



Credition Town Council



Minutes of Credition Town Council Meeting, held on
Tuesday, 23rd April 2013, at 7pm, at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Credition

Present:	Councillors	Mr F Letch (Chairman) Miss J Harris Mrs L Conyngham Mr W Dixon Mr M Szabo Mr A Wyer Mr P Vincent Mr J Downes Mrs G Ford Mr R Adams (part of the meeting)
In Attendance:	Town Clerk Public Press	Mrs C Dalley 0 1

AGENDA ITEMS

290 To receive apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Liz Brookes Hocking. (Proposed by Cllr Dixon, seconded by Cllr Miss Harris)

291 Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Cllr John 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
Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Cllr John Downes	Agenda item 17 (minute number 306) 'To consider Grant Applications received from Credition Arts Centre'. As an employee of Credition Arts Centre, Cllr Downes left the meeting whilst the item was considered.

292 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

293 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

294 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

The Chairman advised members of two concerts by the Russian Orthodox Male Voice Choir being held on the 13th and 14th May 2013, at the Congregational Church. The event has been organised by the Mayoress.

295 Town Council Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Crediton Town Council Meeting held on 19th March 2013, as a correct record.

Copies had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to approve, and sign, the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19th March 2013, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Miss Harris, seconded Cllr Mrs Conyngham).

296 Matters Arising - At the direction of the Chairman, to report on matters arising from the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 19th March 2013, for information only.

Minute 283 – Cllr Dixon requested an update. The Clerk advised she was still trying to make contact with Devon County Council Officers in order to arrange a meeting.

297 To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee and Sub-Committee meetings:

- Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th April 2013
- Administration and Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th April 2013

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 9th April 2013, and the Administration and Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th April 2013. (Proposed by Cllr Letch, seconded by Cllr Miss Harris)

298 Planning

Details of decisions and planning applications received had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

a) To receive notification of decisions made by the Planning Authority

It was **resolved** to note the decisions of Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, with conditions as filed, which are attached as Appendix One. It was noted that a decision was not detailed for planning application 13/00225/FULL, the Clerk confirmed she would look into the matter and circulate the details to all Councillors after the meeting.

Cllr Adams arrived 7.10 pm

b) To consider planning applications

It was **resolved** to make comments in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting, which are attached as Appendix Two.

c) To consider planning applications and items for determination received for week ending Friday 19th April 2013, after the agenda was prepared.

There were no items.

299 To receive nominations for Mayor Elect 2013-2014

It was unanimously **resolved** for Cllr Letch to be Mayor Elect for 2013-2014 (Proposed by Cllr Miss Harris, seconded by Cllr Ms Ford)

300 To receive nominations for Deputy Mayor Elect 2013-2014

It was unanimously **resolved** for Cllr Miss Harris to be Deputy Mayor Elect for 2013-2014 (Proposed by Cllr Letch, seconded by Cllr Ms Ford)

Cllr Mrs Conyngham thanked Cllrs Letch and Miss Harris.

301 To consider passing the following resolution which will be included in the Council's Standing Orders with immediate effect:

The Council's Proper Officer is authorised to determine requests from Members of the Council for dispensation in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for Members where:

- a) it is appropriate in the circumstances of the case**
- b) a significant number of members would be prevented**

- from participating in any item of business as to impede or affect the likely outcome**
- c) it is considered that the dispensation is in the interests of persons living within the Parish.**

It was **resolved** as follows:

The Council's Proper Officer is authorised to determine requests from Members of the Council for dispensation in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for Members where:

- a) it is appropriate in the circumstances of the case
or
- b) a significant number of members would be prevented from participating in any item of business as to impede or affect the likely outcome
or
- c) it is considered that the dispensation is in the interests of persons living within the Parish.

this resolution would be included in the Council's Standing Orders with immediate effect.
(Proposed by Cllr Letch, seconded by Cllr Adams)

302 To discuss the Edible Gardens initiative, which is part of this years Britain in Bloom and a request from Queen Elizabeth's School for support and funding.

Information regarding the initiative and the School's request had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to support the initiative. (Proposed by Cllr Miss Harris, seconded by Cllr Ms Ford)

303 To discuss the bus stop situated outside Lloyds Bank and agree any further actions.

It was **resolved** to leave the bus stop where it is. (Proposed by Cllr Mrs Conyngham, seconded by Cllr Dixon)

304 To consider an Area Transport and Traffic Management Plan for Crediton Town and agree how to progress the matter further.

