Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Crediton Town Council, held on Tuesday, $12^{\text {th }}$ May 2015, at 7 pm , at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Crediton

Present: $\quad$ Cllrs Mr F Letch, Mr B Dixon, Mr M Szabo, Mr A Wyer, Mr D Webb, Mrs L Brookes-Hocking, Mrs A Hughes, Miss J Harris, Mr N Way \& Mr J Downes

In Attendance: Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk
Miss Emma Lucas, Assistant to the Town Clerk \& Mayor
1 member of the press
2 members of the public
1505/1 To Elect the Chairman/Mayor for 2015-2016
It was resolved that Cllr Letch be Chairman and Mayor for 2015-2016 (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

1505/2 The Chairman will read and sign the prescribed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.
The Chairman, Cllr Letch, read and signed the prescribed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.

1505/3 To Elect the Deputy-Chairman/Deputy Mayor for 2015-2016
It was resolved that CIIr Harris be Deputy Chairman and Deputy Mayor for 2015-2016 (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

1505/4 To receive and accept apologies
No apologies were received.
1505/5 Declarations of Interest
Cllrs Downes, Way and Letch declared that as members of more than one authority, 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.

CIIr Way declared a personal interest in agenda item 44 'To consider a TAP Fund application from Crediton Town Team for $£ 2,000$ for the St Boniface Feast Day Events.'

Cllr Webb declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 39 'Town Square Seating - To consider the authorisation, terms and conditions being granted by Mid Devon District Council, to enable Crediton Town Council to enter into arrangements to permit the placing of tables and chairs on the Town Square and to agree a course of action' and item 40 'Town Square Seating - To consider the Licence Agreement to be issued by the Town Council granting permission for local businesses to place tables and chairs on the Town Square for public use.'

1505/6 Order of Business
There were no changes to the order of business.
1505/7 Town Council Minutes - To approve and sign the minutes of the Crediton Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, $21^{\text {st }}$ April 2015, as a correct record. Copies had been circulated with the agenda. It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on $21^{\text {st }}$ April 2015, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)


1505/8 Matters Arising - At the direction of the Chairman, to report on matters arising from the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on $21^{\text {st }}$ April 2015, for information only.
Page 95 minute number 1504/302 - Cllr Szabo expressed that the Neighbourhood Plan report produced prior to the meeting should have been issued a few days in advance, in order for Councillors to have enough time to digest the information.

Page 97 minute number 1504/310 - Clii Brookes-Hocking asked for an update and this was provided by the Clerk.

To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th May 2015
- Administration \& Personnel Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th May 2015

It was resolved to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th May 2015. (Proposed by Cir Brookes-Hocking)

It was resolved to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Administration \& Personnel Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th May 2015. (Proposed by Clii Harris)

Clii bLetch congratulated those that had attended the Peoples Park Wildlife Area, on Saturday $9^{\text {th }}$ May, for the final planting day.

1505/10 To review the Council's delegation arrangements to committees, sub committees and employees. A copy of the Council's Scheme of Delegation had been issued with the agenda. It was resolved to adopt the Council's Scheme of Delegation (Proposed by Clii Harris)

1505/11 To review the Council's Terms of Reference for committees. A copy of the Council's Terms of Reference had been issued with the agenda. It was resolved to adopt the Council's Terms of Reference for committees. (Proposed by Clii Szabo)

1505/12 To approve that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and the Chairman of the relevant Committee most closely related to the particular matter constitute an Emergency Committee. It was resolved to approve the appointment of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and the Chairman of the relevant committee most closely related to the particular matter as an Emergency Committee of the Council. (Proposed by Clii Harris)

1505/13 To receive nominations for the appointment of members to existing Committees.
a. Administration \& Personnel Committee.

It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Letch, Harris, Brookes-Hocking, Wyer, Dixon and Hughes to serve on the Administration \& Personnel Committee. (Proposed by Clii Dixon)
b. Property \& Allotments Committee.

It was resolved to appoint Clits Harris, Webb, Szabo and Wyer to serve on the Property \& Allotments Committee. (Proposed by Clii Letch)
c. Floral Creditor Committee. It was resolved to appoint Clirs Letch, Harris and Szabo to serve on the Floral Creditor Committee. (Proposed by LIr Letch)

d. Christmas in Crediton Committee.

It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Letch, Brookes-Hocking, Webb and Downes to serve on the Christmas in Crediton Committee. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)
e. Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee.

