.

It was further discussed whether to postpone a response pending referral to the Town Plan Working Group.

Councillor Way arrived 19:47.

It was agreed by majority vote to object to the proposed non-allocated sites as they were considered environmentally unsuitable and further, less suitable than those sites already put forward.

226. Devon County Council Schools Admissions & Transport

Councillor Way reported the main points for consideration in the Admissions Policy were the change in coordination of admissions as a result of central government intervention, and the single point of entry giving all children the right of admission at the start of the school year in September.

It was noted no representations had been received from local residents.

Councillor Brown expressed concern that following clarification with county officers, the Transport Policy would remove the current transport subsidy currently afforded to over 16 year olds from Crediton attending college in Tiverton or Exeter from 2010, albeit means tested funding would be maintained in this respect.

It was agreed to raise objections to this proposal stating it would prejudice the education of children post age 16 from Crediton. It was further agreed to express concerns that the presentation of the consultation papers was unwieldy, lacking an executive summary and itemisation of the changes proposed from the current policies.

227. Town Council Town Plan Working Group

It was agreed Councillor Connell should join the group.

228. DCC Mobile Library Service

It was agreed to respond advising the consultation was not relevant to the town, given the current good permanent library which should continue.

229. Councillor Reports

a) Councillor Wright reported from the 1st April the District would be taking over the recycling services; this would include extending a free collection service to all primary schools in the district.

b) Councillor Nation reported the District budget proposals included a funding cut for street cleaning, albeit this was considered to have no impact to the front line service provision. This should be monitored by the Town Council.

Councillor Nation reported for some time he had endeavoured to retain the District's Tourist Information Centre grant funding within the town, and it was hoped this could be achieved through additional grant funds to Crediton Community Transport to help with their expansion of community services.

c) Councillor Connell reported the Chamber of Commerce had restarted and held their first meeting at which Community Transport made a presentation on the new Shopmobility service due to start soon.

d) Councillor Way reported in conjunction with Council Wright a list of priority potholes in the town had been identified for Highways to address. Councillor Way stated Highways currently had 26 repair teams working throughout the county to address damage resulting from the recent adverse weather. Councillor Way stated significant repairs would be required at Barnfield and had already made representations stressing the scheduling of these works should be coordinated with the school to minimise the impact. It was noted that potholes and a range of other issues could be reported online at www.fixmystreet.com.

Councillor Way reported the Air Quality Steering Group had recommended to County at its last meeting that the previous capital programme of works should be reinstated as the current proposal would put back the link road schedule.

Councillor Rosamond left 20:14.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

230. 2010/11 Meeting Schedule

It was agreed to hold General Purposes Committee meetings on the first Tuesday monthly, and Council meetings on the third Tuesday monthly, with a recess during August. January 2011 General purposes Committee would be substituted for the Finance Committee Meeting.

231. Scout Memorial Gardens

It was agreed to defer this item as Councillor Wright had temporarily left the chamber.

This item was taken after the Teen Shelter discussions.

It was agreed a working group organised by Councillor Wright, consisting of Councillors Wright, Brown, Harris and Finnegan would arrange a site visit and formulate recommendations for a simpler affordable scheme to improve the location. This group would also review tree planting requirements in the park.

Councillor Way apologised at this point for arriving late and declared a Code of Conduct interest as a member of more than one authority.

Councillor Nation stated the local Climate Action Group were interested in contributing to tree planting.

It was noted the District had appointed a Tree Officer and it was hoped any services required related to the trees in the park could be contracted with the District.

232. Teen Shelter

Councillor Nation reported enquiries made with Tesco's clarified Ms K Woods role was to help local organisations raise funds and that very limited funds were available directly from her. More significant community grant funding was available at national level. It was assumed the previously discussed £5000 was still available towards a Teen Shelter.

Councillor Nation had arranged to spend some time with the local youth worker in the town meeting with young people to discuss the possibility of a Teen Shelter and welcomed any other councillors who wished to join them.

Councillors Adams and Harris reported representations they had received objecting to locating a Teen Shelter in Newcombes Meadow.

The Chairman stated if the project was considered viable then there would be full public consultation.

