



**MINUTES of a Meeting of Cullompton Town Council
held on
Thursday 24 September 2015 commencing at 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall**

PRESENT: Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Chaim Ebanks (in the chair) and Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Anthony Buczkowski, Deborah Christopher, Camille Harrison, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Martin Smith*, Mark Stevens and Mike Thompson.

*In attendance for part only of the meeting.

Also in attendance: Cllr John Berry (DCC), Cllr Karl Busch (MDDC), two members of the public and Lesley Carlo, Sgt Mike Norsworthy and PCSO Dave Waller (D&C Constabulary).

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

71. APOLOGIES: were accepted from Cllr Gordon Guest (personal), Cllr Phil James (work), Cllr Brett Lewis (unwell), Cllr Rachel Sinclair (unwell) and Chris Standford (personal).

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

73. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

(i) Chris Snow asked the following questions:

- Why the agenda for the meeting had not been posted on the Council's website?
- What the budget for the JT Centre will be in 2016/17? and
- why is the Town Council considering paying to cut the grass verges as this is a DCC responsibility?

The Chairman explained that Cllr Snow would receive a written response to his questions.

74. PRESENTATION BY AND DISCUSSION WITH LESLEY CARLO, EAST AND MID DEVON LICENSING OFFICER: Discussion ensued which included:

- Whether it is permissible for people to drink alcohol outside of public houses i.e. on the pavement. It was explained that the licence is for the sale of alcohol and not the consumption but as Cullompton's main street is designated as an alcohol free zone it is not acceptable, although some licence premises do have a narrow strip of paving that belongs to the premises and is not public highway. This is something that should be dealt with by

the licensees as they Police can only act if they are out on patrol and observe people drinking on the public highway.

- Local licensees are keen that the Police carry out a Police Against Drugs (PADS) operation, it was explained that the Police will carry out such an operation where they consider they are needed as a lot of resources are required for such an operation.
- Concern about young people being encouraged to drink more than they can safety cope with by other members of their group. It was explained that publicans should be monitoring the behaviour of their customers during an evening.
- In response to a question about why a police car was parked illegally in Fore Street it was explained that the Police Officer was responding to an incident.

The Police Report, which had been circulated to all members present, was discussed. The Chairman thanked Lesley Carlo, Sgt Mike Norsworthy and PCSO Dave Waller for attending and they left the meeting.

75. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 27 August 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting after amending Item 65 (ii) (i) to read “that the letter from the landlord of the *Market House*” Proposed Cllr Anthony Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

76. REPORTS

(i) **Chairman’s Report:** None

(ii) **Police Report:** Written report circulated to all members present.

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

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

- Receives regular Devon County Council news alerts.
- Request to support the proposal that developers are conditioner to provide land adjacent to the Integrated Centre for Health as a ‘health garden’ as a condition of the NW Extension development.
- That there is an insistence that the spine road through the NW Extension is 7.5 metres wide as the section of road through the Knowle 2 development is a disaster. Police not doing anything about cars obstructing the highway, they need to be encouraged to take more responsibility for highway matters.
- DCC had intended to make the Tiverton Road junction one-way coming out from Tiverton Road once the scaffolding on one of the cottages in Tiverton Road has been removed but this may require a traffic order.
- Consider writing to Devon County Council in support of provision of a recycling centre in the Cullompton area. Could provision of a recycling centre be included in the Local Plan?
- Attended official opening of the cemetery gates which were partially funded from his DCC locality budget.
- High Street/Fore Street is programmed for resurfacing in November, try and get this deferred until after Christmas.
- Nags Head bridge on the B3181 due to be repaired before the end of the financial year. This will mean that the B3181 to Exeter will be closed for about 10 days and the detour will be through Bradninch.

RESOLVED:

1. That items relating to the provision of a recycling centre and a 20mph zone along the Knowle 2 section of Swallow Lane are included on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. That the Council supports the proposal to condition the NW Extension developers to provide land adjacent to the Integrated Centre for Health to create a 'health garden'. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Martin Smith.
3. That the Council writes to Devon County Council to insist that the spine road through the NW Extension will be 7.5 metres wide. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.
4. That the Council asks Devon County Council to defer the resurfacing work planned for High Street/Fore Street, at least, until Tiverton Road is re-opened and remind them that the town's Christmas event will take place on Sunday 6 December 2015. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

RESOLVED: That Item 9 on the agenda is brought forward as Cllr Martin Smith needs to leave the meeting early.

77. MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLORS

- (i) **That the Council writes to Devon County Council as the local highway authority asking for a change in priority for Fore Street.** Cllr Martin Smith circulated details of his proposal to all those present and explained his reasoning. It was thought that a traffic order would be required and concerns raised that a change of priority would mean traffic backing up in the opposite direction, particularly first thing in the morning when people are leaving the town.

Cllr Martin Smith left the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the matter of a change in priority for Fore Street is deferred until the Tiverton Road junction is fully operational and then the item can be placed on the agenda for the Council to consider. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Anthony Buczkowski.

