



Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 19:00, at Old Landscore School, Greenway, Credition

Present: Cllrs Liz Brookes-Hocking, Steve Huxtable, Guy Cochran, Giles Fawssett, Joyce Harris, Frank Letch, Natalia Letch, Paul Perriman, Georgina Stone and Jim Cairney

Apologies: Cllrs Rachel Backhouse and John Downes

In Attendance: One member of the public

Minute Taker: Rachel Avery, Town Clerk

MINUTES

2024/032 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Opening of meeting by the Chair and member introductions

Cllr Brookes-Hocking opened the meeting and members introduced themselves.

2024/033 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To receive questions from members of the public relevant to the work of the council (a maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item; verbal questions should not exceed 3 minutes)

Questions were raised by a member of the public. The questions and full responses would be provided on the town council's website in due course.

2024/034 APOLOGIES

To receive and accept Town Councillor apologies (apologies should be made to the Town Clerk)

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Backhouse and Downes. (Proposed by Cllr Cairney)

2024/035 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI's) in respect of items on this agenda.

To consider any dispensation requests (requests should be made to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting)

Item 47 – Cllr Brookes-Hocking declared a pecuniary interest and advised that she would leave the meeting.

There were no requests for dispensations.

2024/036 ORDER OF BUSINESS

At the discretion of the Chair, to adjust, as necessary, the order of agenda items to accommodate visiting members, officers or members of the public

There was no requirement to change the order of business.

2024/037 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements which the Chair and Town Clerk may wish to make (for information only)

Cllr Brookes-Hocking reminded those present that the Community Conversation event would take place on Saturday 23 March from 09.30 and all were welcome.

2024/038 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 16 January 2024 and Tuesday 20 February 2024, as a correct record (minutes will be issued with the agenda)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the minutes from the meetings held on Tuesday 16 January 2024 and Tuesday 20 February 2024. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

2024/039 TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Community and Environment Committee on 28 November 2023

It was **resolved** to ratify the minutes of the Community and Environment Committee. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

Planning and Town Strategy Committee on 02 January 2024

It was **resolved** to ratify the minutes of the Planning and Town Strategy Committee (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Council Affairs and Finance Committee on 10 January 2024

It was **resolved** to ratify the minutes of the Council Affairs and Finance Committee (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

EWBA

Planning and Town Strategy Committee on 06 February 2024

It was **resolved** to ratify the minutes of the Planning and Town Strategy Committee (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Council Affairs and Finance Committee on 13 February 2024

It was **resolved** to ratify the minutes of the Council Affairs and Finance Committee (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

2024/040 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Hayward's Educational Foundation

Cllr Cairney advised that the Foundation had purchased new classroom furniture.

Crediton United Charities

Cllr Harris advised that there was nothing to report due to items for discussion are mostly confidential, however she attends the regularly convened meetings.

Devon Association of Local Councils

Cllr Brookes-Hocking reported on the Larger Councils Workshop, which was held and focused on developing better relationships with other tiers of local authority. There was also a focus on giving councils across the county information and support regarding the devolution deal and the changing role of town and parish councils.

Crediton Twinning Association

It was noted that Cllr Huxtable is CTC representative.

Boniface Link Association

Cllr Harris reported that regular meetings are held, and the group acts as facilitators for keeping links with Dokkum and Fulda. In June, football teams will be visiting Crediton for the long-standing veterans tournament. She confirmed that the group were looking forward to the Big Boniface Bash and receiving further information.

Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

It was noted that this no longer exists. The Town Clerk advised that she would be meeting with MDDC's Community Safety Officer and would report back to the relevant committee.

Friends of Crediton Station

Cllr Perriman had not received information.

Sustainable Crediton

The Town Clerk reported on various diary dates, provided by Cllr Backhouse.

EUBH

Crediton AQMA Steering Group

It was noted that the group no longer exists.

Boniface Trail Association

It was noted that a meeting was planned for April to receive further details of DCC's proposals.

Crediton Chamber of Commerce

Cllr Cochran reported that there had been no meetings.

Okehampton Rail Forum

Cllr Perriman reported that no further meetings had been held.

League of Friends of Crediton Hospital

Cllr N Letch had not received information.

Age Concern Trustee

Cllr Cairney reported that funding from DCC is being reduced. There is a lack of participation, so income generation has also been reduced. External hire of the building is being considered.

2024/041 DEVON DEVOLUTION DEAL

To receive the report on the Devon Devolution Deal and to consider a body corporate response

Consideration was given to the report and the proposed response. It was **resolved** to approve the response with no amendments. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

2024/042 VIREMENT OF EARMARKED RESERVES**2024/042.1 MAYORS RECEPTION AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON 17 MAY 2024**

To approve the virement of funds from the following 2023/24 budget to be spent in 2024/25 to accommodate the Mayors Reception and Annual Town Meeting on 17 May 2024:

Mayoral Reception £809.00
Annual Town Meeting £200.00

It was **resolved** to approve the virement of funds. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

2024/042.2 FOOTPATH 28

To approve the virement of £700.00 from the Parish Paths 2023/24 budget, as recommended by the Parish Paths Sub-Committee, for improvement work



It was **resolved** to approve the virement of funds. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

2024/043 STRATEGIC PLAN 2024 - 2027

2024/043.1 TO APPROVE THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2024 - 2027

It was **resolved** to approve the Strategic Plan. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

Cllr F Letch joined the meeting at 19.43

2024/043.2 TO APPROVE THE ACTION PLAN 2024 - 2025

It was **resolved** to approve the document, with delegated responsibility for final wording of the following bullet point being given to the Community and Environment Committee further to a request for amendment by Cllr Fawssett:

'Respond to the Climate Emergency, declared in 2019, work towards both the reduction of the council's own carbon footprint, and to work with existing organisations to offer facilitation services to support them in doing the same. This will include the review of council policies to support the council's aims and actions to inform and encourage local people to make environmentally friendly choices'.

(Proposed by Cllr Harris, Cllr F Letch abstained)

2024/044 [CUT!] UPDATE

To receive a verbal update on arrangements for [CUT!]

Cllr N Letch reported that the first action day will take place on Saturday 23 March at 15.00 and the group is working with the Deputy Clerk to advertise.

Cllr Cairney confirmed that he had spoken to MDDC and they would charge for removal of green waste. This information would be provided to the Town Clerk for further consideration by the Community and Environment Committee.

2024/045 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 21 May 2024

The date of the next meeting was **noted**.

2024/046 PART II

To resolve that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information

ELUSH

It was **resolved** to move into Part II (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

2024/047 COUNCIL OFFICES

To receive the report and approve the recommendations, as approved by the Council Affairs and Finance Committee, therein

Cllr Brookes-Hocking left the meeting and Cllr Cochran chaired the remainder of the meeting

It was **resolved** to receive the report and approve the recommendations therein. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

2024/048 REPORTS PACK

Signed 

Dated..... 25/07/24