



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on
13 December 2011

Present: Councillors

Mr F Letch (Chairman)
Miss J Harris
Mr N Way (part meeting)
Mr A Leighton Plom
Mr R Adams (part meeting)
Mrs E Brookes-Hocking
Mr T Connell
Mr M Szabo
Mrs L Conyngham
Mr W Dixon

In Attendance: Clerk
Press

Mr M Maggs
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AGENDA ITEMS

137. To receive apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Downes (prior commitment) and Councillor Hughes (ill health).

138. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillor Way	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.
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 148b.

139. Meeting Management

No changes were made to the order of the agenda.

140. Public Question Time

None.

141. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Clerk reminded members about the Sustainable Credition Seminar to be held on 17 January at the Boniface Centre. Confirmation of attendance would be helpful.

The first meeting of the Events Working Group would take place on 20 December.

A Parish Paths Partnership meeting had been arranged for 21 December.

Revised copies of Standing Orders had been distributed. Any members who had not received a copy should contact the office.

Councillor Way arrived.

The Chairman reported on his recent attendance at community events by providing an example of one day's commitments.

Councillor Adams arrived.

142. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 22 November October 2011 were received and approved as a correct record with the following amendment:

Minute 131b: Title to read "Royal Geographical Society Lecture (Councillor Conyngham).

143. Matters Arising

Minute 124: the Clerk provided an update, following a request from a member. No further information had been received following the Council's response to the consultation paper.

Minutes 127: initial approaches had been made and Councillor Leighton Plom was progressing.

Minute 128: Councillor Connell was progressing. The Clerk would circulate details. Replies to Councillor Hughes or Connell (telephone only).

Minute 135: the County ward member provided an update and agreed to contact the local Member of Parliament as part of his previous commitment to seek a resolution.

144. Policy and Forward Planning Working Group Notes

a) *Notes*

The notes of the Policy and Forward Planning Working Group meeting held on 15 November 2011 were received and noted.

b) *Recommendations*

The recommendations of the Working Group were formally approved as minuted following verbal acceptance of the group's recommendations at the previous meeting.

145. Peoples Park & Scout Memorial Gardens Working Group Notes

a) *Notes*

The meeting notes of the Peoples Park & Scout Memorial Gardens Working Group of 29 November 2011 were received and noted.

Members raised concerns following the apparent reluctance of MDDC ward members to support the provision of further S106 funding to help complete the remaining phases of the project. Questions were asked about the lack of consultation with the Town Council especially concerning projects that had been progressed within the town with S106 support and the intention to spend further S106 monies on items which members considered to be of limited value. The local Access group planned to meet with MDDC ward members to discuss their concerns and the Council would continue to lobby ward members and MDDC to ensure its continued financial support.

b) *Recommendations*

The recommendations of the Working Group were approved.

146. Crediton in Bloom Working Group Notes

c) *Notes*

The meeting notes of the Crediton in Bloom Working Group of 5 December 2011 were received and noted.

d) *Recommendations*

The recommendations of the Working Group were approved. No recommendation had been made on the detail and provision of funding for the High Street displays (Chamber of Commerce) or sponsorship for the flower towers. In view of the urgency of the matter and the need to place an order by mid January at the latest, it was agreed, as a last resort, to allow the Finance Committee, at its meeting on 10 January, to consider underwriting these costs using Council reserves. Immediate action would be required to confirm the funding for these items as soon as possible in the New Year.

147. 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) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 13 December 2011*

1. Applications Received week ending 13 December

Two applications had been notified but the plans had not arrived in time for inclusion.

2. Former Costcutter Premises

It was agreed to arrange a meeting between councillors and the new proprietors to address issues relating to the shop front and what the Council regarded as the continued use of inappropriate corporate advertising. Councillors Dixon and Connell to assist the new proprietors in addressing members concerns.

3. Delegation

It was agreed that the Clerk, in consultation with councillors, would have delegated powers on planning issues during the Christmas and New Year period and in accordance with the Council's standard practice for a recess.

