



**Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on Tuesday,
5 November 2024 at 19:00 in The Bungalow, 8 North Street, EX17 2BT**

Present:	Cllrs Liz Brookes-Hocking, Steve Huxtable, Giles Fawssett, Guy Cochran, Paul Perriman, Jim Cairney
Apologies:	Cllrs Natalia Letch and Joyce Harris
In Attendance:	Penni Tearle, Chair of Boniface Allotments Association
Minute Taker:	Emma Anderson

MINUTES

84 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened at 19.00 and the Chair welcomed everyone. Each member introduced themselves briefly.

85 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

86 APOLOGIES

Decision: It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs N Letch and J Harris. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

88 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

It was noted that all decisions would be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making.

89 ORDER OF BUSINESS

Decision: It was **resolved** to bring item 95 forward to item 92.

90 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Clerk announced the following:

In relation planning application 23/01196/FULL and its appeal, Mid Devon District Council Enforcement have advised us that the play equipment has now been removed.

However, the fence is still in situ, and they will be writing to advise further action may be taken as the compliance date was 14 October.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking reminded members of the drop-in session on Saturday, 16 November, at The Hub, 8 North St. The session will include consultations on budgeting, DCC's transport consultations, and the land south of Barnfield.

91 PLANNING AND TOWN STRATEGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 01 October 2024. (Proposed by Cllr Cairney)

92 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following planning applications were discussed:

24/00840/FULL: Erection of a building for machinery and equipment storage at Hooper Services (South West) Ltd, Crediton, Devon EX17 3DH.

Decision: It was **resolved** to OBJECT due to the excessively large size of the building for the site and the following comments were made:

- Crediton Town Council's previous objections, regarding this application and the certificate of lawfulness, still stand
- The application does not mention the nearby water course (the leat), nor is it mentioned in the flood risk assessment. If approved, Crediton Town Council recommends users make sure electricity cannot be compromised (anything that could be damaged by floodwater should be above 60cm) - the Flood Risk Assessment mentions on pages 16 & 25 that the building is at 40.2m, but the majority of the proposed building will be at 40.0m or less thereby increasing the risk to the structure, contents and life should flooding arise, especially in the north west corner.
- Crediton Town Council requests clarification as to whether a soak away or water butt will be used to manage the roof water
- Crediton Town Council supports the comments made by Public Health at MDDC that no machinery shall be operated in or in association with the new building except between the hours of 7.30am and 7pm Monday to Friday, or 8am to 1pm on Saturdays, and not at all on Sundays or Bank Holidays. Reason: To protect the amenities of local residents from noise

(Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

24/01457/LBC | Listed Building Consent for integrated CosyGlazing system to 3 sash windows | 4 Manor House Parliament Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BP

Decision: It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

93 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

Noted.

94 CREDITON URBAN TASKFORCE [CUT!]

94.1 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM MEMBERS OF [CUT!]

Cllr Huxtable advised that [CUT!] actions days are continuing on the second Saturday of every month, but volunteer numbers have not been increasing. The next action day is taking place on Saturday, 9 November at Jockey Hill.

94.2 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING A THANK YOU MEAL FOR [CUT!] VOLUNTEERS (CLLR HUXTABLE)

Cllr Huxtable advised members that following delayed trains on his journey with Cllr Fawssett to and from Bath for the Britain in Bloom Civic Reception, two refunds had been received from the train companies. The Town Council has been reimbursed all monies, and this has left an additional refund amount of £152.20. In order to thank the [CUT!] volunteers for their hard work, this money would be used towards a thank you meal on Friday, 8 November. All members supported this.

95 FUTURE USE OF ALLOTMENT B5A

Item taken as number 92

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the request to turn B5A into a communal plot holder allotment and trial this for one year.

Penni Tearle left the meeting at 7.14 pm.

96 DEVON COUNTYWIDE LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP) PUBLIC CONSULTATION

It was agreed to include this on the Full Council agenda for 19 November, following the drop-in session on Saturday, 16 November, to discuss residents' views and compile a response. Documentation and links were circulated prior to the meeting and members were encouraged to review the documents.

97 LAND SOUTH OF BARNFIELD

Cllr Brookes-Hocking provided an update on the land south of Barnfield. Crediton Town Council has engaged PJ Associates to undertake feasibility studies on the land. It is anticipated that an update will be received soon. Requests for mapping and data support have been made to Mid Devon District Council.

98 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR/STREET-DRINKING COMPLAINTS

Following a meeting held on 5 November 2024, Mid Devon District Council and the local policing team, supported by Crediton Town Council, are exploring the possibility of implementing a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Crediton. This order would give police officers the power to disperse individuals engaging in anti-social behaviour or street-drinking.

99 REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTING

Members discussed the background of this item, and the quotations received.

It was agreed for the Deputy Clerk to obtain quotations for younger trees with sufficient protection to increase their chances of survival.

The expenditure of up to £375 was approved, with delegated authority given to the Community Committee Chair, in conjunction with the Town Clerk, to instruct a contractor. The Deputy Clerk will also investigate the cost of watering the trees.

Decision: It was **resolved** for the Deputy Clerk to obtain quotations for younger trees to be sourced, with sufficient protection installed. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Decision: It was further **resolved** to approve the expenditure up to £375 with delegated authority being given to the Community Committee Chair, in conjunction with the Town Clerk, to instruct a contractor.

Task: Obtain quotations for younger trees with sufficient protection. @Deputy Clerk

Task: Investigate the cost of watering the trees. @Deputy Clerk

100 BRITAIN IN BLOOM

The committee discussed entering the Britain in Bloom Competition 2025.

Decision: It was resolved to enter the South West in Bloom Main Competition in 2025, with an entry fee of £50. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

101 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 03 December 2024. The meeting was closed at 20:18. Cllrs Jim Cairney and Steve Huxtable submitted their apologies for this meeting.

102 REPORTS PACK

Signed

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