



**MINUTES of a Meeting of Cullompton Town Council  
held on  
Thursday 22 September 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 Daniel Barnes, Iain Emmett, Gordon Guest,  
Camille Harrison, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, and Mike Thompson.

Also in attendance: Approximately four members of the public.

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

**NOTE:** One minutes' silence was observed in memory of Councillor Anthony Buczkowski who passed way recently. He was a very dedicated members of the Council and will be sadly missed.

**70. APOLOGIES** received and accepted from: Cllr: Eileen Andrews (MDDC meeting), Karl Busch (MDDC meeting), Chaim Ebanks (unwell) and Chris Stanford (personal). Also Cllr John Berry (DCC) and Cllr Rosemary Berry (MDDC).

**71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**72. CULLOMPTON SWIMMING POOL CAMPAIGN: To meet the Campaign's new chairman, Liza Oxford-Booth, and receive an update report:** Liza introduced herself and explained a little about her background, fund raising to-date, and the need to generate as much support as possible for the project.

The Campaign Group has raised £80,952.00 to-date and there is also additional money in the pipeline from developer contributions to the pool. The Campaign Group are on target to reach their £150,000 target by the end of next year.

John Chard asked what would happen once the funding had been raised e.g. who will oversee the building and administration of the pool. It was suggested that the Council sets up a steering group of local people to assist.

**RESOLVED:** That an item is included on the agenda for the next Council meeting to consider support for the Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign and setting up a steering group. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Rachel Sinclair.

**73. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: To receive questions from member of the public present at the meeting.**

- (i) **Mr Jinks** asked what was going to happen with the site access to the new housing development as the present arrangement is not providing any “duty of care” to residents of Cambridge Way.

*It was suggested that residents photograph and video the construction traffic and noise levels and also contact MDDC Environmental Health department to ask if noise levels can be monitored. The Council has been in contact with the developers and the local planning authority but no positive response to-date.*

- (ii) **Mrs Smith** asked for an update on the questions asked about the Knowle development at the previous council meeting.

*It was explained that Barratt Homes has agreed to send a representative to a public meeting to be held in the Town Hall on Thursday 20 October at 7pm. Devon County Council highway officers and Mid Devon District Council planning officers will also be attending. Residents to be informed of the meeting.*

*It was suggested that the Council drafts a form that residents can use to log incidents so that the information can be used as evidence. This information to be passed to the Council for collation.*

Mrs Smith then expressed her concern about lack of connecting footpaths from new estates into the town centre, bus stops, schools etc. No joined up planning!

*It was explained that the Council is trying to work with developers and Planning Officers to ensure that there are footpath links but this has proved to be very frustrating at times.*

- (iii) **Mr Snow** asked if the Clerk could clarify the dog bin provision and collection details.

*It was explained the Council had written to Mid Devon District Council asking for this information and is still waiting for a response.*

**74. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 25 August 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

**75. COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND REPRESENTATIVES: To approve co-option of new members and representatives**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the co-option of Jonathan Baker to represent the street market trader’s on the Market Committee is approved.

2. That Cllr Daniel Barnes is co-opted onto the Planning & Licencing Committee, Community Wellbeing Committee and General Purposes committees.
3. That Cllr Iain Emmett is co-opted onto the Market Committee.
4. Cllr Iain Emmett to attend meetings of the Larger Local Councils Committee, with Cllr Mike Thompson as substitute.
5. Cllr Martin Smith to represent the Council on the PubWatch Group.
6. Cllrs: Camille Harrison and Mike Thompson to liaise with Council staff on IT matters.
7. There were no volunteers for the Council's Allotment Association representative role, to be deferred until a future meeting.

## **76. REPORTS**

- (i) **Town Mayor's Report:** The Town Mayor reported invitations to the opening of the town's Autumn Food & Drink Festival and the official re-opening of the Conservative Club.
- (ii) **Police Report:** Report circulated to all members present and noted.
- (iii) **County/District Councillor Reports:** A written report from Mid Devon Councillor Nikki Wollatt had previously been circulated to all members.

**NOTE:** Concern that District Councillors do not attend Town Council meetings on a regular basis.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter is sent to the appropriate people at Mid Devon District Council suggesting that District Councillors are encouraged to attend parish/town council meetings in order to report on what is happening at MDDC but also for them to find out what is happening in their local area.

- (iv) **Any other meeting reports:** None

## **76. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- (i) **To approve the Financial Statements for August 2016.**

**RESOLVED:** That payments totalling £27,476.13 for August 2016 were approved and the financial statement for August was approved. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Martin Smith.

