



**Minutes of the Full Council of Credition Town Council, held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at
19:30 at Old Lansdown School, EX17 3LP**

- Present:** Cllrs Guy Cochran, Steve Huxtable, Liz Brookes-Hocking, Frank Letch, Joyce Harris, Paul Perriman, Natalia Letch, John Downes, Jim Cairney and Giles Fawssett
- Apologies:** Cllrs Rachel Backhouse and Georgina Stone
- In Attendance:** One member of the public
- Minute Taker:** Rachel Avery, Town Clerk

MINUTES

2024/045 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cllr Cochran opened the meeting and members introduced themselves.

2024/046 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident of Western Road reported that the bus stop at the hospital, which had been removed from use, had been reinstated.

It was **noted** that the overgrown hedge on Western Road would be cut, with thanks to the Town Council, for the pressure applied to DCC. This is the only continuous pavement along the road from the traffic lights to Queen Elizabeth's school. It was noted that this hedge belongs to DCC. The importance of the responsibility of hedge owners was **noted**.

2024/047 APOLOGIES

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the apologies of Cllrs Backhouse and Stone. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

2024/048 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

2024/048.1 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI'S) IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were no declarations of interests.

2024/048.2 TO CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no dispensation requests.

2024/049 ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no changes to the order of business

2024/050 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

2024/051 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Cllr F Letch reported that the Scrutiny Committee were reviewing pot holes, fibre rollout and provision for children with special educational needs.

District Cllr F Letch would be holding his Civic Service, with a collection for Devon Young Carers.

District Cllr Cairney reported on an ongoing consultation regarding taxis.

District Cllr Downes reported on MDDC Policy Development Groups being amended to align with portfolio holders.

He explained that MDDC currently has one enforcement officer with a responsibility for over 500 cases.

District Cllr Cochran reported on the new Policy Development Group for planning, environment and sustainability.

He advised that District Cllr Duchesne had attended a recent Crediton Cluster Group meeting.

2024/052 COUNCILLOR REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES To receive verbal reports from Town Councillors (if any) from:

Hayward's Educational Foundation – Cllr Cairney advised that the Foundation had purchased some supplies for the school and were investigating the refurbishment of the pre-school area.

Crediton United Charities – Cllr Harris advised that the charity continues to residents with small grants to aid school trips and similar.

Devon Association of Local Councils (& Larger Councils Sub Committee) – Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that the DALC AGM would be held on 02 October at Exeter Racecourse. This day event offers an opportunity to network and attend workshops.

Crediton Twinning Association – Cllr Huxtable advised that he would be attending Avranches at the end of the month, in commemoration of the liberation of the town.

Boniface Link Association – Cllr Harris advised that the football event, following a grant from the town council, had gone well. She noted that the Boniface Bash had gone very well, but that the Chair of the Association intended to meet with staff to discuss future events.

Friends of Crediton Station – Cllr Perriman had received no information. The Town

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Clerk would investigate.

Sustainable Crediton – Due to Cllr Backhouse not being in attendance, there was no update.

Boniface Trail Association – Cllr Fawssett advised that details of the DCC consultation on the much-needed path was awaited.

Crediton Chamber of Commerce – Cllr Cochran advised that meetings had taken place. There has been a suggestion that the Town Square was not utilised enough at the weekends when there is no Farmers Market.

Okehampton Rail Forum – Cllr Perriman stated that a meeting would take place this week, but that work to Okehampton Parkway was likely to take place, offering a possible rail link to Launceston.

League of Friends of Crediton Hospital – Cllr N Letch had attended one meeting.

Age Concern Trustee – Cllr Cairney advised that opening hours had been reduced, and that more users were required to support income.

2024/053 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 June 2024. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

2024/054 TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Planning and Town Strategy Committee on Tuesday 07 May 2024. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Council Affairs and Finance Committee on Tuesday 14 May 2024. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Planning and Town Strategy Committee on Tuesday 04 June 2024. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

2024/055 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE BODY

Decision: It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr Perriman as the representative to the North Devon Line Stakeholder Forum. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

2024/056 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was **noted** as **Tuesday 17 September 2024**.

2024/057 PART II

Decision: It was **resolved** to move into Part II under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, excluding the public and press. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

2024/058 COUNCIL OFFICES

The report was received and considered.

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve option B. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)



2024/059 UNION ROAD TOILET BLOCK

The report was received and considered.

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding. (Proposed by Cllr Fawssett)

2024/060 REPORTS PACK

Signed
Dated..... 17/09/24