



# Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 23 June 2009

**Present:**

**Councillors**

**Mr F Letch (Chairman)**  
**Mr W Brown**  
**Mr J Downes**  
**Miss J Harris (part meeting)**  
**Mrs L Brookes-Hocking**  
**Mr P Finnegan**  
**Mr D Nation**  
**Mr N Way (part meeting)**  
**Mr B Wright**

**In Attendance:**

**Clerk**  
**Press**  
**Public**

**Mr M Ashley**  
**2**  
**16 (Incl. Mr W Dixon; Credition  
Traffic Action Group)**

## AGENDA ITEMS

**28. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors A Hughes, J Harris, (late arrival) and E Brookes-Hocking, (early departure) for personal reasons.

**29. Declarations of Interest**

Prejudicial	Councillor Nation	Minute 31: History Society Question Minute 39.b.5: History Society
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 35: Link Road Minute, (20), from 19 May Council Minutes
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 38b: Application 09/00833/DCC
Personal	Councillor Letch	Minute 38b: Application 09/00853/FULL
Code of Conduct	Councillors Downes, Way, Wright and Nation	As members 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.

**30. Presentation By Representatives of Tesco**

Melanie Chiswell, a representative of Tesco supermarkets, outlined the sum of money, (£5,000-) available for a community project and the style of project that may be applicable. It was agreed that projects such as refurbishing the Scout Memorial Garden or the provision of skate park facilities would be appropriate. The Tesco representative emphasised that budget figure is fixed and that only projects within the control of Tesco could be considered and that, as such, provision of, or improvements to, cycle paths within the town were not applicable. A member of the public suggested tree planting be

considered and it was noted that the Town Council's Floral Working Group was already working with the developers on landscaping, especially along Exeter Road, which included tree planting. It was emphasised that the store's projected opening was early 2010 and that the completion of any project should ideally tie in with this.

*Councillor Way entered the meeting during this item.*

**31. Public Question Time**

*Councillor Harris entered the meeting*

a. Councillor Nation declared a Prejudicial Interest and left the meeting for the duration of the presentation of this item. Mr John Heal of the Crediton History Society presented a request that the proposed Crediton Museum project be considered for Council donation support.

b. A number of question were asked concerning the proposed Exeter Road Link Road.

**32. Chairman's Announcements**

None.

*Councillor Brookes-Hocking left the meeting.*

**33. Town Council Annual General Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the Town Council Annual General Meeting held on 20 May 2008 were received and noted as a correct record with the following correction:

*Minute 5: Replace "Mayor's Escort" with "Mayoress".*

**34. Town Council Minutes**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19 May 2009 were received and approved as a correct record with the following addition:

*Minute 22: Add "Councillor Brown to draft a letter detailing these changes".*

**35. Matters Arising**

*Minute 20: Members re-iterated their concerns over the new proposal for a relief road linking to the Lords Meadow Industrial Estate taking a western route. They were agreed that the proposed consultation in September must include all three possible routes. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to DCC to express Council's wish for a 3 route consultation and would emphasise the town's strong feeling against the proposed western route. The Assistant Clerk to forward the letter to DCC officers mentioned by Cllr N Way.*

**General Purposes Committee Minutes**

a) *Minutes*

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 9 June 2009 were received and noted with the following correction:

*Minute 11: Replace "between Market Street and North Street" with "between Market Street and Union Road".*

b) *Recommendations*

The recommendations of the Committee were approved as minuted.

**36. Matters Arising**

None

**37. 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) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 23 June 2009*

None.

**38. Finance**

a) *Schedule of Accounts*

The schedule of accounts, numbers 002973 to 002987 amounting to £18,160.01 was approved.

*Cheque 002984:* Councillor Brown protested against the use and cost to the Council of using architects for preliminary plans and that in future such grandiose proposals would be voted down.

b) *Donation Requests*

1. Crediton Climate Action

It was noted that there was no specific request for a donation towards a particular project, such as last year's donation for shopping bags and smart meters, and that financial plan for individual projects were not itemised. It was agreed to ask the Climate Action group to submit a specific request to be considered with financial information included. It was also emphasised that the £1,000-mentioned in the CCA submission was earmarked for support of a future Tourist Information Centre or Information Point. Item deferred.

