



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Town Strategy Committee held on Tuesday, 4th June 2019 at 6.00 pm, at Credition Library, Belle Parade, Credition

Present: Cllrs Mr A Wyer (Committee Chairman), Mr F Letch, Miss J Harris, Mrs L Brookes-Hocking, Mr J Ross, Mr P Vincent, Mr T Matthews, Mr J Cairney and Mr J Downes

In Attendance: Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk
Devon County Councillor, Mr N Way
Mrs D Ross, Chair of Sustainable Credition
1 member of the press
3 members of the public

19 To receive and accept apologies

None received.

20 Declarations of Interest

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

21 Public Question Time

Two school students read a letter they, and their sister, had written to the Town Council expressing their worries about "what the grown-ups are doing with our world". They talked about three issues which were, palm, oil, plastics and carbon emissions. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes as Appendix One.

Councillors applauded the girls, thanked them for attending the meeting and for raising their concerns, which they agreed with.

In view of the girls' presence, it was agreed to change the order of business of the meeting so that Cllr Vincent's proposal could be discussed earlier in the meeting, so the school girls could be present.

22 Order of Business

It was **resolved** to change the order of business and bring forward agenda item 14 'To consider the following proposal from Cllr Vincent: For a "Credition Climate Change & Sustainability Initiative". That the Town Council should take a role in encouraging local residents to respond to the rising issues of climate change and sustainability' to agenda item 8. (Proposed by Cllr Wyer)

23 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

24 Town Strategy Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st May 2019, as a correct record. It was resolved to

approve the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st May 2019, as a correct record and they were duly signed by Cllr Wyer. (Proposed by Cllr Ross)

25 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

26 To consider the following proposal from Cllr Vincent:

‘For a “Credton Climate Change & Sustainability Initiative”. That the Town Council should take a role in encouraging local residents to respond to the rising issues of climate change and sustainability.’ Further information had been issued with the agenda. A copy of Cllr Vincent’s request is attached to these minutes as Appendix Two. Cllr Vincent provided an overview of his proposal.

Mrs Ross, Chair of Sustainable Credton advised that Sustainable Credton had been active in these areas for several years and would want to help and encourage projects with everyone working together.

Cllr Matthews read a statement released by Glastonbury Town Council regarding its opposition to 5G and its rollout in Glastonbury. Cllr Matthews advised that he would circulate this information to all Councillors.

Cllr Letch advised that recycling in Mid Devon is quite high with a 54% recycling rate, however, there are still many properties in Credton using black bags and not using their black and green recycling boxes. He also suggested that Credton Town Councillors should go paperless as paper copies of the information for meetings was wasteful.

Cllr Ross felt that the Town Council should start looking at its own processes and procedures first in order to set an example.

The Town Clerk advised that Frome Town Council had declared a Climate Emergency in 2018 and suggested that Councillors take a look at the Frome Town Council website. It contains a lot of interesting information and tools regarding climate change and sustainability. She also advised that the Town Council uses a green energy provider.

Cllr Downes said it was important to elevate awareness of the issue and the Town Council should declare a Climate Emergency. It should monitor the good things happening in the town and highlight issues and where improvements can be made.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that Devon County Council has set up a Devon Climate Emergency Response Group and it was worthwhile investigating this and what it means for Credton. She also explained to the schoolgirls how the Town Council has been looking at reducing pollution through the recent Traffic & Urban Realm Feasibility Study, increasing biodiversity through policies within the evolving Neighbourhood Plan and looking at ways in which to make Credton streets more pleasant to walk in, so parents and children want to walk to school rather than jump in a car.

Cllr Matthews stressed that he did not like the word Emergency as it can create an element of hysteria and it doesn’t have a good psychological impression on children.

It was **unanimously resolved** for the Town Council to take a lead role in encouraging local residents to respond to the rising issues of climate change and sustainability by setting up a Crediton Climate Change & Sustainability Initiative". (Proposed by Cllr Vincent)

It was further **resolved** for the Town Strategy Committee to discuss how this is going to be done at its next meeting being held on Tuesday, 2nd July 2019. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

The members of the public and Mrs Ross left the meeting.

27 Order of Business

It was **resolved** to change the order of business and bring forward agenda item 15 'To receive an update on the proposed crossing points associated with the Wellparks Development' to the next item of business, as Cllr Way had other meetings to attend that evening.

