



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Floral Credition Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday, 26th January 2016, at 5.30 pm, at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Credition

Present: Cllrs Mr F Letch, Miss J Harris, Mr M Szabo and Mrs H Sansom
Mr Bert Jewell

In Attendance: Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk

1. **To elect the Committee Chairman for 2015-2016**
It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr Szabo as Chairman for 2015-2016. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)
2. **To elect the Committee Deputy Chairman for 2015-2016**
It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr Harris as Deputy Chairman for 2015-2016. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)
3. **To receive and accept apologies**
It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Mr Mick Jelliman, Mid Devon District Council. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)
4. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Letch declared that as a member of more than one authority 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.
5. **Floral Credition Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Floral Credition Committee Meeting held on 27th January 2015, as a correct record.** Copies had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to approve, and sign, the minutes of the Floral Credition Committee Meeting, held on 27th January 2015, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)
6. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.
7. **To discuss and agree the floral displays/planting in the town for 2016, including the following:**
 - **Floral displays on the Town Square**
The Clerk advised members of the budget available. It was unanimously agreed that last year's displays, undertaken by Mr Jewell, were excellent. Mr Jewell volunteered his services for 2016-2017. It was **resolved** for Mr Jewell to look after the Town Square planting arrangements for 2016-2017, including choosing and sourcing the plants, in consultation with the Town Clerk. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)
 - **Floral displays around the town including hanging baskets, troughs and planters, currently supplied by Mid Devon District Council.** A quotation had been issued with the agenda. It was **resolved** to accept the quotation provided by Mid Devon District Council for the provision of the Town's floral arrangements and watering, at a total cost of £3,658.57 plus VAT. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

Cllr Sansom advised members that last year there were no hanging baskets on the fingerpost outside Nessie's Bistro. The Clerk noted this and confirmed there would be this year.

The flower beds outside Redvers House were discussed and the Clerk confirmed that permission had been granted for the Town Council to plant these areas. It was **resolved** for Mr Jewell to

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consider the most appropriate planting scheme, together with costs, for consideration at the Floral Crediton Committee Meeting in April. Cllr Szabo offered to help with the planting of these areas. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

Mr Jewell queried a neglected planter on Mill Street and asked if something could be done. Members believed this planter to be on private land. It was resolved for the Town Clerk to establish ownership of the planter and whether the owner would either:

- be willing to put plants in it and look after it
- or
- would grant permission for the Council to look after it.

(Proposed by Cllr Letch)

8. **To consider enhancements to the two small sites at the junction of Mill Street and East Street and the grassed area outside Buccaneers.** It was noted that the Town Council is now paying for these areas to be cut. It was recognised that any planting schemes carried out in these locations would require permission from Devon County Council and financial sponsorship, in order to be adequately maintained. It was resolved not to enhance these areas for the time being. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)
9. **To consider purchasing artificial hanging baskets, which can be hung on Redvers House each year.** The Clerk confirmed that permission had been granted for the Town Council to hang artificial hanging baskets on Redvers House. Quotations had been issued with the agenda and the Clerk showed members example hanging baskets that had been left in the office. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Susan's Flower Shop to supply six hanging baskets, of two different designs, at a total cost of £150.00 plus VAT. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)
10. **To discuss purchasing 4 flower towers to display at the west end of the town and agree a course of action.** This item has been requested by Cllr Szabo. The Clerk advised that Broxap, the company who provided the three tier planters in the Town Square, could supply the same planters at the same cost. There are insufficient funds in the Floral Crediton budget or earmarked reserves to purchase the planters, therefore, the Committee would have to request funds from the Town Council's general fund. As the proposed locations were not owned by the Town Council, permission would need to be obtained from the land owners, most likely to be Devon County Council. It was resolved to investigate the permissions required and it was acknowledged by members that the planters may not be in situ this year. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)
11. **To discuss having the Town enter the South West in Bloom Pennant competition this year and agree a course of action.** This item has been requested by Cllr Szabo. Cllr Szabo advised that the It's Your Neighbourhood judges had been asking for several years if Crediton would take part in the Pennant competition. He advised the pennant is an entry level, more relaxed, not so strict and no portfolio was required. The main criterion is that it is community led and Cllr Szabo believes the groups in the It's Your Neighbourhood competition will help with this. Cllr Szabo confirmed that he would co-ordinate and lead the project with the involvement of the It's Your Neighbourhood groups and he had passed literature to the Chamber of Commerce regarding the new Business Improvement District category. It was resolved to enter the South West in Bloom Pennant competition. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

