



**Minutes of the of Credition Town Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 02 May 2023 at 18.15 at Old Landscore School, Greenway, Credition.**

Present: Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking, J Harris, N Letch, F Letch, G Cochran, D Ross, G Fawssett and S Huxtable

Absent: Cllrs S Chenore and M Szabo

Apologies: Cllrs J Cairney and J Downes

In Attendance: Rachel Avery - Town Clerk

2305/139 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

2305/140 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to approve apologies from Cllrs J Cairney and J Downes. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

2305/141 Declarations of Interest

Cllr F 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.

2305/142 Order of Business

There were no changes.

2305/143 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

2305/144 Town Council Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21 March and 30 March 2023 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran).

2305/145 To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following meetings (minutes were issued with the agenda):

- **Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 28 February 2023**
It was **resolved** to receive and accept the minutes of the Community and Environment Committee. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).
- **Council Affairs and Finance Committee held on Tuesday 14 March 2023**
It was **resolved** to receive and accept the minutes of the Council Affairs and Finance Committee. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
- **Planning and Town Strategy Committee held on Tuesday 07 March 2023**
It was **resolved** to receive and accept the minutes of the Planning and Town Strategy Committee. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

– **Council Affairs and Finance Committee held on Tuesday 11 April 2023**

It was **resolved** to receive and accept the minutes of the Council Affairs and Finance Committee. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

2305/146 To receive the Meeting Management Software Report and to approve the recommendation from the Council Affairs and Finance Committee therein (report was issued with the agenda)

It was **resolved** to approve the recommendation therein to purchase Meeting Management Software using reserves. (Proposed by Cllr Fawssett).

2305/147 To receive the Rialtas Finance Package Report and to approve the recommendation therein (report was issued with the agenda)

It was **resolved** to approve the recommendation therein to approve the purchase of the Rialtas Finance Package using reserves. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

2305/148 To receive the Councillor Device Report and to approve the recommendation from the Council Affairs and Finance Committee therein (report was issued with the agenda)

Cllr Fawssett stated that:

- There was no need to purchase device
- Concerns around data protection were being overplayed and the council has little sensitive data to protect or that a device would help with this issue
- Additional firewalls will be required to protect devices
- Additional cost such as this were not required and could be spent in other areas.

Cllr Cochran stated that:

- The council is open to data breaches, with the electorate not being happy if data is not secured safely
- Any fine would be paid for by this council, with data breach fines can run into thousands of pounds, and the responsibility would be that of the council.

Cllr N Letch stated that this should be a decision made by the newly elected council.

Cllr Huxtable stated that the purchase is important, with possible reputational damage to the council being incurred should data breaches happen. As an alternative, the Town Clerk would have to consider reverting back to printing and posting agendas packs, with the cost far outweighing that of purchasing equipment. This is an operational decision regarding making the council more effective, that must be made by the town council whether there is an election or not.

Cllr Ross stated that she was not on the Council Affairs and Finance Committee and felt that it was unreasonable to expect councillors to make such a big decision.

Cllr F Letch stated that devices are secure, all emails and papers are received through the device, and the importance of data protection must be recognised and covered through the authority.

It was **resolved** to approve the recommendation therein to approve the purchase of Councillor devices from reserves. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran).

2305/149 To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 19.00

The meeting was closed at 18.47.

Signed

Dated.....

Chairman