



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Town Strategy Committee held on Tuesday, 3rd November 2020 at 6.00 pm, via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Mr J Ross (Committee Vice-Chairman), Mr F Letch, Miss J Harris, and Mr J Downes

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs E Brookes-Hocking and Mr J Cairney

No Apologies: Cllr Mrs L Martin

In Attendance: Mrs R Avery, Town Clerk
Mrs L Blake, Projects Officer
Mr N Way, Devon County Councillor
1 member of the public

84. To receive and accept apologies

The meeting was opened at 6.01pm.

It was **resolved** to accept the apologise of Cllrs Brookes-Hocking and Cairney. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

85. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Downes and Letch declared that, as a member of more than one authority, any views or opinions expressed at the meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

86. Public Question Time

The following question had been received from a member of the public, which would be considered during agenda item 9:

- Further to the e-mail from Devon County Council to Credition Town Council dated 30th May 2019 and the comments therein from a specialist in highway and footpath matters employed by Devon County Council, please reconsider the council's position.

Devon County Council's specialist employee commented on the likelihood of whether or not enforcement is in the public interest and likely to be pursued (probably not) and whether or not the legal test for a footpath has been complied with (apparently it does seem to comply).

Will Credition Town Council now withdraw its objection to the minor alteration proposed to part of the width only of Credition footpath number 1 in the light of the comments in the e-mail dated 30th May 2019 mentioned above? If not, does the council realise that a large amount of public time and money is likely to be wasted to pursue a small chance of success and a high chance of failure? Does the council also realise that failure, which appears to be very likely, could put the council at risk of having to pay certain of the costs involved?

87. Order of Business

There were no changes.

88. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

89. Town Strategy Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th October 2020, as a correct record.

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

90. Mid Devon District Council - Planning Applications [MDDC Planning Public Access Portal](#)

Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Town Council on the following planning applications:

Reference: 20/01543/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the installation of Air Source Heat Pump and solar array of 15 ground mounted solar panels

Location: Moor House, Crediton, Devon, EX17 5EL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs John Dupre

It was **resolved** to recommended NO OBJECTION, subject to advice from the Conservation Officer being adhered to. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

Reference: 20/01542/FULL

Proposal: Installation of Air Source Heat Pump and solar array of 15 ground mounted solar panels

Location: Moor House, Crediton, Devon, EX17 5EL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs John Dupre

It was **resolved** to recommended NO OBJECTION, subject to advice from the Conservation Officer being adhered to. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

Reference: 20/01517/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent to replace 1 ground floor window with a door and window unit

Location: 7 The Lodge, Western Road, Crediton

Applicant: Mr Robert & Mrs Catherine Harrison

It was **resolved** to recommended NO OBJECTION, subject to advice from the Conservation Officer being adhered to. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

91. Mid Devon District Council - Planning Decisions

It was **resolved** to note that Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed. (Proposed by Cllr Ross).

Reference: 20/01465/NMA

Proposal: Non Material Amendment for 18/00932/FULL to increase area of window (W4) to rear of kitchen

Location: 2 Buller Square, Downeshead Lane, Crediton

Applicant: Mr Robert Limon, Linhay Homes Ltd, 11 Linhay Park, Sandford, Crediton, EX17 4LL

Reference: 20/01232/FULL

Proposal: Change of use of first floor from residential (Class C3) to office use (Class B1a)

Location: Wistaria Dental Practice, Western Road, Crediton, Devon

Applicant: Dr M Bostock, Wistaria Dental Practice, Western Road, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3LT

Reference: 20/01408/FULL

Proposal: Change of use of part of ground floor from Class A2 use (Office) to Sui Generis (Tattoo Studio)

Location: 106 High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3LF

Applicant: Mr J Cooper, Heavyweight Tattoo, 97 Bampton Street, Tiverton, EX16 6AL

Reference: 20/01259/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of a first floor extension

Location: 35 Cromwells Meadow, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1JZ

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Phillips, 35 Cromwells Meadow, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1JZ

Reference: 19/00667/FULL

Proposal: Demolition of garage and flats; erection of 5 dwellings and formation of access and parking

Location: Treen Motors, Charlotte Street Garage, Charlotte Street, Crediton

Applicant: Mr S Treen, Treen Motors, Charlotte Street Garage, Crediton, EX17 3BG

92. To receive the Footpath One report and to approve the recommendation/s therein.

Further information had been issued with the agenda.

It was **resolved** that, whilst not supporting the application, Crediton Town Council would withdraw its objection to the extinguishment order on Footpath One. Crediton Town Council does not support the extinguishment of any public right of way, but fully understands the legislation relating to the public interest test. Furthermore, Crediton Town Council is committed to other community-based projects, where officer time is better spent. (Proposed by Cllr Harris, 3 in favour, 1 abstention).

93. To receive an update on the Town CCTV project and consider and agree any actions arising.

Further information had been issued with the agenda.

The Assistant Clerk continues to obtain updated quotes. Some High Street shops have agreed to financially support the project.

94. To consider the continued use of the picnic tables on the Town Square, with a view to providing recommendations for consideration by Full Council.

Further information had been issued with the agenda.

Whilst concerns were raised surrounding the use of the tables by establishments on the periphery of the Town Square for the consumption of alcohol, Cllr Downes requested that Crediton Town Council investigate the ongoing support and a formalised practice to ensure that the tables are a permanent asset.

It was **resolved** that Full Council be recommended to investigate the continued use and maintenance of the tables, and to discuss and address concerns regarding alcohol consumption on the Town Square. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

95. **To receive an update on DCC's response to cyclist priority at Belle Parade.**
The Town Clerk had no further update. County Cllr Way advised that he would speak to DCC regarding this matter.
96. **To consider and agree a response to the Government's 'Pavement Parking- Options for Change' consultation.**
Further information had been issued with the agenda.
Councillors were invited to respond individually to the consultation.
It was **resolved** that the Town Council's response would be delegated to a council officer.
(Proposed by Cllr Letch).
97. **To agree the four free parking dates in the lead up to Christmas, to be submitted to MDDC.**
Provisional dates of Saturday 5th December, Saturday 12th December, Saturday 19th December and Tuesday 22nd December were agreed. It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk would request that these dates be carried forward to another date in 2021, should the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions be extended. (Proposed by Cllr Downes).
98. **To receive an update on the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan and agree any actions.**
There was no update.
99. **To discuss the social care provisions in Crediton and agree any actions.**
Cllr Letch had attended a meeting led by the Community Wellbeing Hub, where many groups within the town provided an update on their services over the past six months.
The next Involve meeting would take place on Thursday 5th November, which he would attend.

PART TWO

100. **It is recommended that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information.**
It was **resolved** that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).
101. **To receive the Old Landscore School report and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein, for approval by Full Council.** A copy of the document had been issued with the agenda.
Consideration was given to the feasibility study, DCC's offer and the recent recommendation from the Old Landscore Sub-Committee. It was **resolved** that a building specification would be prepared by the Town Clerk and Projects Officer, to enable architects to deliver plans for the building which utilise the space for both community groups and the Town Council. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).
102. **Close.**
The meeting was closed at 6.57pm.

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:.....