



**Minutes of the Meeting of Credition Town Council held on
Tuesday 21 September 2021, at 19.00, at Old Landscore School, Greenway, Credition**

- Present:** Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking (Chairman and Mayor), J Downes, J Cairney, J Harris, M Szabo and H Zorlu
- Apologies:** Cllrs G Cochran, S Huxtable, F Letch and L Martin
- Absent:** Cllr P Vincent
- In Attendance:** R Avery, Town Clerk
One member of the public

Prior to the meeting, the Mayor held a one minute silence in memory of serving Town Councillor John Ross who had recently passed away.

2109/080 To receive and accept apologies

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

It was **resolved** not to accept apologies from Cllr Vincent because his opinion that the location of the meeting was unsuitable and the arrangements for public participation were inadequate were not considered to be acceptable reasons for failing to attend. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

2109/081 Declarations of Interest

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

2109/082 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

2109/083 Order of business

There were no changes to the order of business.

2109/084 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

Cllr Brookes-Hocking made the following announcements:

- The Sustainable Credition Big Green Fair will take place on Saturday 25 September on the Town Square. There would be a Town Council stall, and if councillors were available to attend from 11.00-14.00 to show support and speak to members of the public, it would be appreciated
- The Devon Association of Local Councils AGM is being held online between 05 October and 07 October, with a range of sessions available including sustainability and resilience. Councillors should advise the Town Clerk should they wish to attend
- She had attended a meeting of the Credition Health and Wellbeing Alliance, where post-Covid recovery was discussed. She had been impressed by the groups working

- together for the community, but recognised there was more to be done
- She had met with the Mayor of Dokkum and discussed reinstalling the links
 - Cop26 (previously cancelled Town Council Climate Emergency event) had been rescheduled for 06 November.

2109/085 Town Council Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Crediton Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 July 2021 and 03 August 2021 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

2109/086 To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following meetings. Minutes had been issued with the agenda:

- **Planning and Town Strategy Committee held on 06 July 2021**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

2109/087 To note the installation of two control kiosks by South West Water

It was noted that two control kiosks for monitoring water flow were due to be installed at Peoples Park and Searle Street. It was **noted** that the Town Clerk would confirm if any wayleave payment was available and would advise councillors by email.

2109/088 To receive the report regarding replacement of bus shelters

Consideration was given to the replacement of the bus shelters.

It was **resolved** that heritage bus shelters with sedum roofs would be preferred, and that the Town Clerk would investigate this with the company for consideration at the October Town Strategy committee meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Downes).

2109/089 To receive a report on the Town Square as a community facility and to consider the recommendation therein

It was **resolved** that the current maintenance schedule was acceptable, but that additional cleaning stations for next summer be investigated. (Proposed by Cllr Zorlu).

It was **resolved** that a monthly walk around with the The Turning Tides Project would be beneficial, and an annual review of the Town Square would be useful to monitor the area. (Proposed by Cllr Downes).

2109/090 To note and approve the rent increase for the Town Council office premises

It was **resolved** to approve the rent increase. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

2109/091 To note the Town Councillor Vacancy

It was **noted** that the vacancy advert would end on 04 October 2021. Should an election not be requested by ten electors in the ward, the Town Council can co-opt a new councillor.

2109/092 To receive the report regarding the Council Legal Advice Service and to consider the recommendation therein

It was **resolved** to enter a one year contract with Tozers LLP. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo).

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2109/093 **To review the Terms of References for Committees**
It was **resolved** to reduce the quorum for all committees to three councillors.
(Proposed by Cllr Downes).

2109/094 **To receive an update on the purchase of Old Landscore School and to agree the membership of a task and finish group (from the Property and Assets Committee) to consider the use and requirements of the building to enable a detailed specification to be created**
It was **resolved** that a task and finish group would be created to inform decision making for creating a detailed specification. It was resolved that Cllrs Brookes-Hocking, Huxtable, Letch and Szabo would for the task and finish group, with the Town Clerk confirming with the councillors not in attendance. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

2109/095 **To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 16 November 2021**
The date of the next meeting was noted. The meeting was closed at 19.58.

Signed ..

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Dated.....16/11/2021.....

Rt Hon. Mel Stride MP



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Dear Rachel,

It was very good to meet
you yesterday and thank you
for all that you have done
to support the Council and local
community during what I
know has been a very difficult
time. To keep in touch
and I look forward to joining
you for a future event
along the lines we discussed.
With all best wishes
Mel

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