



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16 March 2010

Present:	Councillors	Mr F Letch (Council Chairman) Miss J Harris Mr W Brown Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr B Wright Mr N Way (Part Meeting) Mr D Nation (Part Meeting)
In Attendance:	Clerk Press Public	Mr M Ashley 1 3

AGENDA ITEMS

241. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor A Hughes (personal), Councillor J Downes (personal), Councillor R Adams (Personal), Councillor T Connell (Medical) and Councillor P Finnegan (Personal).

242. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 258: Credition Road Issues
Prejudicial	Councillor Wright	Minute 248d: Donation Request; Credition Community Transport
Prejudicial	Councillor Brown	Minute 248d: Donation Request; Credition Community Transport
Code of Conduct	Councillors Wright, Way, & 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.

243. Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

244. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Chairman announced that a member of the public had raised the issue celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at a Mayor's Surgery. *Future agenda item.*

245. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16 February 2010 were received and approved as a correct record with the following corrections:

Minute 229a): Amend "1st April" to read "1 February".

Minute 238: Amend "Union Street" to read "Union Terrace".

246. Matters Arising

None.

247. General Purposes Committee Minutes

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee of 2 March 2010 were received and noted.
- b) The recommendations of general Purposes Committee of 2 March 2010 were approved.

248. Finance

It was agreed to bring this forward as representatives of the donation requesting organisations were present.

- a) The February schedule of accounts, cheque number 3068, (numbers 3056 to 3067 being previously approved), amounting to £75.08 was approved.
- b) The March Schedule of accounts, numbers 3069 to 3075 totalling £6,830.63, was approved.

c) *Tourist Information Point, (TIP), Donation Request*

Cllr Nation entered meeting and made a Code of Conduct declaration of interest.

The proprietor of the premises offering to host the Tourist Information Point made a short presentation to Council.

Members agreed that the District Council should consider the revenue costs

For any business taking on responsibility for the TIP. The Council emphasised that it supports the initiative and are willing to make a contribution towards the project. It was noted that the TIP would be any area resource, not just a Crediton facility, especially as most of the accommodation and many of the attractions are outside the town. It was agreed that the Council would write to the District Council's Chief Executive to request reviewing the support of revenue costs for the TIP.

d) *Shopmobility donation request.*

Councillors Brown & Wright declared prejudicial interests & left the meeting for the duration of debate on this item.

The Manager of Crediton Area Community Transport made a brief presentation to Council in support of the donation request. The Saturday Farmers' Market service was noted.

Members agreed to grant a donation of £400.00 to the Crediton Area Community Transport's Shopmobility scheme.

Councillor Brookes-Hocking emphasised that the Town Council needs to review its donations policy, especially with the possibility of ongoing support to the History Society's Museum. *Future Agenda Item.*

249. Planning http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/tdc_home.aspx

- a) *Planning Decisions*
Noted.
- b) *Planning Applications*
Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.
- c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 17 December 2009*
Application 10/00015/FULL, (Revised Application), was tabled. Members agreed that there were no objections.

250. Councillor Reports

- a) Councillor Brown reported attending the most recent Crediton Traffic Action Group meeting. It was noted that Councillors were already aware of the group's views as well as the County Council's decision.
- b) Councillor Nation reported that the next meeting of the Hospital Campaign Group would be the following evening. It was noted that the allocation of funding for respite care is an issue and the Devon PCT have not spent this.

Councillor Way entered the meeting

- c) Councillor Brookes-Hocking reported on the Sustainable Crediton's "Landowners Garden Share" scheme.

- d) Councillor Brookes-Hocking announced the deadline for the next issue of the Council's newsletter and asked for suggestions for articles.
- e) Councillor Way reported that the repairs to the road surface in Barnfield are being scheduled for the 2010-2011 Financial Year.
- f) Councillor Harris presented the Renewal Certificate for Fairtrade Crediton to Council. It was noted that this needed framing and that the sum required was within the Clerk's delegated financial powers, in consultation with the Chairman.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

251. Parking *(item requested by Councillor Brookes-Hocking)*

It was reported that councillors had held talks with the Mid Devon District Council Officer responsible for car-park income and the feasibility of reducing car parking costs for shoppers. It was noted that St Saviours Way car-park is underused, however, there is no detailed break down of users due to machinery limitations. New ticketing machines due to be installed shortly should provide a better break down of use, but will still not include parking permit holders. The more detailed picture that should be available on usage of the car park may lead to opportunities. It was agreed that this item will need to be revisited.