It was resolved to appoint Clirs Brookes-Hocking and Hughes to serve on the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee. (Proposed by Clir Letch)
f. Policy \& Forward Planning Committee

It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Letch, Brookes-Hocking, Hughes, Webb and Wyer to serve on the Policy \& Forward Planning Committee. (Proposed by Clir Harris)
g. Grants Committee

It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Letch, Harris, Hughes and Brookes-Hocking to serve on the Grants Committee. (Proposed by Szabo)
h. Parish Paths Partnership Committee.

It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Letch and Szabo to serve on the Parish Paths Partnership Committee. (Proposed by CIIr Letch)

1505/14 To appoint four Councillors to be the Town Council's audit checkers for 20152016. It was resolved for Clirs Letch, Harris, Webb \& Hughes to be the Town Council's audit checkers for 2015-2016. (Proposed by Clir Harris)

1505/15 To review the Council's Standing Orders. A copy of the Council's Standing Orders had been issued with the agenda. It was resolved to adopt the Council's Standing Orders. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

1505/16 To review the Council's Financial Regulations. A copy of the Council's Financial Regulations had been issued with the agenda. It was resolved to adopt the Council's Financial Regulations. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

1505/17 To appoint representatives to the following outside bodies and agree procedures for reporting back to the Council.
It was resolved to make the following appointments, with written reports being submitted to Council, by the representatives, as and when deemed necessary.
a. Crediton United Charities
b. Hayward's Educational Foundation
c. Devon Association of Parish Councils
(\& Larger Councils Sub Committee)
d. Devon Towns Forum
e. Crediton Twinning Association
f. Boniface Link Association
g. Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership
h. Friends of Crediton Station
i. Crediton Transport Action Group
j. Sustainable Crediton
k. Mid Devon Transport Forum
l. AQMA Steering Group
m. Crediton Children's Centre Management Committee
n. Newcombes Meadow Community Group
o. Newton St Cyres Cycle/Pathway Group
p. High Street Traders Group
q. Town Team Downes

Cllrs Harris \& Wyer
Cllr Wyer
Clir Brookes-Hocking
Cllr Brookes-Hocking
CIIr Letch
Cllr Harris
Cllr Hughes
Cllr Szabo
CIIr Letch
Cllrs Hughes \& Downes
CIIr Letch
Clir Dixon
Cllr Hughes
Clir Wyer
Clir Downes
CIIr Webb
Cllrs Hughes, Webb \&

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To review the Council's Communications and Media Policy. A copy of the Council's Communications and Media Policy had been circulated with the agenda. The Clerk explained that although the Council's Communications and Media Policy was fit for purpose, it will need reviewing in light of the Council's increased involvement in social media. The Clerk explained this will be carried out whilst undertaking the Communications Review. It was resolved to agree and adopt the Council's Communications and Media Policy with a review taking place as part of the Council's Communications Review. (Proposed by Clii Harris)

ClIi Dixon requested information on the Council's procedure regarding news and press releases. An explanation was provided by the Clerk. 2014-2015 and approve for publication. A copy of the Chairman's Annual Report 2014-2015 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was resolved to
approve the Chairman's Annual Report 2014-2015 for publication. (Proposed by Cllr Hughes)

1505/26 Public Question Time
There were no questions.
1505/27 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements
There were no announcements.
1505/28 Mid Devon District Council - Planning Applications
Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Town Council on the following planning applications:

Reference: 15/00546/FULL
Proposal: Erection of a dwelling
Location: Arden House, Union Road, Crediton, EX17 3AL
Applicant: Mr J \& Mrs L Jones, Arden House, Union Road, Crediton, EX17 3AL
It was resolved to defer a decision until a site visit has been undertaken by Councillors', with comments being provided to the Clerk by Tuesday $26^{\text {th }}$ May 2015. (Proposed by Clir Brookes-Hocking) It was further resolved for delegated responsibility be given to the Clerk, in consultation with CIIr Letch, to formulate a response, to be submitted to the Planning Authority, based on Councillors comments. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

Reference: 15/00564/FULL
Proposal: Erection of a dwelling and double garage
Location: Highfield, Alexandra Road, Crediton, EX17 2DZ
Applicant: Mr P Rodd, Highfield, Alexandra Road, Crediton, EX17 2DZ
It was resolved to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Clir Brookes-Hocking)
Cllr Szabo declared a personal interest in the above planning application, as the neighbour of the applicant.