Cllr Harris expressed concern that the Town would require tidying up. It was resolved for Mr Jewell to continue with the town weed spraying for 2016-2017 and for a pre-emergence weed killer to be used to stop seeds germinating. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

12. **To consider the Floral Crediton Competition, which is run by the Town Council, and to agree:**
- **Categories**
It was resolved to keep the same categories as last year namely
 - Small formal garden (With or without veg)

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- Large formal garden (With or without veg)
- Small Managed Natural garden (With emphasis on wildlife)
- Large Managed Natural garden (With emphasis on wildlife)
- Family garden (To include play/recreation area)
- Patio or hanging baskets and other outdoor planted containers.

The Mayor will judge the favourite from the above categories.
(Proposed by Cllr Letch)

- **Date for judging**

It was resolved for the judging to be carried out by Cllr Letch and Mr Jewell on Thursday 14th July 2016, with entries being received no later than Friday 1st July 2016. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

- **Publicity & Advertising**

It was resolved to approve the poster and entry form prepared by the Assistant to the Town Clerk & Mayor, a copy of which is attached as Appendix One. (Proposed by Cllr Letch) It was further resolved to advertise the competition in the Crediton Courier, Crediton Town Council notice boards, the Town Council website, on the Council's social media pages and ask businesses to display posters. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

13. **To receive an update from Cllr Szabo on the It's Your Neighbourhood Awards Competition.**
Cllr Szabo advised that some of the categories had changed and primary schools were no longer allowed to enter. A new category called the Business Improvement District had been launched and information had been passed to the Chamber of Commerce.

14. **Business brought forward - At the direction of the Chairman, to report on matters not on the agenda and for information only.**
Cllr Szabo queried why the Council's Five Year Strategic Plan had not been included in the agenda. The Clerk advised that the agenda had been too full to accommodate the item and it would be considered at the next meeting.

15. **Close**
The meeting closed at 6.30 pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)



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Floral Crediton Competition 2016

Pick up your entry form today from:

Crediton Town Council Offices

Crediton Library

Tuckers Country Stores

Crediton Garden Centre

Last date for entries

1st July 2016



Crediton Town Council, Market Street, Crediton, EX17 2BN

Telephone 01363 773717 E-mail townclerk@crediton.gov.uk or visit www.crediton.gov.uk



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Floral Crediton Competition 2016

ENTRY FORM

Please tick the appropriate box for the category you wish to enter

- 1 **Small formal garden**
(With or without veg)
- 2 **Large formal garden**
(With or without veg)
- 3 **Small managed natural garden**
(With emphasis on wildlife)
- 4 **Large managed natural garden**
(With emphasis on wildlife)
- 5 **Family garden**
(To include play/recreation area)
- 6 **Patio or hanging baskets and other outdoor planted containers**

The Mayor will judge the favourite from the above categories.

- A completed entry form is required for all categories (except council allotments)
- No entrant can receive more than one award
- Winners will receive a trophy, photograph and/or certificate (details will be advertised locally)
- Prizes are awarded during a special presentation evening (normally held in September)
- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into

**Completed entry forms must be returned to:
Crediton Town Council Offices, Crediton Library,
Tuckers Country Stores, Crediton Garden Centre**

**Last date for entries is 1st July 2016
Judging will take place on 14th July 2016**

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number: Email Address:

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