



**MINUTES of a Meeting of Cullompton Town Council
held on
Thursday 14 April 2016 commencing at 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall**

PRESENT: Cllr Rachel Sinclair (in the chair)

Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Anthony Buczkowski, Chaim Ebanks, Gordon Guest, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Brett Lewis, Martin Smith, Chris Standford, and Mike Thompson.

Also in attendance: Cllr John Berry (DCC), Cllr Karl Busch (MDDC), one member of the press and two members of the public.

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

169. APOLOGIES were accepted from: Cllrs: Camille Harrison (personal) and Phil James (personal).

170. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) **Cllr Mike Thompson** declared a personal interest in respect of the question to be asked in Public Question Time by Mr Snow as Mr Snow is a friend of his and he is mentioned in the question.
- (ii) **Cllr Kate Haslett** declared a personal interest in respect of Item 174 (ii) as her husband is the Chairman of the Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign.

171. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

- (i) **Mr Chris Snow** provided a written statement setting out his concerns about the way in which the Council deals with complaints. A copy of this statement was given to all Councillors present at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Council reviews its Comments and Complaints Policy and any other relevant policies. Initial review to be carried out by the Policy Review Working Group. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Anthony Buczkowski.

NOTE: Copies of the reviewed policies to be sent to Mr Snow.

172. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 24 March 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record after deleting "*Cllr Mike Thompson*" from Item 162 (vi) and "*Proposed Cllr Camille Harrison, seconded Cllr Anthony Buczkowski*"

from Item 164(ii) (bottom of page 69. Proposed Cllr Janet Johns, seconded Cllr Chaim Ebanks.

173. RESIGNATION: To receive the resignation of Cllr Mark Stevens due to ill-health.

RESOLVED: That the Council accepts the resignation of Cllr Mark Stevens and sends him a letter to thank him for his contribution to the work of the Council during his time as a Town Councillor.

174. ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY

(i) Cullompton Townscape Heritage bid: to receive report and approve a statement of general support.

RESOLVED: That this item is deferred until the next meeting to allow Councillors more time to read through the notes. Try to obtain more detailed information about the project. Proposed Cllr Anthony Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

(ii) Allocation of land for housing in the Neighbourhood Plan: To receive report and approve a statement of general support.

NOTE: A motion to defer this item until the next meeting was defeated.

Cllr Gordon Guest explained that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is looking at the allocation of land for local sports clubs through the Neighbourhood Plan process. The Group would like to allocate land in the Plan to enable local sports clubs to expand and also allow for an indoor swimming pool to be built. The proposals will be subject to a public consultation in June/July 2016. The proposed land allocations are:

- Cullompton Rugby Club and adjacent land including Kia Ora. If this land is allocated for housing development it will provide the Rugby Club with the option to move if it chooses to.
- Additional land within the North West Extension to pay for an indoor swimming pool.
- Land to the East of Cullompton (Kings Mill to parish boundary) for sports and leisure facilities. Much of this land is in the floodplain and not suitable for housing development.

RESOLVED: That the Council approves a statement of general support for the allocation of land in the Neighbourhood Plan in order to provide Cullompton with additional sports and leisure facilities. Proposed Cllr Chaim Ebanks, seconded Cllr Chris Standford.

(iii) Highways workshop and Road Warden Scheme: To consider details and agree way forward: Cllr Anthony Buczkowski handed out details of the workshop he had attended to all Councillors present.

(iv) Public conveniences: To consider setting up a working group to review public convenience provision in Cullompton.

RESOLVED: That the Council sets up a working group to review public convenience provision in Cullompton. The working group to comprise: Cllrs Anthony Buczkowski, Chaim Ebanks, Janet Johns, Brett Lewis and Mike Thompson. Proposed Cllr Janet Johns, seconded Cllr Chris Standford.

175. CORRESPONDENCE: None

Discussion ensued and it was

RESOLVED: That, due to its confidential nature, the following item is dealt with as Part 2 business and in accord with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 the press and public are requested to leave at this point and the next section of the meeting is conducted in private. Proposed Cllr Anthony Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Brett Lewis.

PART II: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

NOTE: Members of the press and public were asked to leave for this section of the meeting.

176. ST ANDREWS CAR PARK

(i) **To consider the revised contract for the management of the car park.** The draft contract was discussed and it was

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arranges for the Council's solicitor to review the contract, including the following:

- 1.1 Ask if the period of the contract can be reduced from three years to two years.
- 2.4 Clarify what this means.
- 4.2 Clarify what this means.
- 4.2 Specified class of vehicle, car, vans and motorbikes.
- 9.2 Find out estimated cost of electricity supply for the meter (cost of installing the supply and also the cost of powering the meter.
- 10.3 How much are the annual ongoing costs? Costs not defined.
- 11.2 In any subsequent years after the initial 1st Year an annual maintenance cost, or part thereof, no greater than £600 may be incurred by the Client for the payment terminals and ticket rolls – please can it be clarified what this means.
- 16.4 Ask solicitor to look at this clause.
- Incorporate the same provisions as those of an MDDC parking ticket.
- Find out cost of installing a height bar across the entrance.
- Ask solicitor for advice re Freedom of Information when a company is contracted to the Council, what information is the Council obliged to provide.
- Include a clause in the Agreement that the Council receives a monthly statement i.e. how much income has been generated.

177. SPRINGFEST: Cllrs Chaim Ebanks and Gordon Guest felt that this had been a wonderful event and stated that they had never seen so many people in the town. It was agreed that the Council writes to the organisers to thank them for their hard work and congratulate them on organising a very successful event. Also post something on the Council's website and social media site.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____