Reference: 15/00340/FULL
Proposal: Installation of ramped access for wheelchair
Location: $\quad 36$ Greenway, Crediton, EX17 3LP
Applicant: Mr J W Leyman, 36 Greenway, Crediton, EX17 3LP
It was resolved to recommend APPROVAL. (Proposed by Cllr Webb)
Reference: 15/00659/FULL
Proposal: Installation of ATM
Location: 135 High Street, Crediton, EX17 3DU
Applicant: Co-Operative Estates, Department 10114, 5th Floor, 1 Angel Square, Manchester, M60 OAG

It was resolved to recommend APPROVAL. (Proposed by Clir Harris)
Reference: 15/00632/TPO
Proposal: Application to crown reduce 1 Hornbeam by 1.5 m on garden side, fell 1 Red Cedar tree and 1 Plum Cherry tree protected by Tree Preservation Order No. 99/00007/TPO
Location: $\quad$ Southfield, Southfield Drive, Crediton, EX17 2ET
Applicant: Mr Daniel Weeks, 4 Jocelyn Mead, Crediton, EX17 2EN

It was resolved to recommend NO OBJECTION to the application as long as MDDC's Tree Officer's professional opinion is that the work is necessary. (Proposed by Cir Harris)

Reference: 15/00522/TPO
Proposal: Application to crown reduce 1 Beech tree by 3 metres protected by Tree Preservation Order 88/00002/TPO
Location: The Mews, Deep Lane, Crediton, EX17 2BY
Applicant: Mr Harris, 16 Fairfield Road, Crediton, EX17 2EQ
It was resolved to recommend NO OBJECTION to the application as long as MDDC's Tree Officer's professional opinion is that the work is necessary and that the height and character of the tree is taking into consideration as these are valued trees within the area. (Proposed by Clii Harris)

Reference: 15/00638/FULL
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to create a one-bedroom annex, playroom and garden store
Location: $\quad 9$ Saxon Close, Creditor, EX17 3DS
Applicant: Mr M S Choudhury, 9 Saxon Close, Crediton, EX17 3DS
It was resolved to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Clii Harris)
Reference: 15/00676/FULL
Proposal: Erection of two-storey extension
Location: 1 Blagdon Rise, Crediton, EX17 1EN
Applicant: Mrs D Wright, 1 Blagdon Rise, Crediton, EX17 1EN
It was resolved to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cir Brookes-Hocking)
Reference: 15/00679/FULL
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to the rear
Location: 35 Greenway, Crediton, EX17 3LP
Applicant: Mr \& Mrs R Tancock, 35 Greenway, Crediton, EX17 3LP
It was resolved to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by ClII Szabo)
1505/29 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 Clii Hughes):

Reference: 14/02141/MFUL
Proposal: Erection of 10 dwellings with associated infrastructure and parking (Revised Scheme)
Location: $\quad$ Newcombes Resource Centre, Newcombes, Crediton, EX17 2AB
Applicant: Jenner Homes, Rollestone House, Pennsylvania Road, Exeter, EX4 5BJ
Reference: 15/00242/FULL
Proposal: Installation of 3 replacement windows on front elevation
Location: 10 Market Street, Crediton, EX17 2AJ
Applicant: Mr E Rodd, For Rode Bros, The Old Mill, Upton Hellions, Crediton, EX17 AE

Reference: 15/00288/FULL
Proposal: Construction of single parking bay, retaining wall and wrought iron railings


Location: 4 Hawthorn Road, Crediton, EX17 2DF
Applicant: Mr J lisley, 4 Hawthorn Road, Crediton, EX17 2DF
Reference: 15/00367/FULL ,
Proposal: Erection of extension to form garage and lounge following removal of existing garage
Location: 2 Victoria Crescent, Crediton, EX17 1DZ
Applicant: Mr E Haggar, 2 Victoria Crescent, Crediton, EX17 1DZ
Reference: 15/00438/TPO
Proposal: Application to crown lift 2 Red Cedar trees and remove one Red Cedar tree protected by Tree Preservation Order no. 99/00007/TPO
Location: Land Adjacent to 16 Jocelyn Mead, Crediton, EX17 2EN
Applicant: Mrs J Cookson, 16 Jocelyn Mead, Crediton, EX17 2EN
It was resolved to note that Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has WITHDRAWN the following application with conditions as filed (Proposed by Cllr Hughes):

Reference: 15/00548/FULL
Proposal: Erection of 4 dwellings and formation of new access following demolition of sheds and outbuildings
Location: 25 Exeter Road, Crediton, EX17 3BL
Applicant: Mr P Williams, 25 Exeter Road, Crediton, EX17 3BL and Mr T Beagent, 59 Westwood Drive, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 8YB

