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Minutes of the of Crediton Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 19.00 - Old Landscore School, Greenway, Crediton

- Present: Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking (Mayor and Chairman), J Harris, G Cochran, M Szabo, J Cairney and N Letch
- Apologies: Cllrs S Huxtable (illness), L Martin (personal), F Letch (another meeting) and S Chenore (illness)

Absent: Cllr J Downes

- In Attendance: R Avery, Town Clerk 7 members of the public
- 2203/130To receive and accept apologiesIt was resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Huxtable, Martin, F Letch and

Chenore. (Proposed by Cllr).

2203/131 To co-opt the vacant position of Town Councillor in Boniface Ward

It was **resolved** that a signed ballot would be taken. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking). It was **resolved** to co-opt Denise Ross.

2203/132 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cairney declared that as members 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.

2203/133 Public Question Time

A member of the public raised concerns about the legality of planning applications approved by MDDC.

A list of questions had been sent to the town council by a member of the public, which were **noted**.

A member of the public expressed concerns at the precept increase.

2203/134 To receive a presentation from Crediton Heart Project The presentation is attached to the minutes as appendix I.

2203/135 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

2203/136 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

Cllr Brookes-Hocking stated that a hard copy of Plan Mid Devon is available to view in the Town Council office.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking reminded councillors that is a meeting tomorrow outlining the planning application for Pedlars Pool at 10.00 at Old Landscore School.



2203/137 To receive County and District Councillor Reports

District Cllr Cairney reported on the use of modular pod accommodation in the Mid Devon district.

2203/138 Town Council Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18 January 2021 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

2203/139 To receive and adopt the minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- Parish Paths Sub-Committee held on 13 July 2021
 - It was **resolved** to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee meeting
- Climate Emergency Committee held on 12 November 2021 It was resolved to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee meeting
- Grants Sub-Committee held on 23 November 2021
 It was resolved to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee meeting
- Property and Assets Committee held on 30 November 2021
 It was resolved to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee meeting
- Council Affairs and Finance Committee held on 14 December 2021 It was resolved to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee meeting
- Planning and Town Strategy Committee held on 11 January 2022 It was resolved to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee meeting
- Council Affairs and Finance Committee held on 25 January 2022 It was resolved to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee meeting
- Planning and Town Strategy Committee held on 01 February 2022
 It was resolved to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee meeting
- 2203/140 To receive nominations for the appointment of council members to existing committees and sub-committees, where there are vacancies:
 - Planning and Town Strategy Committee 1 vacancy It was resolved to appoint Cllr Ross. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
 - Council Affairs and Finance 1 vacancy It was resolved to appoint Cllr Cochran. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
 - Amenities and the Built Environment 2 vacancies It was resolved to appoint Cllr Ross. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
 - Christmas in Crediton 1 vacancy It was resolved to appoint Cllr Ross. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
 - Grants Sub-Committee 1 vacancy
 - It was resolved to appoint Cllr Ross. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

- 2203/141 To receive nominations for the appointment of council members to outside bodies, where there are vacancies:
 - Crediton United Charities 1 vacancy It was **noted** that Hannah Zorlu would continue in her position. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
- 2203/142 To consider the Town Council's response to the emerging situation in Ukraine It was **noted** that the Mayor had issued a statement and any further responses would be considered by the Council Affairs and Finance Committee.
- 2203/143 To consider the following motion: 'This Council supports the petition launched by ADSO and LLG on 5 January with regard to remote and hybrid meetings. We agree to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the flexibility to hold such meetings when they deem appropriate within agreed rules and procedures'

It was resolved to approve the motion. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

- To receive an update on the replacement of bus shelters in the High Street 2203/144 It was **noted** that Devon County Council and Fernbank Advertising had met today and an update is awaited.
- 2203/145 To elect a councillor to support volunteers at Peoples Park Wildlife Area Cllr Szabo reported that he had unofficially been supporting the volunteers but was unable to continue doing so. It was noted that this would be discussed at the next Amenities and Built Environment committee meeting.
- 2203/146 To receive a report on Old Landscore School The Town Clerk reported that a meeting of the Task and Finish Group was required to consider surveys. It was **noted** that the school had been painted for temporary use as a Youth Centre.
- 2203/147 To receive a report on plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to agree any required courses of action The report was **noted**.
- 2203/148 To receive reports from Town Councillors (For information only) Cllr Szabo reported that there is a Britain in Bloom Spring Seminar on Thursday 24 March, which will be attended by 4 Crediton representatives.
- 2203/149 To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 17 May 2022 The date of the next meeting was **noted**. The meeting was closed at 20.26.

Signed

Dated.....

Chairman