252. Town Plan

The updated Town Plan was presented to Council and approved as the proposed Town Plan for consultation with the public.

253. May Day Celebrations

Item deferred to a future agenda as the proposing Councillor was not present.

254. Finger Posts

The Assistant Town Clerk updated members on the current situation with regard to quotations for installation of additional individual finger signs and the extra sign post. Councillor Nation agreed to review the current signage and refine the proposed additions.

255. Noticeboards

The Council considered the proposal of an additional Town Council noticeboard in the town. It was noted that there are already 12 local noticeboards in the town and the local paper provided good information. It was agreed that another board was not required.

256. Boundary Fencing

The letter from a local resident concerning the damage to boundary fencing on the A377 near Downes Mill and the bridge over the River Creedy was considered. It was noted that this part of the road is actually outside the town boundary but it was agreed that the Council would write to neighbouring parishes and the Highway Authority recommending repair.

257. Annual Town Meeting

It was proposed that the same format as last year be adopted with a two day display of issues prior to the Annual Town Meeting. It was noted that the Boniface Centre was not available during the day to display the exhibition and that use of the Old Town Hall for both the exhibition and meeting should be investigated. Topics for display and discussion at the meeting would be air quality, the proposed Link Road, the District Council's Local Development Framework and it was expected that the District Council would provide a display and present to the meeting on air quality in the town. It was agreed that the exhibition should be on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 April 2010.

258. Crediton Road Issues

Councillor Way declared a personal interest as a District and County Councillor.

Councillors recognised the County Council's decision over the proposed Link Road and the County and Ward members' submissions to the County Council Cabinet. Concerns were raised over the continuation of protection of the Valley Route within the Local Development Framework and that whether continuing support for the Valley Route would leave the town with no link route or by-pass at all. It was reported that the District Council

accepted that the County Council will be the determining authority for the route and that the District Council's Planning Committee will be a consultee. It was also reported that Traffic Action Group's traffic count survey results will go to cabinet prior to the actual application, expected in 9 to 12 months time, and that whilst some of the figures may appear high, the group's results have provided an alternative to the County Council's results. It was felt that this may support the case for a later extension to the Link Road beyond Downshead. It was agreed that the Council would write to the County Council, copied to the LDF Inspector, to register the concerns over the protection, and it's possible loss, of the Valley Route. Councillor Way agreed to provide a draft in consultation with the Chairman.

259. Dog Litter Bin

Councillor Wright reported that the District Council would maintain and empty a new dog-bin in this location, but that the Town Council would have to purchase the bin. It was estimated that the cost of provision would be approximately £390-. It was felt that the location, close to the Fordton Terrace residences, meant it would be important to consult local residents prior to a decision as the negative impact may be substantial, especially in Summer. Councillors were also not certain as to the location of other dog-bins in the area and Councillor Harris agreed to investigate further.

260. Citizen Awards 2010

Deferred to Part II

261. Administration and Personnel

Deferred to Part II

262. Correspondence Received (*list to be tabled*)

Correspondence

1. DCC – Letter: Local Government Pension Scheme – Annual Returns 2009-10. (*Completed for CTC by MDDC HR Dept.*)
2. MDDC – e-mail: Nick Sanderson update on the Partnership Toilets in the Old Town Hall.
It was reported that funding from the local authority would be maintained, but not increased.
3. Wortham Jaques; Charlesworth Nicholl & Co & Gregory Distribution – Letters: Responses to Mayor's Crediton Arts Centre support request.
4. DCC – e-mail: Response to Council letter re. Footpath 24, Lords' Meadows, surfacing.
5. Mrs S Chalton – Letter: Complaint & suggestion for Blagdon Corner green space, & initial response from MDDC. *Clerk's Office to reply.*
6. South West Water – Letters: Confirmation of payment of Allotment water bills via Direct Debit.
7. DCC – Notification: Road closure; Four Mills Lane 15 March – 2 April 2010.
8. DDC – Notification: Road closure; Exhibition Road; 20 -21 March 2010.
9. Audit Commission – Letter: Notification of Appointment of External Auditor.
10. Carillion Telent, Contractors – Notification: Road closure; Fanny's Lane, Sandford; 26 July – 2 August 2010.
11. Energy Saving Trust – Letter: Invitation to join "Green Communities".
12. DCC – Letter: Response to Council's letter re. traffic calming/speed limits in Four Mills Lane. *Future Agenda Item.*
13. Crediton Food Festival 2010 – Press Release: June Festival to Celebrate Local Food & Drink.

