

Crediton Town Council



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Minutes of Crediton Town Council Meeting, held on Tuesday, 15th April 2014, at 7pm, at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Crediton

Present: Cllrs Mr F Letch, Miss J Harris (Deputy-Chairman), Mr M Szabo, Mr A Wyer, Mrs G Ford,

> Mrs A Hughes, Mr N Way, and Mr J Downes. Mr Martin Ashley, Assistant Town Clerk

In Attendance: Mr M Binks, District Council Ward Member, 4 members of the public and 1 member

of the press.

Absent: Cllr Mrs L Brookes-Hocking, although it was noted that she had probably passed her

apologies to the Town Clerk who is currently on leave.

1404/281 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Vincent and Cllr R Adams,

(proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Ford).

1404/282 **Declarations of Interest**

> Cllrs Way and Downes, 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.

Cllr Way declared a personal interest in item 9, (Planning), minute 1404/289.b.

1404/283 **Public Question Time**

There were no questions from the public.

1404/284 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

1404/285 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

> The Clerk announced that a map was available in the Clerk's Office for Councillors to mark up suggestions and recommendations for additions to the Crediton Road Traffic

Chairman reminded Councillors of the Crediton Area History & Museum Society invitation to the "Echoes of the Great War" preview reception. He also announced that there would be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 6:30 p.m; immediately preceding the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting. The Chairman also announced that Councillors should encourage residents to enter the Floral Crediton competition and, finally, that he would be unable to attend either May or June's Mayor's Surgeries at the Farmers' Markets due to personal

considerations.

1404/286 Town Council Minutes - To approve and sign the minutes of the Following

Crediton Town Council meetings as a correct record.

Copies had been circulated with the agenda.

It was **resolved** to approve, and sign, the minutes of the Crediton Town Council meeting held on 18th March 2014, as a correct record, (proposed by Cllr Hughes and

seconded by Cllr Ford).

Matters Arising - At the direction of the Chairman, to report on matters arising 1404/287 from the minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December 2013, for information only.

Minute 1403/266: Cllr Szabo enquired as to whether the letter to the Highway Authority had been sent. The Assistant Town Clerk would confirm for Councillors.

Cllr Letch enquired as to whether the Highway Authority had Minute 1403/267:

been contacted. The Assistant Town Clerk confirmed that they had been.

1404/288 To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following committee meetings and working groups:

- Crediton in Bloom (Floral Crediton) Working Group Meeting be held on 25th March 2014
- Peoples Park Wildlife Garden Working Group Meeting held on 25th March 2014
- Christmas in Crediton Working Group Meeting held on 1st April 2014
- Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 1st April 2014
- Policy & Forward Planning Working Group Meeting held on 2nd April 2014 The minutes of the meetings had been circulated with the agenda.

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Crediton in Bloom, (Floral Crediton), Working Group held on 25th March 2014, (proposed by Cllr Szabo, seconded by Cllr Harris).

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Peoples Park Wildlife Garden Working Group Meeting held on 1st April 2014, (proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Letch).

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Christmas in Crediton Working Group Meeting held on 1st April 2014, (proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Szabo).

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 2nd April 2014, (proposed by Cllr Letch, seconded by Cllr Hughes).

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Policy & Forward Planning Working Group Meeting held on 11th March 2014, (proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Ford). Cllr Way requested a future agenda Policy & Forward Planning Working Group item on parking as he felt that the issue of commuter day time parking was not being sufficiently taken into account by the Highway Authority and also that on street pay parking remained an option.

1404/289 Planning

Cllr Hughes declared a personal interest in item 9, (Planning Application 14/00391/FULL). Cllr Way re-iterated his personal interest in the item and left the chamber for the duration of the debate on the matter.

Cllr Downes re-iterated his declaration as a member of more than one authority and as a District Council member of the Planning Committee.

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

- 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.
- 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. District Councillor Mr M Binks informed the Council that the application under consideration, 14/00391/FULL, had been called in to go before the full Planning Committee.

To consider a premises licence application for a one day festival in Shobrooke It was highlighted to councillors that the date of the proposed event was for incorrect as being 2013. It was **resolved** to oppose the application as being incorrectly completed, (proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Letch).

1404/291 To consider a request from Sustainable Crediton for the Town Council's support for a Community Energy project.

Mrs L. Lever gave a very short background brief of the project and was prepared to answer any Councillors queries. It was **resolved** to support the Sustainable Crediton Community Energy Project, (proposed Cllr Way, seconded Cllr Wyer, Cllr Szabo requested that his vote against the motion be recorded).

1404/292 To receive a report from the Clerk regarding a recent incident at Barnfield Allotments.

The Assistant Town Clerk briefed Councillors on an incident at Barnfield allotment site involving a tractor and trailer delivering manure to the site that resulted in damage to Council property and allotment holders' produce. The actions taken by the Town Clerk were also outlined.

