



**MINUTES of a Meeting of Cullompton Town Council
held on
Thursday 28 July 2016 commencing at 7pm in Cullompton Town Hall**

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr Rachel Sinclair (in the chair)
Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Martin Smith and Cllrs: Karl Busch, Iain Emmett, Gordon Guest,
Camille Harrison, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Chris Standford and Mike Thompson.

Also in attendance: Cllr John Berry (DCC)

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

43. APOLOGIES received and accepted from: Cllrs Eileen Andrews (unwell), Anthony Buczkowski (unwell) and Chaim Ebanks (personal).

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Camille Harrison declared a personal interest in respect of an item to be included in the "Correspondence" section as she owns a residential property in the town centre area to be included in the Townscape Heritage Scheme.

45. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None

46. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 14 July 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Camille Harrison, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

47. COUNCIL VACANCIES: To consider applications for co-option: Two applications had been received but one had been withdrawn leaving only one application. A paper vote was requested.

RESOLVED: That Iain Emmett is co-opted to fill the vacancy in Outer Ward (unanimous).

Iain Emmett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the other members of the Council at the table.

48. REPORTS

- (i) **Town Mayor's Report:** Cllr Chaim Ebanks had attended the Mid Devon Show on behalf of the Town Mayor and had an enjoyable day.
- (ii) **Police Report:** PCSO Katy Butt circulated the crime report for June 2016. Discussion ensued with regard to a number of issues including reasons for the increase in some offences, problems with drivers ignoring the "road closed" signs at the Tiverton Road junction and vehicles racing in Meadow Lane and Tesco car park.

NOTE: Cllr Mike Thompson declared a personal interest in the Meadow Lane discussion as he lives close by.

(iii) County/District Councillor Reports:

(a) Devon County Councillor John Berry's report included:

- Trying to persuade Devon County Council to cut all the highway verges at least once a year.
- Request that DCC erects a "No Entry" sign at the Tiverton Road junction.
- Concern about the design of the new road layout in Culm Lea, constructed as part of the new development currently underway. Refuse lorries are mounting the pavement to get around. Very poor design.
- Ongoing discussions with regard to devolution and "Brexit".
- DCC Parking Enforcement Officers have agreed to carry out parking enforcement in Cullompton at peak times this week and will monitor the situation.
- Police and crime consultation underway.
- School crossing patrols to continue.
- Response from DCC re consultation about highway matters explains that the Highway Authority falls into the same category as the Town Council i.e. they are statutory consultees on planning applications.

It was suggested that the Town Council copies Devon County Council into its responses to planning applications.

- (b) **Mid Devon District Councillor Karl Busch** reported that his is Vice-Chairman of the MDDC Economic Development Group who are working closely with Exeter and the Heart of Devon to submit a funding application for economic development, hopefully Cullompton will benefit from some of that investment. He has formed a local technology group and is holding a gaming event on 21 August. The aim of the event is to help local young people develop new skills.
- (iv) **Any other meeting reports.** None

49. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

(i) To approve the Financial Statements for June 2016.

RESOLVED: That payments totalling £28,260.43 for June 2016 are approved and the Financial Statement for June 2016 is approved. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Camille Harrison.

Note: The Clerk was asked if the income and Expenditure report could be presented in the previous format which showed the payments for the month.

- (ii) **Councillor's allowances:** To confirm that, for the financial year 2016/17, the Council will pay an allowance of £100 to each elected Council member and £120 to the Town Mayor.

RESOLVED: That the Council continues to pay member's allowances as follows: £100 per annum to elected members and £120 per annum to the Town Mayor. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

NOTE: Cllr Mike Thompson stated that he would not be claiming his allowance, instead he would like it paid to the Mayor's Charity.

50. **COMMITTEES:** To receive the Minutes of the following Committee meetings and approve the recommendations contained therein:

- (i) **Planning & Licensing Committee** meeting held on 30 June: **Noted**
(ii) **General Purposes Committee** meeting held on 29 May 2016

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 29 May 2016 are noted and the recommendation contained therein that the Committee's terms of reference remain as before is approved. Proposed Cllr Camille Harrison, seconded Cllr Kate Haslett.

- (iii) **Christmas Lights Event Working Group** meeting held on 27 June 2016. **Noted**
(iv) **Community Bus Working Group** meeting held on 29 June 2016. **Noted**

51. **MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLORS**

- (i) That the Council asks the owners of the Hayridge car park if they will provide free car parking in the car park between 19:00 and 08:00. (Cllr Eileen Andrews).

RESOLVED: That, as Cllr Eileen Andrews was unable to attend the meeting, this item is deferred until the next meeting. Proposed Cllr Rachel Sinclair, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

52. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) **Traffic Management Team DCC:** They have programmed additional attendance this week to monitor parking issues at peak times between 8am and 9am and 5pm and 6pm.
(ii) **Highways Development Manager DCC,** Response to query about consultation/liason with parish and town councils with regard to highway planning matters.
(iii) **Townscape Heritage Scheme Co-ordinator MDDC:** Progressing at very short notice with a Townscape Heritage Scheme application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Opportunity to obtain funding to improve the appearance of Fore Street. This could include restoring heritage surfaces and other features as well as improvements to buildings. The bid is for about £1m and, at a minimum, 10% match funding will be required. MDDC will allocate £80k but they need a commitment from the Town Council that it will commit £25k match funding. *This matter to be referred to the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee for consideration to bring a recommendation back to the next full council meeting.*

53. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 28 July at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____