- (ii) **To consider support for a TAP Fund application from Culmstock Parish Council for village hall renovation works**

**RESOLVED:** That a TAP Fund application from Culmstock Parish Council for village hall renovation work is supported. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

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

- (i) **Planning & Licensing Committee** meetings held on 25 August and 8 September: Noted
- (ii) **General Purposes Committee** meeting held on 6 September 2016

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6 September are noted and the recommendation that £20,000 is allocated from the s.106 Play Areas and Public Open Space Fund for the Tufty Park/Head Weir Road Play Area project with the option of an

additional £10,000 if required is approved. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Iain Emmett.

- (iii) **Community Bus Working Group** meeting held on 6 September. Noted
- (iv) **Public Convenience Working Group** meeting held on 7 September 2016

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Public Convenience Working Group meeting held on 7 September 2016 are noted and the following recommendations are approved:

- (a) That, in the short term, the Council continues to reimburse MDDC the cost of the day-to-day running of the public toilets and negotiates the purchase of the freehold of the site for £1. Proposed Cllr Janet Johns, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.
  - (b) Ask MDDC to contribute the materials to repair and refresh the toilet building and find out about the insurance claim for the fire damage. Proposed Cllr Janet Johns, seconded Cllr Camille Harrison.
  - (c) Continue to investigate the various options detailed in the Minutes and whether a business case can be made.
  - (d) Investigate the potential for advertising on the side wall of the building.
- (v) **Market Committee** meeting held on 14 September 2016. Noted
  - (vi) **Community Wellbeing Committee** meeting held on 13 September 2016

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 13 September 2016 are noted and the decision at 45 (f) "that Council staff endeavour to cut the highway grass and verges by the end of the grass cutting season this year" is deleted.
2. That the Clerk contacts Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council to find out how many complains they have received about grass cutting and what they intend to do about it. Also request confirmation of the date of the end of the grass cutting season. A meeting of the Grass Verges Working Group to be arranged. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Iain Emmett.

## **78. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- (i) **BT: Consultation about the removal of phone boxes at St Georges Well and Honiton Road.**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council accepts the offer from BT to adopt the phone box at Honiton Road. Once adopted the box to be offered to a local voluntary group as a book exchange or similar.
2. The Council accepts the removal of the phone box at St Georges Well. It is of modern design and not of any significant interest, ~~it is also not as well built as the box in Honiton Road. Once adopted the box to be offered to a local voluntary group as a book exchange or similar.~~

- (ii) **Devon County Council: Consultation about proposal under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce No Waiting at Any Time on specified lengths of Exeter Road and Fore Street.**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council objects to Schedule 1.001 Exeter Road, Cullompton – No waiting at any time – north-west side of Exeter Road from its junction with Crow Green in a south-easterly

direction for a distance of 70 metres. Instead a designated bus bay to be provided from the beginning of the short stay parking bay (Exeter Garage side) and the remaining area to be as per Schedule 4.015 Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 1 hour No Return Within 1 Hour. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Iain Emmett.

**NOTE:** Concern that the M5 had been closed twice in the past week meaning hours of traffic queues in Cullompton's main streets. Clerk to contact DCC to ask if an emergency procedure for M5 closures can be put in place.

**79. CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) **Devon County Council:** Do not agree with the Town Council's assessment that Kingfisher Reach is not fit for purpose. *Not happy with the response, discussion about commissioning an independent report about the suitability of the road. Agenda item for the next meeting.*

**RESOLVED:** That, as the time is 9pm, the meeting is extended for a further 15 minutes in order to complete the agenda. Proposed Cllr Rachel Sinclair, seconded Cllr Iain Emmett.

(ii) **Tiverton & District Community Transport Association:** AGM 27 September at 6pm at the Heathcoat Community Centre, Tiverton. *Noted*

(iii) **Mr Payne:** As there are already a number of people that pay to park overnight in the Hayridge car park it is not possible to offer free car parking. *Noted*

(iv) **Mid Devon District Council:** Details of the design of the distributor type road to be constructed through the proposed North West Urban Extension. *Agenda item for the next meeting.*

(v) **Devon Association of Local Councils:** Annual Report 2015/16. *Noted*

(vi) **DALC: AGM and Conference** – 11 October at Newton Abbot Racecourse. *Noted*

(vii) **Cullompton Brownies and Cullompton Rangers:** Grant report. *Noted*

**RESOLVED:** That an extraordinary meeting is arranged for Thursday 29 September and the remaining business is deferred until that meeting.

**80. TUFTY PARK AND HEAD WEIR ROAD PLAY AREAS:** To approve signing of leases. Deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_