



**MINUTES of a Meeting of Cullompton Town Council**  
**held on**  
**Thursday 27 October 2016 commencing at 7pm in Cullompton Town Hall**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Martin Smith (in the chair)  
Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Daniel Barnes, Karl Busch, Iain Emmett, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, and Mike Thompson.

Also in attendance: Cllr John Berry (DCC) and five members of the public

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

**86. APOLOGIES** received and accepted from: Town Mayor Cllr Rachel Sinclair (personal) and Cllrs: Chaim Ebanks (health), Gordon Guest (personal), Camille Harrison (personal) and Chris Standford (personal). Also Cllr Rosemary Berry (MDDC).

**87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Cllr Eileen Andrews declared a personal interest in respect of Item 92 (iii) as she is Vice-Chairman of the Cullompton Community Association.
- Cllr Karl Busch declared a personal interest in respect of grant application from Friends of Cullompton Library as he is Secretary of the Friends group.
- Cllr Kate Haslett declared a personal interest in respect of item 94 as she is a member of the Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign Committee.

**88. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None

**89. MINUTES:**

- (i) The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 22 September 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Janet Johns, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.
- (ii) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 29 September 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Daniel Barnes.

**90. TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY: To approve co-option of new member:** Five applications received, one of which was been withdrawn. Three of the applicants were present and each made a short presentation explaining their reasons for wanting to join the Council. A paper vote was taken and Richard Thorne obtained an absolute majority of the votes.

**RESOLVED:** That Richard Thorne is co-opted to fill the vacant seat on the Council.

## **91. REPORTS**

(i) **Town Mayor's Report:** None

(ii) **Police Report:** None

(iii) **County/District Councillor Reports:**

- **MDDC Cllr Nikki Wollatt** had submitted a written report which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.
- **DCC Cllr John Berry's report included:**
  - (a) Traffic order for Fore Street has been confirmed, hope to have in place before Christmas.
  - (b) Traffic order for Exeter Road received two objections and has been deferred, to be considered again in March 2017.
  - (c) Brook Road will be put into next year's (2017/18) list for a traffic order. If Councillors have any other highway matters that they would like Devon County Council to consider then please let Cllr Berry know.
  - (d) Will contact the Environment Agency to find out whether they have made any decisions about the route of the Eastern Distributor Road.
  - (e) Meeting with Gregory's Transport to look at how to address the problems associated with trying to get out from Higher Kings Mill Road onto Honiton Road.
  - (f) Blocked drains in Tiverton Road have been pressured hosed, the blockage was due to household materials and not building materials.

**RESOLVED:** That an item relating to Kingfisher Reach/Swallow Way is included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Traffic & Environment Working Group meeting.

**NOTE:** In response to a question Cllr John Berry agreed to ask Devon County Council Enforcement Officers to spend more time enforcing parking restrictions in Fore Street.

(iv) **Any other meeting reports:** Public meeting held on 20 October to be discussed later in the meeting. Summary of a meeting held with MDDC Planning Officers to discuss the North West Urban Extension and s.106 matters had been circulated to all members.

## **92. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

(i) **To approve the Financial Statements for September 2016**

**RESOLVED:** That payments totalling £39,328.98 for September 2016 were approved and the financial statements for September 2016 were approved. Proposed Cllr Eileen Andrews, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

(ii) **To receive notice of completion of audit:** The Clerk confirmed that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been received and published.

**NOTE:** Cllr Eileen Andrews declared a personal interest in respect of the following item as she is Vice-Chairman of the Cullompton Community Association.

- (iii) To consider request from Cullompton Community Association for contribution of £200 towards repair of entrance track as Viridor has offered a grant but they need to find £1891.60 as 10% third party funding.

**RESOLVED:** It was acknowledged that the request was not received within the grant deadline. As the path does require urgent attention it was agreed that the Council makes a contribution of £200 to the Cullompton Community Association towards the 10% third party funding required by Viridor in order to draw down a grant to repair the entrance track at the CCA Fields. Proposed Cllr Daniel Barnes, seconded Cllr Kate Haslett.