1404/293 To consider how and when the Town Council will assess TAP Fund applications for the financial year 2014-2015

It was **resolved** that all TAP Fund applications will be considered at the twice yearly Grants Committee meetings in the first instance and only exceptionally be considered outside of this committee by the Council, (proposed Cllr Letch, seconded Cllr Downes.

To consider sending a letter to Kevin Finan, Chief Executive Officer, Mid Devon District Council, thanking him for his recent letter sent to Devon County Council, on behalf of the East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership regarding the proposed changes to Devon Youth Services concurring with everything said. (This item has been requested by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

It was **resolved** to write to the Chair of the East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership, Mr Kevin Finan, to thank him for the letter of 4 April 2014 written to Devon County Council regarding proposed changes to youth services in the County.

1404/295 To consider sending a letter of support to the Devon Heartland Community Project. (This item has been requested by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

It was **resolved** to write to the Devon Heartlands Community group in support of this project, (Cllr Harris proposed, Cllr Szabo seconded).

1404/296 To consider and agree a course of action regarding the introduction of overnight car parking charges at St Saviours Way car park

Following discussion on the financial implications, enforcement officer rostering and District Council responses to reduced funding, it was **resolved** to write to the District Council strongly objecting to the lack of consultation on this matter and to the imposition of these charges as a short sighted policy that will only exacerbate the already overcrowded on street parking situation, (proposed Cllr Letch, seconded Cllr Harris).

1404/297 Councillor Reports

There were no Councillor reports.

1404/298 Correspondence and Matters To Note – To receive Council correspondence and matters to note. (Copies of the correspondence and matters to note were issued with the agenda.)

- 1. CAH&MS e-mail: Invitation to "Echoes of the Great War" exhibition preview, (All Councillors invited, individual RSVP).
- 2. M. Turnbull Letter & Invoice: Scout Memorial Garden Easy Access Path Planting Beds Maintenance Issues, (Scouts maintained beds & weedkilling).
- 3. MDDC Letter: Affordable Housing Re-letting advertising & information.
- 4. Mr & Mrs White, Orchard House Letter: Boundary Fence with Peoples Park query, (Incl. CTC reply of 20 Mar. 2014).
- 5. Mrs J. Farley Letter: Traffic Pollution and Pedestrian Hazards, Exeter Road, (CTC reply 20 Mar. 2014).
- 6. Mr C. Martin Website Enquiry: Possible Closure of Crediton Youth Centre, (CTC Reply 20 Mar. 2014).

- 7. DCC e-mail: Response to CTC submission on "Tough Choices Consultation Acknowledgement.
- 8. Mr I Payne e-mail: Enquiry concerning "Great Escaper" resident of Crediton, (CTC Reply 24 Mar. 2014, passed to CAH&MS).
- 9. Mrs Barnes & Mrs Clarkson Letter: Local Area enquiry, (CTC reply 27 Mar. 2014).
- 10. E. Molyneux e-mail: Compost and recycling enquiry, (CTC reply 27 Mar. 2014).
- 11. Bampton Town Council e-mail & Letter: Concerns at closure of local Council Care Homes Request for views, (*Previously distributed to Cllrs*).
- 12. DCC Notification: Road Closure Hookway 14 16 May 2014, (Copy to go on CTC Notice Board).
- 13. Friends of Crediton Station Letter to M.Stride MP: (cc Crediton TC), Support for alternative rail route via Okehampton & Tavistock.
- Okehampton TC e-mail: Support for alternative rail route via Okehampton & Tavistock.
- 15. Community Safety Partnership Letter: (cc Crediton TC), Concerns expressed over possible closure of DCC Youth Centres, (Agenda Item 15 Apr. 2014).
- 16. DCC e-mail & Submission Statement: Devon Waste Plan Submission.
- 17. Cllr A. Hughes e-mail: Concerns expressed over possible closure of Crediton Youth Centre.
- 18. Cllr P. Vincent e-mail: Concerns expressed over possible closure of Crediton Youth Centre.
- 19. DCC e-mail: Devon Remembers 1914 Centenary Information.
- 20. DCC Letter: Response to CTC budget reductions submission, (Future agenda item).
- 21. Le Maire de la Ville d'Avranches Letter: Greetings from the new Mayor of Avranches.
- 22. Crediton Steering Group, NHS Commissioning Group Meeting Notes from 02 Apr. 2014
- 23. Cllr J. Harris memo: Confirmation of Random Audit Check, 09 Apr. 2014.
- 24. Crediton Dementia Action Alliance Circular Letter: To Crediton businesses to assist in Dementia Awareness.
- 25. Mr S. Goodenough e-mail: Lorries turning into Church Street Issue, (CTC reply 10 Apr. 2014).
- 26. ABF, The Soldiers Charity Invitation: Mayor's Invitation to reception at "Last Night of the Proms", Downes House, 07 Jun. 2014.
- 27. Cllr A. Wyer/Mr S Goodenough e-mail thread: Lorries turning into Church Street Issue, (passed to DCC Highways for consideration 14 Apr. 2014).
- 28. DCC Road Closure Notification: Gunstone Cross Gunstone Mill, 14 22 Apr. 2014, (on CTC Notice Board).
- 29. DCC Road Closure Notification: Various Minor Road Closures, (Countywide), 01 May 30 Jun. 2014.
- 30. MDDC Notice of Election: European Parliamentary Elections, 22 May 2014, (on CTC Notice Board).
- 31. Hon. M. Stride MP Letter: Support for alternative rail route via Okehampton & Tavistock.

