



Minutes of the of Credition Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 19.00 - Old Lanscore School, Greenway, Credition

Present: Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking (Mayor and Chairman), J Harris, J Downes, G Cochran, M Szabo, H Zorlu and J Cairney

Apologies: Cllrs S Huxtable, F Letch and L Martin

In Attendance: R Avery, Town Clerk
3 members of the public

2111/096 **To receive and accept apologies**

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Huxtable, Letch and Martin. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran).

2111/097 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Downes and 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.

2111/098 **Public Question Time**

The following comments were made by members of the public:

- Children using wall at Belle Parade to access Newcombes Meadow, balls continually going across road hitting cars and bicycles which is a safety issue. This is happening particularly at the weekends, after school and throughout school holidays. It was recommended that all issues should be reported to the police, Mid Devon District Council, Credition Town Council and schools which will build a picture.
- Concerns regarding dogs off leads and owners not picking up faeces. It was recommended that this be reported to Mid Devon District Council as there is a Public Spaces Protection Order in place at Newcombes Meadow and the dog warden should attend the area.
- Request to know when toilets at Newcombes Meadow will reopen. It was explained that the locking system was vandalised and a task and finish group is investigating the renovation of the building.
- Credition Dairy lorries using Church Street for access. It was explained that the town council is in discussion with Devon County Council regarding lack of signage.
- Smells from Credition Dairy. It was recommended that the Environmental Agency be contacted regarding this and Mid Devon District Council Environmental Health team.
- Concerns raised regarding Mid Devon District Council and request for support from MP. It was recommended that the member of public contact their MP directly should support from them be required.

- 2111/099 Order of Business**
There were no changes to the order of business.
- 2111/100 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements**
The Town Clerk read a letter from Mel Stride MP regarding an excellent Remembrance Sunday parade. Cllr Letch had also informed Cllr Brookes-Hocking that he had received an email from him thanking Crediton Town Council for an excellent event.
The Town Clerk announced that Crediton Town Council had received the National Association of Local Councils Quality Gold accreditation.
Cllr Brookes-Hocking reported that the Leader of Devon County Council John Hart would be holding his budget consultations this year, with the Mid Devon date being Thursday 16 December.
- 2111/101 To receive County, District and Town Councillor Reports**
Cllr Downes reported that Mid Devon District Council are starting to undertake their midterm plan, which may include cuts. With an expected deficit of up to £1.5m, Crediton Town Council may wish to discuss this further at a future meeting.
- 2111/102 Town Council Minutes**
It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21 September 2021 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)
- 2111/103 To receive and adopt the minutes of the following Committee meetings:**
The minutes had been issued with the agenda
- **Property and Assets held on 29 June 2021**
It was **resolved** to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Property and Assets Committee meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
 - **Council Affairs and Finance held on 13 July 2021**
It was **resolved** to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Council Affairs and Finance Committee meeting (Proposed by Cllr Harris)
 - **Amenities and the Built Environment held on 27 July 2021**
It was **resolved** to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Amenities and the Built Environment Committee meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
 - **Planning and Town Strategy held on 21 September 2021**
It was **resolved** to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Planning and Town Strategy Committee meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).
 - **Council Affairs and Finance held on 21 September 2021**
It was **resolved** to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Council Affairs and Finance Committee meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
 - **Planning and Town Strategy held on 05 October 2021**
It was **resolved** to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Planning and Town Strategy Committee meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).
 - **Council Affairs and Finance held on 19 October 2021**
It was **resolved** to receive and to adopt the minutes of the Council Affairs and Finance Committee meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

- 2111/104 To receive the report on the Welcome Back Fund and consider the proposed signage project**
The Town Clerk advised on a project regarding the amendment of new signage for finger posts, and it was **agreed** that this would be investigated with Mid Devon District Council as a suitable project for the Welcome Back Fund. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo).
- 2111/105 To receive the report regarding replacement of bus shelters, and consider the recommendations therein**
It was **resolved** to approve the recommendation to remove six bus shelters and install new shelters with sedum roofs. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
- 2111/106 To receive a report on the Town Square and to consider the recommendation therein**
It was **resolved** to approve the recommendation to accept a long-term lease, subject to the surface being reinstated to an acceptable condition prior to the transfer. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
- 2111/107 To sign the Transfer Deed and Pre-emption agreement and to note the clauses within the deed**
It was **resolved** to sign the documents. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
It was **noted** that the Task and Finish Group will meet in January.
- 2111/108 To receive an update on the Climate Emergency Committee**
Cllr Brookes-Hocking reported on the most recent meeting held on Friday 09 November:
- New Chairman elected (Cllr Brookes-Hocking)
 - Wording to be added to every committee meeting – that decisions will be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making
 - Active committee members to look at new information being supplied by partnership organisations
 - Weedkiller use in contracts to be changed when contract is re-tendered in 2023, but active working with contractors to try to reduce use.
- It was **noted** that the Cop Crediton event and community conversation was attended by around 60 people, but Cllr Brookes-Hocking had been the only town councillor present at both events. The steering group are meeting to discuss next steps regarding personal changes to lifestyle, community action and influencing decision makers.
- 2111/109 To receive an update on the Dartmoor Rail Line (Item requested by Cllr Szabo)**
Cllr Szabo reported that an extraordinary amount of time and money has gone into Crediton Railway Station, with the Friends at the station every week. Canopies, grit bins, cement posts and walls have been cleaned and painted and the station will make a very good impression for the opening of the Dartmoor Rail Line on Saturday 20 November. With the new services, Crediton is now recognised as a junction. It is estimated that in the first year, 245,000 passengers will use the service. Initially, one train will run every two hours, increasing to one every hour from May 2022.
Cllr Szabo reported that the park and ride footpath has been cleared, two street lights make the path visible, there is a sign to platform and at least eight abandoned vehicles have been removed from the car park.
It was suggested that Cllr Szabo look at signage requirements between the town and the train station.

Cllr Downes expressed concerns that signalling has not been replaced, and barriers will be down more often than they are now, which is an issue that will not be addressed for at least 10 years.

2111/110 To note that vacant committee positions will be filled after the November elections
It was **noted** that committee positions would be filled at the January meeting.

2111/111 To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 18 January 2022
The date of the next meeting was **noted**. The meeting was closed at 20.21.

Signed
Chairman

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