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

- (i) **Planning & Licensing Committee** meetings held on 22 September and 13 October. *Noted*
- (ii) **Traffic & Environment Working Group** meeting held on 13 September. *Noted*
- (iii) **Community Wellbeing Committee** meeting held on 11 October 2016

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 11 October are noted and the recommendation that the Council joins the Devon County Council Road Warden Scheme is approved. Proposed Cllr Daniel Barnes, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

- (iv) **Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee meetings** held on 20 September and 18 October

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee meetings held on 20 September and 18 October are noted and

1. That the Recommendation contained in the Minutes of the 18 October that grants are paid as follows is approved. Proposed Cllr Eileen Andrews, seconded Cllr Karl Busch.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Cullompton Ace Majorettes	New leotards (£100 each)	£200.00
Cullompton Community Choir	PA equipment suitable for outside use.	£100.00
Cullompton Cricket & Recreation Club	Female changing room and shower facility	£200.00
Cullompton Rangers Football Club	Line marker machine	£100.00
Cullompton Town Team	Notice board project, to purchase TVs for locations in the town to provide details of local events etc.	£300.00
Friends of Cullompton Library	To establish and promote a Minecraft group as part of the Coding Club at Cullompton library	£150.00
Culm Valley Dementia Action Alliance	Start up grant for early publicity and expenses	£100.00
Devon Mega 2017	To secure goods and services to put on a week long event	Nil
Involve	Provide information points to get people	£100.00

	active within their communities.	
Life Education Wessex	Visit to Willowbank School Nov 2016.	Nil
	<b>TOTAL</b>	£1250.00

2. That the Council's Community Engagement Strategy is amended as per recommendations. Proposed Cllr Kate Haslett, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.
3. That the Grants policy is amended as per recommendations. Proposed Cllr Iain Emmett, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

#### **94. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

##### **(i) Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign: To consider support for the Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign and setting up a steering group.**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council drafts a letter to Mid Devon District Council to reinforce its support for the Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign and asking if the district council will provide financial support for the project. Letter to be sent to the Chairman of the Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign for approval before sending. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Iain Emmett.

##### **(ii) Swallow Way: To receive Swallow Way/Kingfisher Reach Road report and agree way forward:** Report has been sent to DCC and MDDC.

**RESOLVED:** That, the Council accepts the report and that Devon County Council is requested to provide a response to the report by the date of the preparation of the agenda for the next full council meeting. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Iain Emmett.

##### **(iii) Stagecoach: To receive response relating to Swallow Way as a bus route:** Invitation from Stagecoach to meet to look at the suitability of Swallow Way as a bus route.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council accepts Stagecoach's offer to meet to look at the suitability of Swallow Way as a bus route. Invite the local residents to send a representative to the meeting. Proposed Cllr Daniel Barnes, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

##### **(iv) Kingfisher Reach: To consider any follow-up actions from the public meeting held on 20 October 2016:** Concern that, no action has been taken by the developers since the meeting. Evidence to show that contractors are still in breach of Construction Management Plan and also Health & Safety guidelines.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter is sent to Chief Executive of Barratts/David Wilson Homes, with copies to Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council, asking the following questions: (Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Danny Barnes).

- Developers agreed that wheels of vehicles would be washed before leaving the construction site. David Wilson Homes stated that this would start from Monday 24 October, nothing has been done – When will washing of wheels of construction vehicles start?
- Road sweeper ineffective and noisy – when will the road sweeper be withdrawn?
- Construction vehicles are still going to David Wilson Homes Taunton construction site and then being redirected to the David Wilson Homes Bristol compound meaning that they are

require to pass through the residential estate, when is this misdirection of construction traffic going to be addressed?

- Health & Safety breaches, vehicles still reversing without a banksman, reversing in the vicinity of pedestrians, parking in front of driveways etc.
- Construction vehicles/developers are not making every effort to keep away from occupied dwellings. When/how will this be addressed.

- (v) **Cemetery Feasibility Study:** To consider holding an informal meeting on 10 November 2016 to consider the feasibility study.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council does not hold an informal meeting on 10 November, instead find out deadline dates for grant submission to Heritage Lottery and wait until we have estimates for chapel repair work before arranging a meeting.

**95. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) **St Andrews Church:** Remembrance Sunday Service, 13 November. *Noted*
- (ii) **Citizens Advice Bureau:** Grant report form. *Noted*
- (iii) **Mid Devon District Council:** Re-adoption of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 within the District of Mid Devon. *Noted*
- (iv) **Kentisbeare Parish Council:** Objection to Locally Led Garden Villages bid. *Noted*
- (v) **Devon & Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company:** Community payback scheme: *Noted*
- (vi) **Cullompton Poppy Project:** Planning to decorate Cullompton on 10 November. *Noted*
- (vii) **Mid Devon District Council:** Linda Holloway to be made an Honorary Alderman. *Send letter of congratulation.*

**RECOMMENDATION:** That, due to the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be discussed, the following item is dealt with as Part 2 business and, in accord with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the 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.

- 96. TUFTY PARK AND HEAD WEIR ROAD PLAY AREAS:** To approve signing of leases.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council accepts that it is being offered the leases without security of tenure.

- 97. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 24 November at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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

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