



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on
19 April 2011

Present:	Councillors	Mr F Letch (Chairman) Mr W Brown Mr J Downes Mr N Way Mr R Adams Mrs E Brookes-Hocking (part meeting) Mr D Nation (part meeting) Mr T Connell Mr R Wright
In Attendance:	Clerk Press Public	Mr M Maggs 1 3

AGENDA ITEMS

209. To receive apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Harris, Finnegan and Hughes (all personal).

210. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillors Downes, Nation, Wright and Way	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.
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 228b Councillor Reports

211. Meeting Management

To accommodate visiting members of the public, it was agreed that agenda item 19 (Joy Riding) would be advanced before item 9 (Planning).

212. Public Question Time

None.

213. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Chairman announced that he would be opening the Credition Area History Society's exhibition at the Old Town Hall on 20 April.

The Town Council would be hosting a reception for the Twinning Association on 7 May at the Old Town Hall. As a consequence, he asked for assistance from councillors at the Farmer's Market on 7 May from 1040 to 1130. Councillor Way agreed to cover.

The Chairman formally thanked the four councillors, who would be standing down following the election, for their efforts over the years.

The Clerk had no announcements to make.

214. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15 March 2011 were received and approved as a correct record.

215. Matters Arising

Councillor Nation arrived.

Minute 200c: following concerns expressed by a councillor, the Clerk provided an explanation and current advice on the appointment of the external auditor.

Councillor Brookes-Hocking arrived.

Minute 201b: awaiting response.

216. General Purposes Committee Minutes

a) *Minutes*

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5 April 2011 were received and noted.

b) *Recommendations*

The recommendations of the Committee were approved as minuted.

217. Joy Riding

Councillor Downes provided a brief report outlining problems with anti-social/nuisance driving at the Leisure Centre car park (overflow) at Lords Meadow.

Two members of the public (local residents) also provided details of the nuisance caused by these drivers.

It was agreed to ask the appropriate authorities to consider taking the following action:

- Consider stepping up Police involvement
- Consider the placement of warning notices
- Consider closing the entrance to the car park at night
- Consider an engineering solution for the car park (similar to St Saviour's Way)
- Consider the introduction of a byelaw prohibiting any use of the car park other than parking

The matter would also be placed on the agenda for next meeting of the Creedy Local Action Group on 14 May. Councillor Wright, as chairman of the group, agreed to provide an update at the next Council meeting (17 May).

The Clerk to contact the Police and MDDC.

218. 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 15 March 2011*

None.

219. Finance

a) *Schedule of Accounts*

The Schedule of Accounts, numbers 3230 to 3256 totalling £14657.36, was approved.

b) *Donation Requests*

CHICKS (Country Holidays for Inner City Kids)

It was agreed that the application for grant funding fell outside the Council's criteria. The Clerk to inform.

220. Devon County Council – Library Consultation

The Chairman summarised the request from DCC for feedback on how usage could be maximised within available resources. Councillors and members of the public were encouraged to respond by completing the on-line questionnaire.

The Chairman commended local library staff for their initiative and efforts to create a valuable community asset. The Council had also contributed, financially, to improvement schemes aimed at increasing usage. Full value should be obtained from the recent modernisation by ensuring that the library is kept open for the maximum time.

It was agreed that opening the library until 4pm on Saturday would be beneficial and would increase usage figures. The library should open on Saturdays, even in the context of a possible reduction in service. The Chairman agreed to investigate the usage figures and report at a future meeting.

221. Mid Devon District Council – Air Quality

Councillor Way provided details on the decision by the MDDC Head of Environmental Health to merge the district's air quality management groups.

Whilst it was appreciated that the argument to merge the groups made some sense from a management point of view, it was strongly felt that there was a continuing need for a Crediton group to deal with issues specifically relating to the town.

Councillor Brown's motion was supported with two amendments. It was agreed that the Council should request a meeting, as soon as possible and in Crediton, of the Air Quality Management Steering Group. It was further agreed that the Council should wait for a reply before requesting a meeting with lead officers and the portfolio holder.

The appointment of a replacement Steering Group representative would be made at the Council's Annual General Meeting to be held on 17 May.

222. Community Right to Challenge/Community Right to Buy

Previous discussions indicated a degree of scepticism about the value of these proposals to local communities especially if communities were specifically not allowed to challenge cuts in services under the Right to Buy, defeating the main purpose of supporting local initiative and enterprise.

The five year limitation placed on the Right to Buy asset register was considered inappropriate for certain community assets which might merit permanent listing.