28 To receive an update on the proposed crossing points associated with the Wellparks Development. County Councillor Way attended the meeting.

Cllr Way explained that progress is being made although not as fast as he would like. Devonshire Homes are tasked with providing the crossing at Mill Street from Downeshead Lane to East Street and they are being chased by Devon County Council (DCC) to get it underway. The S106 monies from the Wellparks development have been received and so the money has been received for the toucan crossing on Exeter Road, which will enable pedestrians and cyclists access to the train station and Tesco. Originally the desired location was for the crossing to go by the vets and Jewson but at the time it was felt, that due to cost, this would be undeliverable, however, DCC are now in negotiations and getting a design plan worked up, so it is still a possibility.

Regretfully, the crossing between Mill Street and Park Road has not passed a safety audit. Although DCC Highways have tried hard, the cellars which extend underneath the pavement make it extremely difficult. Cllr Way believes this project will be abandoned.

The crossing by the Fire Station has been designed and passed a safety audit. Further information is awaited regarding visibility for speed tests as there may be an issue with regard to the speed of vehicles. DCC hope that the enhancement scheme detailed within the Traffic & Urban Realm Study will slow traffic down and DCC are looking forward to when that can be delivered. These speed ratings are important because if the crossing is not deliverable, it could release funding for the Toucan crossing, as there is not enough S106 for both schemes. DCC would then postpone the installation of the crossing until the Traffic & Urban Realm scheme enhancements for that area are finished, in order to slow traffic down. Cllr Way advised that he had just received an e-mail from a DCC Highway Officer and will forward it to the Clerk for circulation to Councillors.

Cllr Downes asked when the Wellparks crossing will be installed, at the end of the whole development or, when the phase of housing which is adjacent to Exeter Road is finished? Cllr Way didn't know, although he understood that the Toucan crossing would be installed after the first phase was completed, and that isn't quite finished yet. The Town Clerk queried what the definition of completed is, Cllr Way said he would look into it and report back.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking said that she wished DCC would take on board the wishes of the community for pedestrian crossings for the whole Wellparks development. Only when the Traffic & Urban Realm Study started did the County Council take the Town Council seriously. It is really hard to get the County engaged, only the Town Council's own initiative has achieved things in spite of DCC

rather than because of DCC. The request for a pedestrian crossing at Lords Meadow still hasn't been resolved. Wellparks is a huge residential development and DCC think people will follow maps rather than desire lines. She asked Cllr Way what he can do as a County Councillor to get the DCC Highway Officers to come and talk to the Town Council. Cllr Way explained that the Toucan crossing was predominately for the residents in the new development and being paid for by S106 money. He agreed with pedestrian desire lines and DCC Officers have looked at this. He added that there are always things that can be done, the A377 is a busy road with a lot of traffic. If the Town Council says that it wants another crossing, he can take that back to County for consideration. Cllr Brookes-Hocking signposted Cllr Way to the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan which details what is missing and needed within the town.

Cllr Downes expressed his frustration regarding DCC's health and safety position with highway audits and not installing crossing points in areas that people use to cross. Cllr Way explained that DCC do not want to install a crossing and cause an accident because they can't slow the traffic down.

It was **resolved** to ask Cllr Way to arrange a meeting with DCC Highways Officers and Crediton Town Councillors in order to discuss all of these issues. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

29 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:

Cllr Letch advised that he would be abstaining from voting on the applications below, unless otherwise noted.

Reference: 19/00798/FULL

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 14/01156/FULL to allow a revised set of plans

Location: Fairways, East Threshers, Crediton, EX17 3NL

Applicant: Mr P Warren, PJ Warren Ltd, Arden Gardens, Union Road, Crediton, EX17 3AL

It was **resolved** to consider the variation of condition 2 on receipt of the revised set of plans to which it relates. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Reference: 19/00800/FULL

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 16/00283/FULL to allow a revised set of plans

Location: Old Orchard, Threshers, Crediton, EX17 3NL

Applicant: Mr P Warren, PJ Warren Ltd, Arden Gardens, Union Road, Crediton, EX17 3AL

It was **resolved** to consider the variation of condition 2 on receipt of the revised set of plans to which it relates. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Reference: 19/00439/FULL

Proposal: Erection of a car port and store to plots 1 and 2 following planning permission 17/00061/FULL

Location: Land at NGR 283973 99786 (Fairpark) Exeter Road, Crediton, Devon

Applicant: Mr T Newstead, Moorview Homes Ltd, Mardale, Copplestone, Crediton, EX17 5LF

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Ross) Cllr Brookes-Hocking requested that the minutes note that she abstained from voting.

