



**Minutes of Credition Town Council's Town Strategy Committee held on
Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 6.00 pm, via Zoom**

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

Absent: Cllrs Mr J Cairney and Mr J Downes

In Attendance: Mrs Rachel Avery, Town Clerk

1. To receive and accept apologies

None received.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr 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.

3. Public Question Time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

4. Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

5. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

The clerk reported that a new Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman for the municipal year would be elected at the next meeting.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking reported that further to the increased financial support from the town council and additional funds being sought from other bodies, the vacancy for a Youth Worker will be advertised. It is hoped that the appointed person will start in September.

6. Town Strategy Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd March 2020, as a correct record.

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

7. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

8. 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: 20/00764/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to fell 1 Leylandii and 2 Holly trees within the Conservation Area
 Location: Glebeside, Union Road, Crediton
 Applicant: Ms K Bowen, Glebeside, Union Road, Crediton

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION, subject to MDDC's Tree Officer's professional opinion that the work is necessary. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

9. 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: 20/00161/LBC
 Proposal: Listed building consent for a repair and partial replacement of front and rear roofs and installation of a skylight
 Location: 9 East Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AT
 Applicant: Ms McLintock, 9 East Street, Crediton, EX17 3AT

Reference: 20/00270/NMA
 Proposal: Non material amendment for 18/01383/FULL to raise the ridge height of the dwellings
 Location: R & M Peters & Co Hawkins Way, Lords Meadow Industrial Estate
 Applicant: R & M Peters & Co Hawkins Way, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1HZ

10. To discuss Mid Devon District Council's Design Guide (Supplementary Planning Document) and to agree a response.

Further information had been issued with the agenda.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking commented that a huge amount of work had been achieved in the creation of this document. MDDC had created a comprehensive Design Guide, including the identification and explanation of the characteristics of the settlement areas within the district.

Explanation of the characteristics are helpful, however some of the weaknesses pertaining to Crediton were not as relevant to design going forwards. Some of the weaknesses identified in Tiverton, especially on connectivity and road design, apply equally to Crediton. There are:

- Pedestrian connections among new estates are an after thought
- Excessively large junctions to small, infill, cul de sac developments in outlying areas
- Pedestrian and cycle links around the town not integrated well with neighbouring area
- Oversize highways through neighbourhoods result in poor public realm and car dominance.

It was recognised that some of these are highways issues and should be taken on board by Devon County Council as their requirements have an effect on accessibility and the sense of community of future developments.

It was **resolved** that the above comments would be sent to MDDC. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

It was **noted** that the Neighbourhood Plan group would also respond to this consultation.

- 11. To discuss Mid Devon District Council's consultation on making a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) relating to dog control for the next three years and to agree a response.** Further information had been issued with the agenda.
- It was **noted** that this consultation deals with areas owned by Mid Devon District Council, however signs had been added to People's Park. As People's Park belongs to the town council, these signs should be removed.
- Cllr Letch stated that, in his opinion, dogs should remain on leads in any area near a main road. Cllr Ross stated that he supported this proposal, with the view that dogs being kept on leads was likely to reduce issues with dog fouling.
- Cllr Brookes-Hocking agreed that dog fouling is an issue, but did not think that the order would eliminate this. She went on to state that this proposal is draconian and that the order was unfair on any dog walker unable to access an area not controlled by the PSPO.
- Cllr Ross suggested that a dog walking area could be investigated to offer a place for dog walkers to use. Furthermore, he suggested that any new developments should include dog walking areas.
- Cllr Harris stated that whilst she supported the proposal, she was unsure of how MDDC intended to police the PSPO.
- It was **resolved** to support the PSPO, whilst noting that People's Park is not included in the order. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).
- It was **resolved** to advertise the consultation on social media and the town council's website. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).
- It was **resolved** to consider the use of town council owned areas for dog walking at a future meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).
- 12. To consider the proposal from Mid Devon District Council to install dual use recycling bins in Crediton and to agree a response.** Further information had been issued with the agenda.
- It was **resolved** to support the installation of dual use recycling bins and would prefer metal bins where possible. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).
- 13. To receive an update on Crediton Neighbourhood Plan and agree any actions.**
- It was **noted** that there had been no further progress due to the lockdown.
- 14. To receive an update from the Climate Change and Sustainability Sub-Committee.**
- It was **noted** that meetings of the sub-committee had not taken place, but Cllr Brookes-Hocking had preferred not to arrange such meetings as this is not a clerked committee of the council. However, she would reassess this decision moving forwards. Cllr Ross offered to support online meetings of the sub-committee.
- It was **noted** that MDDC would be holding 'Mid Devon Climate Conversations' with Cllr Elizabeth Wainright (MDDC cabinet member for Climate Change), the first of which being held on Friday 26th at 1.00pm.
- 15. To discuss the social care provisions in Crediton and agree any actions.**
- Cllr Brookes-Hocking reported that the increased use of the foodbank had initiated this agenda item. At some point, she suggested that the town council should meet with volunteers and staff regarding how they have managed during the lockdown and how the town proceeds.

16. Close.

The meeting was closed at 6.54pm.

Signed.....
(Chairman)

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