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Brookes-Hocking it was **resolved** to defer this item to another meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Dixon, seconded by Cllr Mrs Conyngham)

305 To consider a proposal from Mid Devon District Council to use S106 funding for the installation of a footpath at Newcombes Meadow.

Copies of the documentation relating to this item had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr Downes gave an overview of the project, explaining that whilst District Council Ward Members supported the project, they had requested further information regarding the costs involved, as they appeared to be very high. It was **resolved** as follows:

- To defer this item until further information has been received from Mid Devon District Council Officers
- The Clerk to add this item to the list of Town Council Projects
- The Clerk to write to Mid Devon District Council expressing disappointment at the lack of information provided, resulting in the Council being unable to fully consider the proposal, and the frustrating lack of progress on the project.

(Proposed by Cllr Downes, seconded by Cllr Dixon)

306 To consider Grant Applications received from Crediton Arts Centre.

Copies of the documentation relating to this item had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr Downes declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as an employee of Crediton Arts Centre, and left the meeting whilst the item was considered. It was **resolved** to defer this item to a Grants Committee Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 1st May 2013. (Proposed by Cllr Miss Harris, seconded by Cllr Letch)

307 To consider a letter received from Willand Parish Council expressing concerns with some of the operations of Mid Devon District Council's Planning Department.

A copy of the letter had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to respond by confirming that Crediton Town Council would support any positive changes Mid Devon District Council wishes to implement in order to improve its processes, procedures and the level of service it provides to the community. (Proposed by Cllr Miss Harris, seconded by Cllr Ms Ford)

308 Devon County Council Items

a) Crediton Traffic Regulation Order – documentation had been previously issued.

To receive and consider proposed Traffic Regulation Orders 5262, (waiting restrictions), and 5310, (Belle Parade Cycle Lane).

The Clerk re-iterated that she was still trying to make contact with Devon County Council Officers in order to arrange a meeting.

309 Councillor Reports - At the discretion of the Chairman, to receive reports from Councillors (Town, District, and County) and representatives of the Council - strictly for information only.

Cllr Wyer reported:

- He had attended the Tarka Line Walks Official Launch and it had been a very nice trip.

Cllr Letch reported:

- He had attended the Tarka Line Walks Official Launch and the Scouts St George's Day Parade and Service, both which had been very enjoyable.

310 Correspondence received and items of information

Emails and scanned correspondence sent to Councillors separately, are not included on this list

Correspondence

1. MDDC – Letter: Public notice of DCC Elections, (*Copy on notice board*).
2. CTC – e-mail: Potential Asbestos Dumped – Problem Report, (*Sent in to MDDC*).
3. Various – e-mails: Representations on the Belle Parade cycle route, *CTC Councillors comments*).
4. Town Clerk – e-mail: "Keep Trade Local" Campaign Proposal.
5. Fields In Trust – AGM Notification: Agenda & Annual Report to 31 Dec. 2012, (*Fri. 14 Jun. 2013, London*).
6. MDDC – Letter: Updated Public notice of DCC Elections, (*Copy on notice board*).
7. CTC – Letter: Thanks for Help with Peoples Park Planting – Mr R Davis.

Information

1. Western Power Distribution – Newsletter: Power Cuts and Improving the Electricity Network.
2. Field In Trust – e-mail: Newsletter, Apr. 2013.
3. Devon Community Recycling – Newsletter: "Junkmail" Issue 12, 2013.
4. Involve Mid Devon – Newsletter: Apr. 2013.
5. MDDC – Summons & Agenda: Council Meeting, 24 Apr. 2013.

It was **resolved** as follows:

- to consider the letter "Keep Trade Local" Campaign at the next meeting
- to note the correspondence and information

(Proposed by Cllr Ms Harris, seconded by Cllr Letch)

311 Business brought forward

At the direction of the Chairman, to report on matters not on the agenda and for information only.

Cllr Szabo reported as follows:

- Signage for the Old Town Hall needed to be improved. Cllr Letch suggested that Mr R Edwards of the Crediton Area Development Trust be contacted to consider this. It was

also suggested that writing on the building would be more effective than separate signage.

Cllr Ms Ford reported as follows:

- The Mayoress' recent Tea Dance had been a huge success with approximately 40 people attending; the Mayor had worked extremely hard as the MC.