2. MS Society

It was agreed to donate £200- to the MS Society. Details to be forwarded to Councillor Way.

3. Unite Carers in mid Devon

Members felt that the social services provision covered too wide an area to be deemed local to Crediton in accordance with the Council's policy and it was agreed to make no donation this year.

4. Connect in Mid Devon

The Council member sponsoring this submission was not in attendance at the meeting and the item was deferred. It was, however, noted that the donation would cover a larger area than just Crediton and there was some concern over the implications of donating to religious organisations.

5. Councillor Nation declared a prejudicial interest, made a representation requesting that the History Society's submission for a donation request be considered. He then left the meeting for the duration of the debate on this item. Members considered the report of the History Society but noted that a page, containing important business plan information was missing. The item was therefore deferred to the next General Purposes Committee meeting and it was agreed that power would be delegated to the Committee to consider this request.

**39. Licensing**

The License Application for The White Swan, High Street, Crediton was deferred due to the lack of detail in the application.

**40. Annual Town Meeting Report**

The report from the Annual Town Meeting on the public consultation for a Town Plan was received and considered. All the recommendations were approved except; 2.1.2 a and b, 2.2.2 and 5.3 which were deferred to seek clarification from the author of the report, Councillor Brookes-Hocking, who was not in the meeting, and also 3.3a(i) and a(iv) which were deleted from the report.

**41. Town Council Newsletter and Annual Report**

The Clerk updated members on the progress of the Annual Report and Newsletter. It was noted that the report needed to be published by 30 June 2009.

**42. Councillor Reports**

a. It was reported that the meeting notes of the Administration and Personnel Sub-Committee would be distributed to Councillors.

b. Councillor Way reported that the Year 9 pupils at Queen Elizabeth community College had expressed interest in having a cinema in the town. It was noted that Crediton Arts Centre were trying to institute a "Film in The Square" event.

**SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS**

**43. Mid Devon District Council Hosing Services Survey**

It was agreed that the Assistant Town Clerk would complete this in consultation with the Chairman.

**44. District Council Survey on Relations With Town & Parish Councils**

It was agreed that the Assistant Town Clerk would complete this in consultation with the Chairman.

**45. Town Bus Routes**

Councillor Brown outlined proposals for Town Bus routes and timetables. It was agreed to forward these to Devon County Council.

**46. Correspondence Received**

1. Crediton Traffic Action Group Letter.
2. DISExtra – NALC Direct Information Service May 2009
3. Mid Devon District Council Parish Matters June 2009 issue 9
4. DAPC – E bulletin May 2009
5. Telephone message from Mr Savage Re: CCTV Cameras
6. Westree Company Letter.
7. Edwin Tucker & Sons Ltd – Letter Thank you Mayors reception
8. Bill Dixon CTAG – Letter Link Road.
9. Devon County Council – Newsletter 2009
10. Senior Council for Devon – Newsletter June 2009
11. Improvement and Development Agency
12. Letter from concerned resident and Email - G Twigg Re: trees being sawn down Avranches
13. Mid Devon District Council – Summons and Agenda 24 June 2009
14. Email – The Bandstand Marathon – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009
15. Blackrock – Dividend Advice & Tax Voucher
16. Email Keith Garside – Industrial Application Fordton
17. Email CAB Merger – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009
18. Boniface Allotments Association Meeting Minutes – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009
19. Email & Flyer – Re: County Grants Scheme
20. Crediton Climate Action News May 09
21. Dawlish Town Council – Diamond Theft and other Financial Planning
22. Devon Association of Parish Council Meeting Minutes – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009
23. Community Council of Devon

**47. Business Brought Forward**

None.

Meeting closed at approximately 9:52 p.m.

Signed:

(F Letch, Chairman)

Date: