



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Floral Credition Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday 24th January 2017, at 5.30 pm, at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Credition

Present: Cllrs Mr M Szabo, Mr F Letch and Miss J Harris

In Attendance: Mrs Emma Anderson, Assistant Clerk
Mr Bert Jewell

1. To elect the Committee Chairman for 2016-2017

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Szabo as Committee Chairman for 2016-2017. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

2. To elect the Committee Deputy Chairman for 2016-2017

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Harris as Committee Deputy Chairman for 2016-2017. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)

3. To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Heather Sansom. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

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. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

6. Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

7. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

Cllr Szabo:

- In October 2016, he attended the Britain In Bloom South West Award Ceremony where he met Wally Burke, the Britain in Bloom coordinator for Tiverton. Tiverton and Exeter had both entered the main competition and were awarded a Silver Gilt.

8. Floral Credition Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Floral Credition Committee Meeting held on 12th April 2016, 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 12th April 2016, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

9. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

10. To discuss and agree the floral displays/planting in the town for 2017, including the following:

- **Floral displays on the Town Square**

It was agreed to continue with the current arrangements for the Town Square flower towers, with Mr Jewell carrying out the planting. Members also agreed it was important to send letters to the Town Square businesses regarding sponsorship. Mr Jewell explained that the total cost for the planting and compost for this summer would not exceed £200. It was **resolved** to allocate £200 from the Floral Credition 2017-2018 budget, for the summer flower tower planting. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

Mr Jewell also confirmed he would be planting beneath the trees located opposite the Three Little Pigs in the coming weeks and the plants for this would cost £86. It was **resolved** to allocate £86 from the Floral Crediton 2016-2017 budget, allowing Mr Jewell to carry out this planting. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

Mr Jewell informed members of an idea he had in relation to the four Lime trees in the Town Square that have not been planted up. His idea involved laying weed membrane and rubber grass matting beneath the trees which would prevent weeds, whilst also allowing water to drain through. The grass matting would cost £20/mat and two mats are required per tree. It was **resolved** for Mr Jewell to proceed with this idea with the Committee allocating £160 from the Floral Crediton budget. (Proposed by Letch)

Cllr Letch requested for the Assistant Clerk to look into applying for an account with Tuckers Country Store.

- **Floral displays around the town including hanging baskets, troughs and planters, currently supplied by Mid Devon District Council.** A copy of the quotation supplied by Mid Devon District Council had been issued prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to accept the quotation from Mid Devon District Council at a total cost of £3,768.62 + VAT, with the money being allocated from the Floral Crediton hanging baskets/troughs & watering budget. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

11. To consider the Floral Crediton Competition, which is run by the Town Council, and to agree:

- **Categories**

It was **resolved** for the Floral Crediton Competition to include the following:

- Small formal garden (With or without veg)
- 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 Mr Jewell, with the Mayor judging the Mayor's Favourite, on Thursday, 13th July 2017, with entries being received no later than Friday, 30th June 2017. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

- **Publicity & Advertising**

It was **resolved** to approve the poster and entry form prepared by the Assistant Clerk, a copy of which is attached as Appendix One. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

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, ask businesses to display posters and inform the Boniface Allotments Association. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

12. To consider putting in place a temporary traffic restriction to allow the removal of Buddleia on Exeter Road and agree a course of action. Information relating to this item had been issued with the agenda. It was agreed for the Assistant Clerk to contact Devon County Council to see if they could remove the Buddleia as part of their highway maintenance as the Buddleia is degrading the wall.

Cllr Letch also raised concerns regarding the Buddleia on Union Terrace, as it is severely overgrown. It was **resolved** for the Assistant Clerk to contact local grounds maintenance contractors and ask them to look at the Buddleia and provide a quotation for its removal. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

13. **To discuss entering Crediton into the It's Your Neighbourhood Awards and the 2017 Britain In Bloom main competition and agree a course of action.** It was **resolved** to enter Crediton into the It's Your Neighbourhood Awards for 2017. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

It was further **resolved** for Crediton to enter the 2017 Britain in Bloom Pennant Competition, with the aim of this year achieving gold, with the entry fee of £20 being allocated from the Floral Crediton 2017-2018 budget. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

Members agreed the Committee would reconsider entering the main competition next year.

14. **To review the Committee's aims and objectives as detailed within the Council's Action Plan.** A copy of the Council's action plan had been issued with the agenda. The Assistant Clerk provided an update, highlighting the following:
- Mr Jewell has completed the initial planting beneath the trees on the Town Square.
 - Redvers House now has artificial hanging baskets that will go up every year and the planting of the flower beds has also been completed.
 - The Floral Crediton Competition was well received and the Awards Ceremony was held with a good turnout.

Cllr Szabo explained that he would like the following to be included in the Committee's aims and objectives:

- To increase the number of three tier planters throughout the Town. The Assistant Clerk confirmed this is included in the long-term action plan.
- To encourage businesses to install flower boxes on their window sills of the 1st and 2nd floor windows facing the High Street. It was agreed that the health and safety implications need to be looked at.

15. **Business brought forward.**

Mr Jewell:

- Suggested putting flower pots in the two side compartments of the Peoples Park planter if grit bags are not placed in the planter this winter.
- Requested for the yellow "Lauder Mews" signs around the town to be removed now that the construction is complete.

Cllr Szabo:

- Requested for the Assistant Clerk to look into having banners made showing the Council's achievement in the Britain in Bloom competition, with these being erected in the Town.
- Explained that one metal and two wooden benches located in St Lawrence Green required painting as well as two benches in the Silver Jubilee Garden in Newcombes Meadow. The Assistant Clerk confirmed she would send this request to MDDC.

16. **Close**

The meeting closed at 6.28 pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Date: 11/4/17

Floral Crediton Competition 2017



Pick up your entry form today from:
Crediton Town Council Offices

Crediton Library

Tuckers Country Stores

Crediton Garden Centre

Last date for entries

30th June 2017



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Floral Crediton Competition 2017

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
- 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 30th June 2017
Judging will take place on 13th July 2017

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number: Email Address:

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