1505/30 Accounts Due for Payment and Receipts - To examine and agree the accounts due for payment and receipts for the period 22nd April 2015 to 12th May 2015 inclusive and to receive the bank reconciliation. The schedules of payments and receipts were issued prior to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the payments totaling $£ 10,706.74$, the receipts totaling $£ 35.91$, the internal transfers totaling $£ 50,092.50$, and to accept the bank reconciliation, copies of which are attached to these minutes as Appendix One. (Proposed by Cllr Hughes)

1505/31 To receive a list of outstanding debts owed to Crediton Town Council. The documentation relating to this item had been issued prior to the meeting. It was resolved to note the outstanding debts of $£ 226.17$, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Appendix Two. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

1505/32 Budget Review - To review the budget for the year to date. The Clerk circulated the budget sheet. It was resolved to note the budget sheet and the information contained therein, a copy of which is attached as Appendix Three. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)

1505/33 To receive a report from the Council's internal control checkers, following the monthly random inspection and agree any actions. A copy of the report had been issued with the agenda. It was resolved to note the report with no further actions. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

1505/34 To consider the internal audit report from the Council's Internal Auditor, Mr Ken Abraham, for the financial year 2014-2015 and agree any action. A copy of the report had been issued with the agenda. It was resolved to note the internal audit report with no further actions required. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)

1505/35 To receive and agree the internal audited accounts for the financial year 20142015. A copy of the documentation had been issued with the agenda. It was resolved, to agree and approve the internal audited accounts for the financial year 2014-2015. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

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1505/38 To consider passing the resolution detailed below, which will enable the Town Council to use the General Power of Competence.
Creditor Town Council confirms that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, it hereby considers itself an 'eligible council' to exercise the General Power of Competence having met the following criteria:

- At the time of this resolution two thirds of the members of the Council have stood for election
- The Clerk holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), which includes Section 7 of CiLCA 2012

A report prepared by the Clerk, regarding the General Power of Competence had been issued with the agenda.

It was resolved that Crediton Town Council confirms that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, it hereby considers itself an 'eligible council' to exercise the General Power of Competence having met the following criteria:

- At the time of this resolution two thirds of the members of the Council have stood for election
- The Clerk holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), which includes Section 7 of CiLCA 2012
(Proposed by Cir Brookes-Hocking)
Cllr Dixon expressed the Council's thanks to the Clerk for preparing a thorough report and enabling the Council to work efficiently.

Town Square Seating - To consider the authorisation, terms and conditions being granted by Mid Devon District Council, to enable Creditor Town Council to enter into arrangements to permit the placing of tables and chairs on the Town Square and to agree a course of action. Supporting papers had been issued with the agenda.

Cir Webb left the room at 19.51
The Clerk explained that she had recommended for the time restrictions listed to be amended in order that tables and chairs could be erected from 8.00 am onward and Mr Andrew Busby, Mid Devon District Council, was happy with this change.

It was resolved to agree and accept the authorisation, terms and conditions being granted by Mid Devon District Council, to enable Crediton Town Council to enter into arrangements to permit the placing of tables and chairs on the Town Square. (Proposed by Cir Downes) It was further resolved for the Clerk to sign the documentation on behalf of the Town Council. (Proposed by Cir Downes)

1505/40 Town Square Seating - To consider the Licence Agreement to be issued by the Town Council granting permission for local businesses to place tables and chairs on the Town Square for public use. A copy of the draft Licence Agreement had been

issued prior to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the draft Licence Agreement prepared, with a review taking place in the future. (Proposed by Clii Dixon)

ClIi Webb re-entered the room at 19.55
$1505 / 41$ Councillor Cooption - To resolve to commence the Council's Cooption procedure in order to fill the two vacancies in Lawrence Ward. A copy of the Councillor Co-option pack had been issued with the agenda. It was resolved to commence the Council's Co-option procedure in order to fill the two vacancies in Lawrence Ward. (Proposed by Clii Letch)

1505/42 To nominate a Councillor to serve on the DALC County Committee 2015-2019. Information regarding the process and who can stand had been circulated with the agenda. It was resolved for the Council to nominate Clii Hughes (Proposed by Cir Hughes)

1505/43 To resolve to make the following Members allowances for the financial year 20152016

- Mayor's Allowance $\mathbf{£ 6 0 0}$
- Elected Members allowance $\mathbf{\Sigma 8 0}$

It was resolved to pay the Members allowances detailed above for the financial year 2015-16. (Proposed by CIr Letch)

1505/44 To consider a TAP Fund application from Crediton Town Team for $£ 2,000$ for the St Boniface Feast Day Events. A copy of the application had been issued with the agenda.