223. GP Christmas Cover

The Council was made aware of two cases where an out of hours service was not available during the Christmas period.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the PCT asking for an explanation and obtaining assurances that this would not happen again.

224. Broadband

The Chairman and the Clerk provided a brief update on the current situation and reported that the local MP had asked for a meeting to help progress improvements in the service.

225. DALC County Committee Election

Deferred to Annual General Meeting (17 May).

226. Mid Devon Transport Group

Deferred to Annual General Meeting (17 May).

227. 20 mph Speed Limits

Despite discouraging comments from DCC quoting Department for Transport guidelines on the implementation of 20mph speed limits, councillors considered that the proposal had considerable merit particularly when associated with an East/West cycle route. At the Town Council's request a cycle route along Belle Parade was being planned. Consequently, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highway Authority expressing the Council's views in support of the motion, emphasising the importance of the E/W cycle route in planning a safe corridor through the town.

228. Councillor Reports

a) *Milk Link (Councillor Downes)*

An update was provided following a recent community meeting. Milk Link had agreed on a course of action, including the appointment of an independent acoustic expert to carry out a study and make recommendations on alleviating current problems. Further meetings with the community would be held. The Environment Agency would continue to monitor the situation to ensure compliance with regulations and the target deadline of the end of July.

b) *Youth Service (Councillor Way)*

Concern was expressed over the future of the local Youth Service following proposals by DCC to cut staffing levels. Future agenda item when the full implications of the proposals are known.

c) *CAHMS Exhibition (Councillor Nation)*

It was reported that the new exhibition would open on 20 April. It had been very pleasing to see the Town Mayor and others attend the preview.

229. Administration

a) *Standing Orders*

The amendments to Standing Order 27, to reflect the Council's previous decision to create a Finance & General Purposes Committee, were approved.

b) *Interim Delegation*

During the period in the run-up to the election and the first meeting of the new Council, it was agreed to delegate full authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and in accordance with the Council's existing recess policy.

c) *Personnel*

It was resolved that, 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.

230. Correspondence Received and Items of Information

Correspondence

1. Audit Commission – Annual Return for Year Ended 31 March 2011 (deadline for completion, approval and return – 20 June) – May Council agenda item.
2. MDDC – Remittance Advice – Half Yearly Precept.
3. Volunteer Centre – letter from Co-ordinator on Council grant and other issues (May Council agenda item).
4. CAB – letter of thanks for Council donation.
5. Jean Shorney – letter on curtailment of town bus service – agenda item.
6. Milk Link – letter, action log and minutes of community liaison meeting held on 7 April.
7. SLCC – confirmation of training for Clerk on Charitable Trusts.
8. Mel Stride MP – email acknowledgement of correspondence sent by Clerk on Broadband issues. Request for meeting to progress.
9. Fields in Trust – invitation and papers for AGM on 15 June in Kenilworth.

Information

1. Independent Retailer Network – information on promoting & developing growth.
2. DCC – news & updates on community transport.
3. Senior Council – April Newsletter.
4. MDDC – Agenda for Council meeting 20 April.
5. MDDC – minutes of Extraordinary & Scrutiny meetings.
6. Devon & Cornwall Police – latest update from local Police.
7. Devon Community Recycling – latest newsletter.
8. Involve – April Newsletter.

Business Brought Forward

231. Town Square Sign

It was suggested that a "Town Square" sign be considered for installation on the Market Street finger post. Future agenda item.

232. Market Square House

Following some complaints concerning the storage of refuse, MDDC had met with the developer to resolve the problem.

233. Signage & Street Furniture

Agenda item requested at a suitable meeting in approximately three months time.

PART TWO

234. Personnel

The Clerk had received a letter of resignation from the Council's Administration Assistant which the Chairman read out.

The Council would consider how to proceed after the election and investigate the possibility of carrying out an independent review.

