



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 19 June, 2007

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr W Brown Mr J Downes Mr F Letch Mr N Way Mr R Adams Mr R Wright Mr D Nation
In Attendance:	Chairman MDDC Devon & Cornwall Police Clerk Press	Councillor Mrs M Squires Sergeant G Twigg Mr M Maggs

Prior to the start of the meeting the newly elected Chairman of Mid Devon District Council introduced herself and addressed members. This year, the Annual Mid Devon Service would be held in Credition parish church, followed by tea at the Boniface Centre.

The Credition Police Sergeant provided an update on local crime figures. Since the start of the year, violent crime had seen a reduction of 11%, house burglary a reduction of 45%, theft of motor vehicles a reduction of 50%, with a slight increase in theft from motor vehicles.

He expressed concern over the figures for criminal damage, which appeared to be increasing. A scheme was being developed with the Youth Service and emergency services to tackle under-age drinking.

Overall, the situation was reasonably stable.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Squires and Sergeant Twigg for taking the time to attend the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

23. Apologies

Received from Councillor Finnegan (personal commitment).

24. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillor Downes Councillor Nation Councillor Way Councillor Wright	As a member of more than one authority, declared that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.
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25. Public Question Time

None.

26. Chairman's Announcements

None.

27. Town Council Minutes

- a) The minutes of the Town Council Annual General Meeting held on 15 May 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15 May 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendment:
Present: should read "Councillor Mr Brown".

28. Matters Arising

Minute 11b: The County Council ward member informed members that at a recent meeting of the County Council he had voted against proposals to set up a unitary authority for Exeter.

Minute 19: Councillor Adams requested a future agenda item to review the need for the loading bay outside the Council Offices, which appeared to cause a great deal of confusion with members of the public.

29. General Purposes Committee Council Minutes

- a) The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5 June were received and noted.
- b) The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee held on 5 June 2007 were approved.

30. Matters Arising

Minute 11(8): members were informed that there had been considerable difficulty in contacting the responsible person at County Hall. However, it was hoped that the responsible authorities would take the correct measures to ensure minimum disruption during the proposed works.

31. Planning

- a) *Planning Decisions*
Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.
- b) *Planning Applications*
Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.
- c) *Crediton Traffic Action Group Letter*
Noted with thanks.
- d) *Planning Applications and Items for Determination-week ending 19 June 2007*
 - 1) *Planning Applications*
None.
 - 2) *Items for Determination and Information*
None.

32. Finance

- a) *Schedule of Accounts*
The schedule of accounts, numbers 002655 to 002673 amounting to £6533.21 was approved.
- b) *Internal Auditor's Report*
Received, noted and approved with no further action.
- c) *Final Accounts 2006-2007*
The Final Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2007 were approved.
- d) *Annual Return, Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement*
Approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Councillors were satisfied that all internal account and audit processes had been reviewed and completed in accordance with current procedures.
- e) *Donation Requests*
A request for assistance had been received from the Crediton Bowling Club. To comply with the Council's Financial Regulations, further supporting information would be required. The item was deferred to the next meeting. Clerk to contact Bowling Club.
There were no other requests.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

33. Crediton Hospital

Councillor Nation was asked to update members on current progress with the arrangements for a public meeting. It was anticipated that the two Trusts (Devon Primary Care Trust and Devon Partnership Trust) would be able to combine a public consultation event followed by a public meeting chaired by the Chairman of the Town Council. It was hoped that the public meeting would be attended by both Chief Executives.

The Clerk reported that the Trusts had offered to cover the costs of providing an alternative venue (Congregational Church) including advertising costs. The Trusts had also agreed to consult the Town Council on the format and wording of any advertising before release to the public.

It was agreed that the Town Council would be prepared to contribute up to £150 towards any costs incurred in order to facilitate the meeting.

Councillor Nation, the Chairman and Clerk to liaise over the final arrangements with officers from the respective Trusts.

34. Vacancies in the Office of Town Councillor

Applications had been received from four candidates. Following a secret ballot the following were appointed to fill the three remaining vacancies by co-option:

Mrs Liz Brookes-Hocking for Lawrence Ward

Mr David Sansom for Lawrence Ward

Mr Scott Baker for Boniface Ward

35. Revised Model Code Of Conduct

It was agreed to adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils (Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 No. 1159) to include paragraph 12 (2) as advised and with immediate effect.

36. Bandstand

Clerk reported that current negotiations with MDDC were continuing.

37. CCTV

The Clerk provided a brief update on progress and provided advice on the current proposals. An email had been received from the Chairman of CAMM/Creedy Local Area Group of the Community Safety Partnership requesting the Council's approval for an agreement to be drawn up detailing the responsibilities of installation and ownership.

It was agreed to support all points except points 2, 5 and 6. The installation should be the responsibility of the contractor and covered by his insurance (point 2). Further information on costs should be provided before any decision could be taken (points 5 and 6). The Clerk to seek clarification.

38. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Crediton Scout Group letter of thanks for recent TC donation.
2. DCC – details on Parish Paths Partnership Summer Events – various venues and dates.
3. CCD – Parish Plans Information Event – 24 July – Tiverton.
4. Living Options Devon – Disability Awareness Training – various venues and dates.
5. DPFA – AGM papers – 12 July at Winkleigh – re-election and nomination papers.
6. Mid Devon CSP – managing Crime and Anti-social Behaviour – incident reporting reference list.
7. Vitalise – essential breaks for disabled people – donation request – agenda item if further supporting information received.
8. DAPC – County Committee elections – Councillor Brown elected for Crediton.

9. MDDC – road closure details for Shakespeare in the Square – 20-23 June.
10. MDDC – additional information on King’s Arms application and outcome of hearing held on 12 June. Chairman read out decision.
11. RBL – letter on pigeon problem at War Memorial. The Clerk provided an update and would reply.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

39. Highways

Several members expressed concern following complaints from the public about the state of the A377 and some adjacent roads as a result of current housing developments. The County Council ward member agreed to investigate.

40. Parking

It was reported that parked cars were causing obstruction of the highway at Barnfield (Butt Parks). The Clerk would ask the Fire Service whether they would be able to attend an emergency call-out.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: