



Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Town Strategy Committee held on Tuesday, 6th October 2020 at 6.00 pm, via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Mrs E Brookes-Hocking (Committee Chairman), Mr F Letch, Miss J Harris, Mr J Ross, Mrs Martin, Mr Downes and Mr J Cairney

In Attendance: Mrs Rachel Avery, Town Clerk
Mr Nick Way, Devon County Councillor
One member of the public

65. To receive and accept apologies

The meeting was opened at 6.02pm.

66. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Cairney, 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.

67. Public Question Time

The following questions had been received from a member of the public, which would be considered during agenda item 10:

- Why is the council continuing to object to modification of the legal route of Crediton footpath number 1 when it has been told by Devon County Council that such an objection will not succeed?
- Are the council aware that sustaining their objection to the the modification of the legal route of Crediton footpath number 1 when it has been told that the objection will not succeed will cost a substantial amount of public money?

68. Order of Business

There were no changes.

69. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

70. Town Strategy Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st September 2020, as a correct record.

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2020 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

71. 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: 20/01408/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
Applicant: Mr J Cooper, Heavyweight Tattoo, 97 Bampton Street, Tiverton, EX16 6AL

It was **resolved** to recommend no objection (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

Reference: 20/01445/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and conversion of garage to family room
Location: 52 Beech Park, Crediton, Devon
Applicant: Mr R Cereda, 52 Beech Park, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1HW

It was **resolved** to recommend no objection (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

Reference: 20/01475/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of an extension and alterations including installation of a dormer window (Revised Scheme)
Location: 18 Blagdon Rise, Crediton, Devon
Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Adams, No 7. George Hill, Crediton

It was **resolved** to recommend no objection (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

72. 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: 20/00704/FULL
Proposal: Refurbishment of ground floor and first floor, erection of extension and partial demolition to create 1 flat
Location: Rear of 20 High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AH
Applicant: Ms R Board, The Old Rectory, Upton Hellions, Devon

Reference: 20/01076/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of two-storey side extension
Location: 51 Spruce Park, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3HJ
Applicant: Mr M Bolt, 51 Spruce Park, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3HJ

Reference: 20/01139/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of two-storey front extension
Location: Crossby, Peoples Park Road, Crediton, Devon
Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Windsor, Crossby, Peoples Park Road, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2DA

Reference: 20/00705/LBC
Proposal: Listed Building Consent for refurbishment of ground floor and first floor, erection of extension and partial demolition to create 1 flat
Location: Rear of 20 High Street, Crediton, Devon EX17 3AH
Applicant: Ms R Board, The Old Rectory, Upton Hellions, Devon

Reference: 20/01145/FULL
Proposal: Erection of workshop and store
Location: Lorry Park Commercial Road, Lords Meadow Industrial Estate, Crediton
Applicant: Mr A Conibear, Conibear Brothers Ltd, Commercial Road Business Park

Commercial Road, Lords Meadow Industrial Estate, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1ER

Reference: 20/01287/FULL
Proposal: Change of use from Class A1 (Retail) to Sui Generis (Tattoo Parlour)
Location: 49 High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3JX
Applicant: Miss J Alford, Jade Summer Tattoos, 1 Union Road, Crediton, EX17 3AN

Reference: 20/01215/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to rear
Location: 5 Wynfrith Mews, Landscore, Crediton, Devon
Applicant: Mr S Dunlop, 5 Wynfrith Mews, Landscore, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3FB

73. To receive an update on Old Landscore School.

The Town Clerk reported that a copy of the draft feasibility report would be available by the end of the week and a progress report from DCC had been requested.

74. To note the contents of an email dated 23rd May 2020 relating to the extinguishment application for Footpath 1.

Further information had been issued with the agenda.

A query was raised regarding a complaint being made to the Ombudsman. It was noted that this complaint had been made against Devon County Council and the decision had ruled against the complainant.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking stated that over a year had passed since the Town Council's initial objection had been lodged. The reason for this objection had related to the Neighbourhood Plan, which seeks to retain and enhance footpaths and walking routes, and to extend or develop potential cycleways. Therefore, the width of the footpath should not be reduced nor should access be compromised. There has been no further evidence since the objection was lodged to affect the decision made by Crediton Town Council last year.

It was **noted** that the Town Council has not been informed that the objection would not succeed, nor will there be a cost to the public until Devon County Council submit the application to the Secretary of State.

it was **resolved** that the contents of the email be noted. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

Cllr Ross expressed concerns relating to the use of Footpath 1. It was noted that the Town Council had received complaints that vehicles are blocking the path and details of the vehicles had been reported to Devon County Council Public Rights of Way and the police.

75. To receive a report on the Town CCTV project and consider and agree any actions arising.

Further information had been issued with the agenda. The Assistant Clerk was thanked for her work on the project so far.

It was **resolved** that office staff would undertake further research into CCTV hubs, the Town Council acting as data controllers and managing the network from the council office, in order to provide further information to the next Town Strategy meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

76. To receive an update on DCC'S response to cyclist priority at Belle Parade.

Devon Council Council's response had been circulated to councillors. The Town Clerk had requested further information regarding the Transport Planner's future intentions for the town, but the response had been disappointing given the Climate Change agenda.

77. To discuss and agree a response to the consultation relating to QE school becoming part of the Ted Wragg Multi Academy Trust.

Further information had been issued with the agenda. Cllr Letch stated that the Sixth Form



provision must be protected through this proposal, but was optimistic for the future. The standard of the QE Sixth Form college is very high, especially in the performing arts sector. It serves a rural area, which is a very important service. It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk would draft a response and would request clarification that the Sixth Form provision will remain. The draft response would be sent to Cllrs Brookes-Hocking and Letch.

78. To note that town and parish boundaries are due to be reviewed between Summer 2021 and Elections 2023.

It was **resolved** to note that town and parish boundaries are due to be reviewed between Summer 2021 and Elections 2023. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

79. To discuss a response to the Government's 'Planning for the future' white paper.

Further information had been issued with the agenda. It was **noted** that Mid Devon District Council had written a series of responses, which will be considered by Cabinet.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Brookes-Hocking would use the NALC template to form the Town Council's response. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

80. To note and discuss the recently published amendments to permitted development rights and changes to the Use Class order.

Further information had been issued with the agenda.

It was **resolved** to invite a Mid Devon District Council officer to attend a future Town Strategy meeting to provide information on these changes. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

81. To receive an update on the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan and agree any actions.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking reported that she was continuing to work on the plan.

82. To discuss the social care provisions in Crediton and agree any actions.


It was **noted** that Involve have arranged a meeting of the Crediton Health and Wellbeing Alliance, due to be held via Zoom on 22nd October 2020.

Cllr Ross reported that he would be interested to understand priorities in order to advise the League of Friends.

83. Close.

The meeting was closed at 6.55pm.

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(Chairman)

Date:.....

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