The meeting closed at approximately 21:30

Signed:

(F Letch, Chairman)

Date:

Crediton Town Council

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 19 APRIL 2011

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	<p>Type – Decision</p> <p>Reference: 10/01200/FULL/NMA Non-Material Amendments Address: Land and Buildings at Grid Reference 283409 100132 Barnfield Crediton Devon Description: Erection of 1 dwelling with garage and associated parking Decision: GRANT PERMISSION</p> <p>Web link: 10/01200/FULL/NMA</p>
DECISION	<p>Type – Decision</p> <p>Reference: 11/00304/ADVERT Consent to Display an Advertisement Address: The Red Deer Exeter Road Crediton Devon EX17 3FD Description: Advertisement consent to display 1 externally illuminated double-sided twin post sign Decision: APPLICATION DELETED</p> <p>Web link: 11/00304/ADVERT</p>
DECISION	<p>Type – Decision</p> <p>Reference: 11/00337/CAT Conservation Area Application Registered 03/03/11 Address: Astolat, Western Road, Crediton, Devon Description: Notification of intention to remove 2 Leyland Cypress trees within a Conservation Area Decision: NO OBJECTION</p> <p>Web link: 11/00337/CAT</p>

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	Address: Land and Buildings at NGR 283409 100132 Barnfield Crediton Devon
	Description: Erection of 1 dwelling with garage and associated parking
	Decision: GRANT PERMISSION
Web link: 10/01200/FULL	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 11/00159/FULL Full planning application, registered 21/02/2011
	Address: Leapfrogs Nursery School, East Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AX
	Description: Erection of a canopy (Revised scheme)
	Decision: GRANT PERMISSION
Web link: 11/00159/FULL	

Planning Applications -

The Council considered the following applications:

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	Reference: 11/00475/ADVERT Consent to Display an Advertisement, registered 29/03/2011
	Address: The Red Deer Joseph Locke Way Exeter Road Crediton Devon EX17 3FD
	Description: Advertisement consent to display 2 fascia and 7 other various illuminated and non-illuminated signs
	Web link: 11/00475/ADVERT
NO OBJECTION – on condition that the signs are only illuminated when open for business.	

APPLICATION

Type – Application

Reference: **11/00493/FULL** Full planning application, registered 01/04/2011
Address: 9 Chapel Downs Drive Crediton Devon EX17 2ED
Description: Replace existing dormer flat roof with lean-to roof, raise chimney height and installation of photovoltaic panels

Web link: [11/00493/FULL](#)

APPROVE

APPLICATION

Type – Application

Reference: **11/00441/FULL** Full planning application, registered 01/04/2011
Address: Milk Link Processing Ltd, Church Lane, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2AH
Description: Erection of covered loading area/chilled hub (Revised Scheme)

Web link: [1100441/FULL](#)

NO OBJECTION

APPLICATION

Type – Application

Reference: **11/00453/FULL** Full planning application, registered 04/04/2011
Address: Fermaine, Threshers, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3NL
Description: Erection of a two storey extension following demolition of existing store/sun room and erection of double garage

Web link: [11/00453/FULL](#)

NO OBJECTION

APPLICATION

Type – Application

Reference: **11/00509/FULL** Full planning application, registered 04/04/2011
Address: The Red Deer, Joseph Locke Way, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3FD
Description: Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 10/01255/FULL to substitute Drawing Number SPP.1592.1 Rev B with Drawing Number SPP.1592.2B to incorporate the provision of a play area

Web link: 11/00509/FULL

APPROVE

APPLICATION

Type – Application

Reference: **11/00541/FULL** Full planning application, registered 04/04/2011
Address: The Old Stables, 19A High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AH
Description: Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling (Revised Scheme)

Web link: 11/00541/FULL

NO OBJECTION

APPLICATION

Type – Application

Reference: **11/00542/LBC** Listed Building Consent, registered 04/04/2011
Address: The Old Stables, 19A High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AH
Description: Listed Building Consent for a conversion of outbuilding to dwelling (Revised Scheme)

Web link: 11/00542/LBC

NO OBJECTION

Type – Application

Reference: **11/00518/FULL** Full planning application, registered 11/04/2011
Address: Three Corners, Pounds Hill, CREDITON, Devon, EX17 1DT
Description: Erection of dwelling, garage and associated works

Web link: 11/00518/FULL

NO OBJECTION – on condition that the Planning Authority pays attention to the external appearance of the development due to the proximity of other important buildings (designed and constructed by Dart & Francis) in the Conservation Area. Particular attention should also be paid to the elevation of the development in relation to surrounding properties.

Type – Application

Reference: **11/00538/MFUL** Full planning application, registered 11/04/2011
Address: CREDITON TOOL HIRE, Union Road, CREDITON, Devon, EX17 3AL
Description: Erection of extension and conversion of building to provide 10 self-contained apartments (Revised Scheme)

Web link: 11/00538/MFUL

OBJECTION – on the grounds that the proposals represented overdevelopment of a constricted site with lack of sufficient nearby on-street or off-street parking. The Council also wished to point out that the plans were not accurate, incorrectly detailing the extent of a neighbouring property resulting in overlooking and loss of privacy for both properties.