CIr Brookes-Hocking declared a personal interest.
It was resolved to support Crediton Town Team's request for a TAP Fund Grant for £2,000. (Proposed by Cir Harris)
$1505 / 45$ Councillor Reports - To receive the following reports, and at the discretion of the Chairman, to receive reports from Councillors (Town, District, and County) and representatives of the Council - strictly for information only.

Cir Weer reported:

- MDDC had missed the deadline for the planting of trees where the climbing frame is to be located in Newcombes Meadow Play Area, therefore the climbing frame cannot be put up in the short-term. Suggestions for moving the climbing frame to a different location are being discussed and a meeting will be taking place Monday $18^{\text {th }}$ May.

ClIi Webb reported:

- He had stood in for the Mayor at the last Mayor's Surgery. The main concerns raised by the public were parking but also the state of the paving stones on the High Street, creating a tripping hazard. The Clerk confirmed this issue would be raised with DCC Highways.

Correspondence and Matters To Note - To receive Council correspondence and matters to note. Copies of the correspondence and matters to note had been issued with the agenda.

## Correspondence:

1. Jacobs - A3072 Bickleigh Castle TTRO
2. DCC - Temporary Traffic Order, East Street

3. OPCC - Meet your Police \& Crime Commissioner
4. SWH - Road Closure, Peoples Park Road
5. Devon Army Cadet Force - Update
6. Mr Summerton - Response to MDDC Local Plan Review
7. Sustainable Creditor - Response to MDDC Local Plan Review
8. Sustainable Crediton - General Election Hustings
9. DCC - Temporary Traffic Notice, Peoples Park Road
10. Cabinet Office - VE Day 70 Press Release
11. Creditor Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - Response to MDDC Local Plan Review
12. NHS - Blood Donation Sessions
13. Ms F Raymont - Thank you letter
14. MDDC - Press Releases
15. Mr A Quick - Thank you to Council
16. The Devon Chef - Devon Wine Week Event

## Matters To Note:

1. TNMWD CAB - April Newsletter
2. Crediton Museum - Now Open
3. DCC - Community News Roundup April 2015
4. MDDC - Summons \& Agenda 29 April 2015
5. Avranches Magazine April-June 2015
6. Northern, Eastern \& Western Devon CCG - Healthy People May 2015
7. Sustainable Crediton - Newsletter Issue 58
8. East \& Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership - 2015 Newsletter
9. Mid Devon Children's Centre - Minutes
10. Devon Voluntary Action - January 2015
11. Mr Maycock - Notes from Devon CHAG Meeting
12. Healthwatch Devon - Latest News

ClIi Dixon requested further information regarding correspondence numbers 4 and 9. Clarification was provided by fellow Councillors.

It was resolved to note the correspondence and matters to note. (Proposed by Clii Dixon)
$1505 / 47$ Business brought forward
Cir Szabo

- The railway car park currently has 13 unusable spaces due to bails of hay, fly tipping \& the surrounding trees.


## Cir Downes

- Expressed extreme annoyance with the recent work carried out by Western Power Distribution to the overhead cables, in particular the replacing of the pole outside of the Holy Cross Church, and that the Council had not been informed about the works. Clii Downes explained that this was a missed opportunity to remove the pole from outside of the Church. The Clerk confirmed this issue would be raised with the company.


## Cir Way

- A meeting had taken place regarding the Hayward's youth centre building, looking at the temporary provision of children's services and possibly youth provision within the building.


## ClII Harris

- Large lorries have been trying to travel down Union Terrace, getting stuck at the bottom. There are currently no signs to notify lorry drivers of size restrictions. The Clerk confirmed this matter would be discussed at the next Policy and Forward Planning Committee Meeting.



## Town Clerk

- Councillors have 28 days to complete their register of interest forms.
- DALC are holding training courses for both new and existing councillors. A list of training dates will be issued to all Councillors.
- There will be a Christmas in Creditor meeting taking place next Tuesday, $19^{\text {th }}$ May 2015, at 2pm, followed by a Policy \& Forward Planning Meeting at 6pm.
- Wi-Fi is now working in the Chamber, Sky members have to sign-in or nonmember will need to register.


## PART TWO

$1505 / 48$ It was resolved that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. (Proposed by Clii Retch)
$1505 / 49$ To receive an update from Clii Latch and the Clerk regarding the land at Stonypark and agree a course of action.
The Clerk provided Councillors with an update. Due to the confidential nature of this item no further information can be disclosed.
$1505 / 50$ Close

Date:


