



Minutes of Credon Town Council's Policy & Forward Planning Committee, held on Tuesday, 24th February, at 5.15 pm, at the Council Offices, Market Street, Credon

Present: Cllrs Mrs L Brookes-Hocking (Committee Chairman), Mr D Webb, Mr A Wyer, Mr F Letch, Mr N Way and Mrs A Hughes.

In Attendance: Mid Devon District Councillor Mr B Wright
Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk
1 member of the press

61 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received from Devon County Council Officers Anne Hood, Bob Wright and Mike Jones.

62 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

63 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

64 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

65 Policy & Forward Planning Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Policy & Forward Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th November 2014.

Copies had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Policy & Forward Planning Working Group Meeting held on 11th November 2014, as a correct record and they were duly signed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking. (Proposed by Cllr Letch, seconded by Cllr Webb)

66 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

67 Traffic Regulations Orders:

- **To review the progress of the traffic regulation orders project**

The Clerk had circulated with the agenda the list of Credon issues that have been, or are being, considered by Devon County Council Officers, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Appendix One. It was noted that Ms Hood had requested for a daytime site visit in mid-late March or early April to be arranged, with a small group of committee members and County Councillor Way, to look at the four sites identified as requiring a visit and to also look at any other issues which may come to light since the last meeting. It was **resolved** for Cllrs Letch and Brookes-Hocking to attend all site visits, with other members attending at the specific areas they had highlighted and the Clerk was asked to facilitate this. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

There was considerable discussion regarding the problems of commuter parking in the town and several suggestions were made as to how this could possibly be addressed, including residential parking permits, encouraging commuters to use St Saviours Way car park and withdrawing parking restrictions elsewhere in the town.

Cllr Hughes arrived at 5.33 pm

Cllr Brookes-Hocking confirmed the responses in the Neighbourhood Plan surveys will give an indication as to the strength of feeling on this issue. She added that it was important to have evidence to support potential solutions and the Council should be working towards developing a policy.

- **Consider any other/new areas in the town that require investigation**
Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a list of other/new areas that required consideration/investigation, which were as follows:
 - ❖ **Threshers – parking and traffic issues in and around Landscore School**
Cllr Webb had prepared a report on this issue and would circulate it to members for further consideration. Cllr Brookes-Hocking highlighted that the congestion on school days around drop off and pick up time was an issue for the School. Although the School has been working hard encouraging parents not to drop off children outside the school by car, it is not the business of the Council to repeat the exercise if the Schools efforts have not been as successful as hoped.
 - ❖ **Belle Parade - speeding traffic and pedestrians using the cycle way.**
This Committee has already submitted a request for speed cushions.
 - ❖ **Blagdon – lorry signage**
It was noted that signage could be better positioned and was still being ignored to a certain extent. The Neighbourhood Plan Highways Consultant had pointed out the signage clutter at this location. It is recognised a longer term solution is required.
 - ❖ **Albert Road – lining and parking issues**
This Committee has already requested further investigations
 - ❖ **Butts Park – lines required in strategic places due to narrowness of road**
This matter needs to be referred to DCC Highways.
 - ❖ **Dean Street – speeding traffic**
The perceived speed of traffic has been an ongoing issue at this location. Further investigation with a highways consultant would be advantageous.
 - ❖ **Lords Meadow Industrial Estate – double yellow lines required**
It was agreed that the area outside R&L Transport /Universal Office Solutions required a site visit as does the unused HGV loading bay (item 16 on the attached list).
- **Assess the impact of the new Crediton Link Road**
It was agreed that a study is required to ascertain usage and the impact the road has had on other areas of the town. Cllr Wyrer expressed concern regarding restricted visibility at Hawkins Way due to a fallen tree/bush. This was making it extremely difficult for pedestrians to cross the road. He was asked to provide further details so the matter could be investigated.

The Clerk was asked to contact Devon County Council Officers to ascertain when they will carry out an assessment of the impact of the link road.

Councillor Way left the meeting at 6.12 pm

- **Agree a course of action.**
See actions agreed above.

68 To discuss the dual use loading/parking bays in Crediton Town and how they can be made more prominent.

Information from the Department for Transport and Devon County Council relating to this item had been issued with agenda and was discussed. It was **resolved** to pursue the Department

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for Transport's recommendations by changing the colour of the loading/parking bay surfaces. Changing the road signs alone was not an option. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

69 To consider Devon County Council's proposals to reduce its public transport budget by reducing services and agree a course of action.

Information relating to this item had been issued with agenda. The Clerk read an e-mail from a local resident, suggesting changes to the bus services in Crediton, which would enable them to continue albeit at a reduced level. It was **resolved** for the Clerk to contact other towns in Devon that are losing their bus services to see if together action can be taken to lobby Devon County Council to reconsider its proposals. The Clerk was requested to forward the residents suggestions to John Richardson Dawes at Devon County Council endorsing the specific suggestions contained within it and requesting a response.

Cllr Wright left the meeting at 6.38 pm

70 To consider Mid Devon District Council's Local Plan Review Proposed Submission and agree a course of action.

It was **resolved** for the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to consider this item at its next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 4th March 2015 and prepare a report for consideration by full Council. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Wyer)

71 To receive an update on Crediton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking confirmed that all areas of the community were currently being surveyed. Volunteers are still required to help with data entry of the household survey.

72 Close

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Signed. 
(Chairman)

Date: 19/05/2015