



Minutes of the meeting of Credition Town Council held on Tuesday, 8th December 2020 at 7.00 pm via Zoom

- Present:** Cllrs Mr F Letch, Miss J Harris, Mrs Brookes-Hocking, Mr G Cochran, Mr J Downes, Mr S Huxtable, Mr J Ross, Mr M Szabo, Mr J Cairney, Mrs L Martin, Mrs H Zorlu and Mr P Vincent
- In Attendance:** Mrs R Avery, Town Clerk
Mr A Wyer, Mid Devon District Councillor
2 members of the public
- 2012/122 To receive and accept apologies.**
The meeting was opened at 7.00 pm. There were no apologies.
- 2012/123 Declarations of Interest.**
Cllrs Letch, Cairney and Downes declared that as members of more than one authority, any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.
- 2012/124 To note the Virtual Meeting Policy**
The policy was noted.
- 2012/125 Public Question Time**
A query was raised regarding the recommencement of the Climate Change and Sustainability Sub-Committee. It was noted that this would be discussed at item 13.
- 2012/126 Order of business**
There were no changes to the order of business.
- 2012/127 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements**
There were no announcements.
- 2012/128 Town Council Minutes**
It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Credition Town Council Meetings held on Tuesday 17th November 2020 and Thursday 26th November 2020 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
- 2012/129 Police report**
It was requested that PC Armitage be invited to attend a future Town Council meeting to provide further information on the figures presented within the report. On the basis that 70% of crime figures accounted for anti-social behaviour and sexual attacks, it would be useful to receive some background and a further breakdown of the incidents.
- 2012/130 To adopt the minutes of the following meetings:**
- **Town Strategy Committee held on 3rd November 2020.** It was **resolved** to adopt the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee meeting held on 3rd November

2020. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

- **Christmas in Crediton Sub-Committee held on 10th November 2020.** It was **resolved** to adopt the minutes of the Christmas in Crediton Sub-Committee meeting held on 10th November 2020. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

2012/131 Due for Payment and Receipts - To examine and agree the accounts due for payment, receipts, and bank transfers for the period 19th November 2020 – 9th December 2020 inclusive and to receive the bank reconciliation.

The schedule of payments and receipts had been issued prior to the meeting. The schedule of payments and receipts had been issued prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to approve the payments totalling £27,844.55, receipts totalling £526.05, and to accept the bank reconciliation. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

2012/132 To discuss Crediton Town Council's budgets prepared by the Council's Responsible Financial Officer for the financial year 2021-2022.

Copies of the draft budget had been issued with the agenda, with the setting of the precept taking place during the January 2021 meeting.

It was **resolved** to set up a meeting between some councillors, who would meet prior to the January Full Council meeting to provide further detail on the budget. (Proposed by Cllr Downes).

It was **resolved** that Cllrs Brookes-Hocking, Cairney, Cochran, Harris and Huxtable would meet with the Town Clerk. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

2012/133 To agree the Town Council's calendar of meetings for 2021.

A copy of the calendar had been issued prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to approve the calendar, but it was noted that the Climate Change and Sustainability Sub-Committee had not been included. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

There was a discussion regarding how this committee should be run and what its remit was. To consider the future of the Sub-Committee, it was **resolved** that a meeting between the Town Clerk and interested councillors would take place prior to the January Full Council meeting in order to discuss the remit of the Sub-Committee and its future working. (Proposed by Cllr Downes).

It was **resolved** that Cllrs Brookes-Hocking, Cochran, Downes and Ross would meet with the Town Clerk. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

2012/134 To discuss Committee membership for the remainder of the municipal year and 2021/22.

It was **resolved** that the following vacancies would be filled (Proposed by Cllr Letch):

Assets and Amenities Committee – Cllr Cochran

Climate Change and Sustainability Sub-Committee – Cllr Ross

Council Affairs Committee – Cllr Huxtable

Town Strategy Committee – Cllr Cochran

2012/135 Town Square:

- **To note the reinstatement of the tables and arrangements for their use.**
It was **noted** that the Town Council’s insurance company had agreed to insure the tables, and that no additional sanitisation was required.

2012/136 Councillor Reports
Cllr Szabo reported that although Britain in Bloom did not take place this year, certificates had been awarded and Crediton had received a Record of Achievement.

Cllr Ross reported that he would be undertaking informal discussions with Crediton Chamber of Commerce regarding CCTV on the Industrial Estate.

Cllr Downes reported on the news that train passenger services between Exeter and Okehampton were going to be reinstated. There is further pressure on the Government to reopen parkway stations.

Cllr Cairney reported that the ‘no alcohol’ signs on the square are for information and have no legal status.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking had attended the virtual DCC Leader’s budget meeting. She had been disappointed to hear responses regarding cycle routes not being a higher priority than roads. DCC’s message is that they will be continuing with their statutory responsibilities of adult and children services, patching and potholes.

The meeting was closed at 8.11 pm.

2012/137 To note Council Correspondence and Matters to Note. A list had been issued with the agenda.
This item was not discussed.

2012/138 To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7.00 pm.
This item was not discussed.

2012/139 Close

Signed

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