148. Finance

a) Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, numbers 3369 to 3380 including direct debit 4358 totalling £22,588.00 was approved.

Councillor Adams requested that his vote against account 3372 (allotment taps) be recorded.

b) Donation Request – Astronomy Event

Councillor Way declared a personal interest as a QECC governor.

Since no specific request had been made for financial support, no donation was granted. The Clerk was asked to circulate the invitation to attend the event; councillors to reply on an individual basis. The Council would have no objections to the proposal to turn off street lights provided QECC obtained the prior support of local residents. The Clerk to action.

c) Other Donation Requests

None.

149. Council Surgeries

The Chairman confirmed his availability for the next produce market surgery - 7 January between 1000 and 1100. Several other members offered their support up to 1200.

150. Litter Bin

Since the sponsoring member was not available, it was agreed to defer this item pending further information and a formal request from MDDC for the Council's financial support. The Clerk was asked to request that Councillor Hughes provide MDDC with the details and exact location.

151. Footpath from Butt Parks to Kirton Drive

The MDDC ward member provided a short report and update on the problems associated with the construction of a new footpath linking Butt Parks with the play area adjacent to Kirton Drive. Ownership issues had arisen and officers were seeking a solution.

Again, members expressed concern over the lack of consultation with the Town Council on the use of S106 funding for this scheme (Minute 145a).

152. Councillor Reports

None.

153. Administration & Seasonal Arrangements

The Clerk reported that the next stage of the Council review would take place on 15 and 19 December.

The Council Offices would be closed from 26 to 30 December, reopening on 3 January. Whilst the building would be closed to members of the public, Town Council staff would be working part of this time.

154. Correspondence Received and Items of Information

Correspondence

1. CTC – e-mail: Notification of Link Road Resolution & DCC Acknowledgement.
2. Crediton Courier – e-mail: Press Release – “Flexible New High Speed Communications Service”.
3. Town Guide Apps – e-mail: Bridgewater case study of Smartphone Town Guide App.
4. Whizz-Kidz, (Movement for Non-Mobile Children) – Letter: Request for support for Whizz-Kidz.
5. Relate Exeter & District – Letter: Poster to display and flyer.

6. Mr K B Davies – Letter: Administration-confidential.
7. Mid Devon CLAG – e-mail: Police Property Fund for small projects.
8. Councillor Conyngham – e-mail: Request to MDDC for compost bins at Cemetery.
9. NHS Blood & Transport Service – Letter: Posters for Crediton area blood donation sessions – 13 & 14 Jan. 2012.
10. Councillor Conyngham – e-mail: Mid Devon Transport Group meeting notes.
11. MDDC – Letter: Acknowledgement of Council's response to CIL Consultation.
12. HMRC – Remittance Advice: Notification of payment of VAT reclaim.
13. Mid Devon Transport Group – Notes: District Bus Route information.
14. Councillor Conyngham – e-mail: Senior Council for Devon Intergenerational event – Use of Fairtrade products. Agenda item next Council.
15. DALC – e-mail: Implications of the Localism Act – Possible capping of precept. The Clerk provided a brief explanation.
16. HMR&C – Notification: New Form VAT126 for Local Government VAT reclaim.
17. J Martin – e-mail: 135 High Street new supermarket plans & MDDC comments.
18. Boniface Allotments Association – e-mail: Confirmation of shutting off of water supply.
19. Mr V S Davey – Letter: Request for Dog Waste Bins, Barnfield – passed to MDDC.
20. Councillor Conyngham – Meeting Notes: Royal Geographical Society Lecture – Sustainable Communities.
21. NALC – e-mail: Localism Bill Precept increase Capping – Application to Town & Parish Councils.

Information

1. BBC – e-Letter: Invitation to join “Things to Do” online project.
2. SLCC – Leaflet: Membership information 2012.
3. Mid Devon Transport Group – Agenda: Partnership Meeting – 5 Dec. 2011.
4. DALC – Minutes: County Committee minutes of 28 Nov. 2011.
5. CCD – Newsletter & Leaflet: Village Green – Winter 2011 & “Travelling in Winter” Leaflet.
6. Local Council Review – Magazine: Winter 2011.
7. DCC – Emergency management Newsletter: Dec. 2011 – Winter Weather Preparations.
8. Crediton Courier – Article: New High Street Supermarket.
9. Whitbourne Mugworks – e-mail: Diamond Jubilee commemorative mugs.

Business Brought Forward

155. Newsletter

Items were required for the next Council newsletter to meet the deadline of 3 January. Suggestions included: Chairman's New Year message, Peoples Park & Scout Memorial Gardens, Crediton in Bloom sponsorship, transport and parking issues and Events Working Group.

The meeting closed at approximately 8:45pm

Signed:

(F Letch, Chairman)

Date:

Crediton Town Council

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2011

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: MD/DCC/3283/2011 Full planning application. MDDC Ref. 11/01593/DCC
	Address: Haywards Primary School, East Street, Crediton, EX17 3AX
	Description: Remove an existing "Devon Lady" classroom and construction of a new, double classroom and restoration of remaining area to school garden
	Decision: Grant Permission
Web link: DCC/3283/2011/FULL	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: MD/DCC/3282/2011 Listed Building Consent. MDDC Ref. 11/01594/DCC
	Address: Haywards Primary School, East Street, Crediton, EX17 3AX
	Description: Remove an existing "Devon Lady" classroom and construction of a new, double classroom and restoration of remaining area to school garden
	Decision: Grant Permission
Web link: DCC/3282/2011/LBC	

DECISION

Type – Decision

Reference: **11/01540/CAT** Conservation Area Consent, registered 26/09/2011
Address: 38 Bowden Hill Crediton Devon EX17 3EJ
Description: Notification of intention to remove 4 Leylandii and 1 Silver Birch within the Conservation Area
Decision: **No Objections**

Web link: 11/01540/CAT

DECISION

Type – Decision

Reference: **11/01521/FULL** Full planning application, registered 03/10/2011
Address: Land at NGR 282268 100872 (Between Nos. 88 & 90) Queen Elizabeth Drive Crediton Devon
Description: Erection of 2 dwellings
Decision: **Refuse Permission**

Web link: 11/01521/FULL

DECISION

Type – Decision

Reference: **11/01472/FULL** Full planning application, registered 21/10/2011
Address: Haywards County Primary School East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AX
Description: Installation of solar photovoltaic panels on south facing roof
Decision: **Grant Permission**

Web link: 11/01472/FULL

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 11/01067/FULL Full planning application.
	Address: Henley House, CREDITON, EX17 3PR
	Description: Change of use of building from a (C2) residential institution to a single residential dwelling (C3)
	Decision: Grant Permission
Web link: 11/01067/FULL	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 11/01676/CAT Conservation Area Consent.
	Address: Winswood Spinney Park Road CREDITON Devon EX17 3BS
	Description: Notification of intention to reduce 1 Eucalyptus tree within a Conservation Area
	Decision: No Objection
Web link: 11/01676/CAT	

Planning Applications

The Council considered the following applications:

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	Reference: 11/01796/FULL Full planning application, registered 16/11/2011
	Address: Rodd Brothers 4 Bank Place Market Street CREDITON Devon EX17 2AJ
	Description: Change of use from disability learning centre to dwelling
	Web link: 11/01796/FULL
NO OBJECTIONS	

Type – Application

Reference: **11/01849/CAT** Registered 17/11/2011

Address: 71A High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3JX

Description: Notification of intention to carry out works to 4 Western Red Cedars within the Conservation Area

Web link: [11/01849/CAT](#)

NO OBJECTIONS – provided the works are supported by the tree officer or a consultant arboriculturalist.