233. Royal Garden Party

It was agreed the Chairman should be nominated to attend.

234. Grit and Salt Bin Provision

Locations were discussed. Council Nation declared a personal interest as a resident in the vicinity of George Hill which was referenced.

It was agreed a working group to include Councillors Way, Adams and Letch would review the locations and produce a prioritised report for County.

The Chairman reported the office had ascertained the recent inaccessibility of the land fill site was not due to untreated roads in the vicinity. The site had been closed by the operator as access within the land fill site to the tip face was considered dangerous due to the weather conditions, this in turn resulted in the suspension of waste collections.

It was agreed to vary the previously agreed representations to accurately reflect the reasons affecting local waste collections by writing to the Waste Authority seeking what actions would be sought of the land fill site operator to mitigate such closure resulting from adverse weather in future.

235. Mayor Elect

Councillor Letch was nominated and accepted.

236. Correspondence Received

It was expressed that the clerk should attend the District Clerks and Officers event reference correspondence item 10.

1. DCC Strategic Plan Investing in Devon.
2. DCC Actuarial Services Appointment to the Devon fund.
3. Information Commissioner – Confirmation of Renewal.
4. Mrs Isobel Morse – expression of gratitude for support achieving bus shelters nr hospital.
5. Lloyds – Confirmation cheque 3056 stopped.
6. DCC – Eco Driving Competition publicity.
7. BlackRock – Annual report and Accounts for Charishare Investment Fund.

8. DAPC – Larger Councils Sub-Committee Agenda 18/02/10 14:00 Cardinal Newman Centre.
9. MDDC – State of the District Debate – 10/03/10 19:00 Lecture Theatre, Petroc, Tiverton.
10. MDDC – Annual Meeting Clerks 24/03/10 Exe Room Phoenix House
11. Tony Lane Tree & Safety Consultant - Peoples Park Tree Survey Re-Survey due.
12. Police Authority – Liaison Meeting Dates.

Business Brought Forward

237. Out of Hours Pharmacy Service

Councillor Harris reported Crediton Pharmacy had lost the out of hours service provision contract to Tesco. An agenda item was requested.

238. Union Road Bench

The Chairman reported representations from a resident concerning a public bench at Union Road. It was noted purchase of a replacement bench had already been agreed and budgeted for.

239. Council Noticeboards

Councillor Way suggested the council should give consideration to additional noticeboards in the town. It was agreed to agenda.

PART TWO ITEMS

In view of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw.

240. Administration and Personnel

The Clerk left the meeting for the duration of this debate.

The Chairman updated members on the current staffing situation.

The meeting closed at approximately 21:15 p.m.

Signed:

(F Letch, Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 16 FEBRUARY 2010

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	<p>Type – Granted</p> <p>Reference: 10/00001/FULL Full planning application Address: Garage at NGR 282977 100405 (Rear Of 100 High Street) Waresfoot Drive Crediton Devon Description: Erection of a dwelling following demolition of 3 garages (Revised Scheme)</p> <p>Web link: 10/00001/FULL</p>
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DECISION	<p>Type – Application Deleted</p> <p>Reference: 10/00198/CAC Conservation Area Consent Address: St Marys Peoples Park Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DA Description: Conversion of roof space provision of Rooflight and Dormer Roof (CAC NOT REQUIRED)</p> <p>Web link: 10/00198/CAC</p>
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Planning Applications

APPLICATION	<p>Type – Application</p> <p>Reference: 10/00138/FULL Full planning application, registered 03/02/2010 Address: 27 Exeter Road Crediton Devon EX17 3BW Description: Application to replace extant planning permission 07/00038/FULL (to extend time limit) Conversion of barn to dwelling</p> <p>Web link: 10/00138/FULL</p> <p>Approved -</p>
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Type – Application

Reference: **10/00151/FULL** Full planning application, registered 02/02/2010

Address: Stoney Park Westwood Road Westwood Crediton Devon EX17 3LS

Description: Variation of condition (4) of planning permission 06/01110/FULL to allow natural clay tiles to garage roof

Web link: [10/00151/FULL](#)

Approved -