Information

1. Smith of Derby – Clock Maker: Newsletter
2. Community Council of Devon – Newsletter: Village Green; March 2010.

3. Tark Rail Association – Newsletter: Winter 2010.
4. SLCC – Journal: The Clerk; March 2010.
5. Clerks & Councils Direct – Journal; March 2010.
6. NALC – Journal: LCR; Spring 2010.
7. RD & E NHS Foundation Trust – Newsletter: RD & Express; March 2010.
8. First Great Western – Timetable: Tarka Line updated timetable to 22 May 2010.
9. DCC – Newsletter: Devontalk – Spring 2010.

Business Brought Forward

263. Locality Fund

The County Ward member reported that there was some of the Locality funding left of this year's allocation and reminded Councillors that any local organisations can apply providing they are a community group with a specific project, although the funding does not have to be for capital costs.

264. Refuse Collection

Councillor Harris reported that she had received complaints about large piles of black refuse bags being left outside the new flats in Alexandra Road. Councillor Wright agreed to check on this.

PART TWO ITEMS

In view of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw.

265. Citizen Award

Three nominations for Citizen Awards for the Mayor's Reception were approved.

266. Administration and Personnel

The Assistant Town Clerk was asked to leave the meeting whilst the Chairman updated members on the current staffing situation. The Clerk was asked to re-enter the meeting and the Chairman stated that the Council accepted the flexible working schedule for the Administration Assistant. The Chairman further stated that all councillors must have hard, paper copies of agendas, completed minutes and planning lists available ready for collection by 10:00 a.m. on the Friday preceding a Council's meeting. Hard, paper copies of additional papers should be available at the meeting on request, or alternatively any councillor could request particular papers to be collected from the office. Minutes should be circulated to councillors by e-mail by the end of the week of a meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 21:52.

Signed:

(F Letch, Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 16 MARCH 2010

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	<p>Type – Granted</p> <p>Reference: 09/01681/MFUL Major Planning Application Address: Land to South of Exeter Road Wellparks Crediton Devon EX17 3PP Description: Erection of 22 dwellings with associated parking</p> <p>Web link: 09/01681/MFUL</p>
DECISION	<p>Type – No Objection (MDDC To DCC)</p> <p>Reference: 10/00214/DCC Devon County Council (See DCC Ref. JJ/DCC/2988/2010) Address: Lanscore County Primary School Threshers Crediton Devon EX17 3JH Description: Regulation 3 application to permit retention of existing modular classroom block 04</p> <p>Web link: N/A</p>
DECISION	<p>Type – Granted</p> <p>Reference: 09/01710/FULL Full planning application, registered 20/11/2009 Address: 17 St Lawrences Green Crediton Devon EX17 2BD Description: Conversion of redundant outbuildings to form a separate dwelling and erection of a lean-to timber log store</p> <p>Web link: 09/01710/FULL</p>

DECISION**Type – Granted**

Reference: **09/01681/MFUL** Major Planning Application, registered 02/12/2009

Address: Land to South of Exeter Road Wellparks Crediton Devon EX17 3PP

Description: Erection of 22 dwellings with associated parking

Web link: [09/01681/MFUL](#)

Planning Applications**APPLICATION****Type – Application (Deferred from GP)**

Reference: **10/00225/FULL** Full planning application, registered 17/02/2010

Address: 2 Longmeadows Crediton Devon EX17 1DU

Description: Erection of dwelling following demolition of detached garage

Web link: [10/00225/FULL](#)

No Objection -

APPLICATION**Type – Application**

Reference: **HS/DCC/2998/2010** Listed Building consent, registered 18/02/2010, **Devon County Council Application.**

Address: Crediton Youth Centre, East Street, Crediton Devon EX17 3AX

Description: Listed Building Consent to replace existing gas heating system with a radiator system with a central boiler.

Web link: N/A

Approved -

Type – Application

Reference: **10/00213/LBC** Listed Building Consent, registered 04/03/2010
Address: 30 Exeter Road Crediton Devon EX17 3BW
Description: Listed Building Consent for replacement of 6 windows and 1 door

Web link: [10/00213/LBC](#)

Approved -

Type – Application

Reference: **10/00342/OUT** Outline Application, registered 09/03/2010
Address: Land at NGR 282362 100434 R/O Shangri La Broad Close Crediton Devon
Description: Outline for the erection of a dwelling

Web link: [10/00342/OUT](#)

No Objection -