Cllr Downes reported as follows:

- He thanked the Clerk for streamlining the agenda and the issuing of supporting documentation for meetings, and asked if the heading of each attachment could be shortened. It was generally felt that 'AI' would suffice for 'Agenda Item' when giving each document a title. The Clerk confirmed she would instigate this with immediate effect.
- Overhanging bushes/foliage at Exeter Road is an on-going issue and has been for many years. The Clerk asked Councillors with documentation/information relating to this issue to be forwarded to her, in order that she can pursue it with Devon County Council's Highways Department.

Cllr Ms Harris reported as follows:

- She had been advised that access on the Lynch where the Alms Houses are situated is all steps, which makes it difficult for the elderly people that live there. Is it possible to have a ramp installed near the Eveleigh flats end? The Clerk confirmed she would look into the matter.

Cllr Letch reported as follows:

- Due to family commitments he is unable to attend the surgery at the Farmers Market on Saturday, 4th May 2013, and requested a Councillor volunteer to attend in his place.
- There is an extremely dangerous visibility issue when exiting St Boniface Road by Queen Elizabeth School, due to parked vehicles (especially vans) obstructing any view a motorist may have, it is an accident waiting to happen. The Clerk confirmed she would investigate the matter.

PART TWO ITEMS

There were no items for Part Two.

312 Close

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed:..... **Date:**.....
(Chairman)

Crediton Town Council

PLANNING DECISIONS AND COMMENTS ON NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 23 APRIL 2013

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 12/00963/LBC Listed Building Consent, registered 12/02/2013
	Address: Crediton Area Development Trust Ltd Old Town Hall High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF
	Description: Listed Building Consent for installation of public noticeboard
	Decision: Grant permission
Web link: 12/00963/LBC	
CTC COMMENTS: Approved	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 13/00225/FULL Full planning application, registered 22/02/2013
	Address: Denis Brinicombe Fordton Trading Estate Crediton Devon EX17 3BZ
	Description: Erection of two storey extension
	Web link: 13/00225/FULL
CTC COMMENTS: RECOMMEND APPROVAL	

DECISION**Type – Decision**

Reference: **13/00369/CAT** Works to Tree in Conservation Area, registered 12/03/2013
Address: Holy Cross Church East Street Crediton Devon EX17 2AH
Description: Application to carry out works to trees within a Conservation Area.
Decision: **No Objection**

Web link: 13/00369/CAT

CTC COMMENTS: NO OBJECTION - providing the MDDC's Arboricultural Officer is happy with the proposed works
(Proposed by Cllr Mrs Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Letch and agreed)

Planning Applications**APPLICATION****Type – Application**

Reference: **13/00419/LBC** Listed Building Consent, registered 11/04/2013
Address: Lloyds TSB Bank Plc 30 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AH
Description: Listed Building Consent for the installation of new signage (Revised Scheme)

Web link: 13/00419/LBC

CTC COMMENTS: NO OBJECTION (Proposed by Cllr Ms Harris, seconded by Cllr Letch)

APPLICATION**Type – Application**

Reference: **13/00479/FULL** Full planning application, registered 11/04/2013
Address: Bramblings Searle Street Crediton Devon EX17 2DB
Description: Replacement of boundary fence

Web link: 13/00479/FULL

CTC COMMENTS: RECOMMEND APPROVAL (Proposed by Cllr Miss Harris, seconded by Cllr Dixon)

Type – Application

Reference: **13/00497/FULL** Full planning application, registered 08/04/2013

Address: 12 Blagdon Close Crediton Devon EX17 1EL

Description: Erection of single storey extension

Web link: [13/00497/FULL](#)

CTC COMMENTS: NO OBJECTION (Proposed by Cllr Ms Harris, seconded by Cllr Mrs Conyngham)

Type – Application

Reference: **13/00527/FULL** Full planning application, registered 15/04/2013

Address: Pavilion Lords Meadow Leisure Centre Commercial Road Lords Meadow Industrial Estate Crediton Devon

Description: Construction of car park and associated works following demolition of major part of existing redundant building, retained part of building to be altered to provide training facilities, and minor alterations to main and overflow car parks to provide additional parking spaces

Web link: [13/00527/FULL](#)

CTC COMMENTS: RECOMMEND APPROVAL (Proposed by Cllr Ms Harris, seconded by Cllr Szabo)