Items to Note:

- Devon Senior Voice Newsletter & Events Flyer: Spring 2014.
- 2. DALC Newsletter: April 2014
- 3. Community Safety Partnership Newsletter: 2014.
- Devon Community Recycling & Composting Network Newsletter: "Junkmail" Issue 14.
- 5. Fields In Trust Notification: AGM 10 Jun. 2014, Central London.

1404/299 Business brought forward

Cllr Downes:

• Requested an agenda item on the progress of the cycle route along Belle Parade.

Cllr Way:

- Updated Councillors on the situation with regard to the Youth Centre and its
 possible closure. There will be a meeting of community organisations with an
 interest in the Youth Centre in early May and the County Council Officer organising
 this will be getting in contact with the Town Council.
- Updated Councillors with regard to the situation with the library as well as care centres in Crediton. He highlighted the drop-in meeting at the library on Monday 28 April 2014.
- Requested an agenda item on the proposed County Council service cuts for July's Town Council meeting, following the County Council cabinet meeting in June 2014.

Cllr Hughes:

 Noted that the Children's Centre was facing a similar review of its services by the County Council and that she would keep Councillors updated as the Council's representative.

Cllr Letch:

Close

1404/300

- Reported that he would be judging an Easter Bonnet competition on Thursday.
- Announced that the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Group would need to meet in the next week to progress the proposed planting of the project.

The	The meeting closed at 7:58 p.m.		
Signed		(Chairman)	Date:

Appendix 1 Crediton Town Council

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD TO 15th APRIL 2014

<u>Planning Decisions</u> – as notified by the Planning Authority:

Type - Decision

DECISION

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Reference: **13/01487/LBC** Listed Building Consent, registered 28/10/2013 Address: Crediton Tandoori 137 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3DU

Description: Listed Building Consent for removal of chimney breast from upper ground floor

Decision: Withdrawn

Web link: <u>13/01487/LBC</u>

CTC Previous Comments: APPROVE

Type - Split Decision

Reference: 14/00129/TPO Works to TPO Trees, registered 04/02/2014

Address: Land at NGR 283744 100546 (Rear Of 10 Lamejohn's Field) Penton Lane Crediton Devon Description: Application to fell 1 sycamore tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 82/00001/TPO

Decision: Permission Granted

Description: Application to reduce crown by 15-20% of 1 horse chestnut tree protected by Tree Preservation Order

82/00001/TPO

Decision: Permission Refused

Web link: 13/01487/LBC

CTC Previous Comments: NO OBJECTION as long as MDDC's Tree Officer's professional opinion is that the work is

necessary

Type - Decision

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Reference: 13/01590/NMA Full planning application, registered 22/11/2013

Address: 38 Bowden Hill Crediton Devon EX17 3EJ

Description: Erection of a first floor extension, (non-material amendment in relation to chimney & roof).

Decision: Permission Granted

Web link: <u>13/01590/FULL</u>

CTC Previous Comments: NO OBJECTIONS

Type - Details Pursuant

Reference: 13/01362/LBC Full planning application, registered 25/10/2013

Address: Oliver House, 7 North Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2BT

Description: Erection of greenhouse, covered walkway, boundary wall, post and wire fencing; rebuilding of upper section of

conservatory; alterations to shed roof and installation of solar panels; installation of secondary glazing and

replacement of 2 windows

Decision: **Details Pursuant**

Web link: <u>13/01362/LBC</u>

CTC Previous Comments: APPROVED

Appendix 2 Crediton Town Council

COMMENTS ON NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD TO 15th APRIL 2014

Planning Applications

APPLICATION

Type - Application - Deferred

From F&GP 01/04/14

Reference: 14/00391/FULL Full planning application, registered 17/03/2014

Address: Fairways East Threshers Crediton Devon EX17 3NL

Description: Erection of 3 dwellings with associated access and landscaping, (Revised Drawings)

Web link: <u>14/00391/FULL</u>

CTC COMMENTS: No Objections (Proposed Cllr J Harris, seconded Cllr A Wyer)