Reference: 19/00471/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent to enlarge kitchen on first floor and replace alterations to doors and windows

Location: 77 High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3LA

Applicant: Mr S Rowe, 77 High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3LA

Cllr Brookes-Hocking declared a personal interest as the applicant is known to her. It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

Reference: 19/00822/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to fell 1 Yew tree within the Conservation Area

Location: 1 The Limes, East Street, Crediton, EX17 3BA

Applicant: Mrs E Hustwayte, 1 The Limes, East Street, Crediton, EX17 3BA

It was **resolved** to OBJECT to the application as it is within a conservation area, there is nothing wrong with the tree and the Town Council would recommend a Tree Preservation Order is enacted to protect the tree. (Proposed by Cllr Wyer)

30 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 Harris)

Reference: 19/00415/HOUSE

Proposal: Formation of access and provision of hardstanding for the parking of a vehicle

Location: 6 Butt Parks, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3HE

Applicant: Mr Allan Turner, 6 Butt Parks, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3HE

Reference: 19/00582/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of annexe following demolition of existing outbuilding

Location: 19 Lamejohns Field, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1EB

Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Heywood, 19 Lamejohns Field, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1EB

It was **resolved** to note the following applications have been WITHDRAWN (Proposed by Cllr)

Reference: 19/00119/FULL

Proposal: Change of use from commercial to residential consisting of 5 no 2 bedroom apartments

Location: The Crown of Crediton, Exeter Road, Crediton, EX17 3BR

Applicant: Mrs My-Le Ho, The Crown of Crediton Ltd, Exeter Road, Crediton, EX17 3BR

Reference: 19/00625/NMA

Proposal: Non-material amendment for 03/00835/FULL to increase the roof height of single storey North extension to include a room with associated dormer to front and bay window to rear, insertion of full height brick chimney to North elevation

Location: Fair Havens, Mill Street, Crediton

Applicant: Mr C Reed, Reed Construction and Developments Ltd, 106 High Street, Crediton
EX17 3LF

31 To receive an update on Crediton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that the deadline for the submission of comments is 10th June 2019. Following this, a Statement of Community Involvement and a Statement of Basic Condition will be prepared. It is hoped this work will be finished by early August.

32 To consider the feedback received on the proposed trim trail for Newcombes Meadow and agree any actions. The feedback relating to this item was issued to Councillors prior to the May Committee meeting. The feedback was considered and it was **resolved** as follows:

- for metal equipment to be used (preferably stainless due to its non-corrosive properties) as it is maintenance free.
- to site the equipment in one location - in front of the children's play area, as agreed at the site meeting several months ago.
- the Town Council to lead on the project and keep Mid Devon District Council up to date with progress, so the whole project can be presented to them fully costed and consulted on.

(Proposed by Cllr Harris)

33 To receive an update from the Old Landscore School Sub-Committee regarding Old Landscore School, Greenway, Crediton, EX17 3LP and agree any actions. Cllr Wyer advised that there had been a meeting that day, where the parameters for the feasibility study had been agreed. It had also been agreed to obtain quotations for tables and chairs for the site.

34 To consider and agree the Council's strategy towards seats that are

- a) not being maintained by other authorities and**
- b) are removed and not returned by other authorities.**

After careful consideration Councillors felt that the Town Council had a duty to provide places for people to sit. It was **resolved** to take responsibility for all street benches in the town and request £5,000 from the Town Council's general fund to be allocated as an earmarked reserve for maintenance of the benches. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking) It was further **resolved** for the Council's Environment Committee to lead on the project as the benches will become the property of the Town Council. (Proposed by Cllr Wyer)

35 To consider a request from the Heart Project to use the Town Council Office as a correspondence address. It was **resolved** to approve the request from the Heart Project to use the Town Council Office as a correspondence address. (Cllr Letch)

36 To consider and comment on Devon County Council's (Mid Devon HATOC) (Traffic Regulation) Amendment Order to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' in specified sections of Barnfield & Brays Close. Further information had been issued with the agenda. It was **resolved** to make NO OBJECTION to the amendment order. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

37 Close

The meeting closed at 7.38 pm.

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:.....