NOTE: There was no seconder for the original motion and it was withdrawn.

78. REPORTS CONTINUED

- (i) **Mid Devon District Councillor Karl Busch's report included:**
 - Joined the Council in May, time commitment more than anticipated but very enjoyable.
 - Attended site meeting to consider Cummings Nursery planning application.
 - A recent survey has found that Cullompton in the 12th best place in England to raise a family.
 - Organised a meeting with residents of St Georges View with regard to proposals to use the road as a link for construction traffic to the new North West development. Neil Parish MP has agreed to meet the residents affected.
 - It would appear that three mature Oak trees will be removed to make way for the new development. These trees will be replaced once the development has been completed.
- (ii) **Devon Association of Local Councils AGM:** Cllr Anthony Buczkowski circulated a written report to all members present.

- (iii) **Any other reports:** Cllr Mike Thompson reported on an informal meeting with members of the Council to discuss matters relating to Shortlands Lane. As this is a bridleway he has requested that the width is reduced to that of a bridleway to stop traffic using it as a shortcut.

79. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- (i) **To approve the Financial Statements for August 2015.**

RESOLVED: That payments totalling £26,497.56 for August 2015 are approved and the Financial Statements for August 2015 are approved.

- (ii) **To receive notice of conclusion of 2014/15 audit.**

RESOLVED: That the notice of conclusion of audit for 2014/15 is noted. There were no matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.

- (iii) **Roadside verges:** To consider providing funding to Mid Devon District Council to continue to maintain grass verges on land owned by Devon County Council in 2016/17.

RESOLVED: That a representative from Mid Devon District Council is invited to the Council's next meeting to discuss the matter of maintenance of roadside verges and this item is deferred until the next meeting. Proposed Cllr Camille Harrison, seconded Cllr Chaim Ebanks.

NOTE: Cllr Mike Thompson requested a recorded vote and voting was recorded as follows:

For: Cllrs Eileen Andrews, Anthony Buczkowski, Deborah Christopher, Camille Harrison, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns and Mark Stevens.

Against: Cllr Mike Thompson.

80. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

- (i) **Police Against Drugs (PADS) Operation:** To consider request for support to ask the Police to carry out a PADS operation in Cullompton.

RESOLVED: That the Council supports the request to ask the Police to carry out a PADS operation in Cullompton.

81. COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS:

- (i) To review committee and working group membership and appoint a replacement Town Team representative:

RESOLVED: Cllrs Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, and Mark Stevens to form the Appeals Sub-committee and Cllrs Chaim Ebanks, Camille Harrison and Mike Thompson to form the Audit Sub-committee. The appointment of a replacement Town Team representative to be deferred until the next meeting.

- (ii) To receive the Minutes of the following Committees and Working Groups and approve the recommendations contained therein:
- (a) Community Bus Working Group meeting held on 12 August 2015

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community Bus Working Group meeting held on 12 August 2015 are noted and the recommendation that the Town Council writes to Mid Devon District Council as the Local Planning Authority to request that every new development is conditioned to make a contribution towards a local bus service is approved. Proposed Camille Harrison, seconded Eileen Andrews.

(b) Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 25 August

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 25 August are noted and the recommendation that the Council asks MDDC to include the buildings listed on the Community Asset Register. Proposed Cllr Anthony Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Deborah Christopher.

<u>Name and address</u>	<u>Justification</u>
St John Ambulance building	St John House, St John Court, High Street EX15 1TR Conservation area
Old Methodist Church New Cut	New Cut, Cullompton EX15 1HF Conservation Area
Hayridge Centre Exeter Hill	Exeter Hill EX15 1DJ Conservation Area Public building which is used as a public library and adult education centre. Place where people meet.
Hayridge car park, Exeter Hill	Exeter Hill, EX15 1DJ Conservation Area
Royal British Legion (previously the workhouse)	The Green, Conservation Area, building of historic interest
Almhouses	Higher Street, Conservation Area
Old Tannery site Exeter Road	Exeter Road, land currently occupied by Antiques Centre and Children's Indoor Play Centre -
Public Toilets Station Road	Station Road EX15 1DT Only public toilet in Cullompton
Swimming pool site Cullompton Community College campus	Cullompton Community College, Exeter Road EX15 1DX

(c) Planning Committee meetings held on 27 August and 10 September: Noted

82. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Citizens' Advice Bureau: Grant report form. *Noted*
- (ii) Tiverton & District Community Transport Association: Grant report form. *Noted*
- (iii) Member of the public: pedestrian crossings. *Noted*
- (iv) Member of the public: Concern about use of St Georges View as access to new development. *Noted*
- (v) Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign: Thank you for the grant. *Noted*
- (vi) Mr D Godfrey: Withdrawal of request that the Council offers the Rifles Regiment the Freedom of the Town. *Noted, Council will no longer pursue this matter*

- (vii) Devon Association of Local Councils: AGM and Conference 15 October at Westpoint
- (viii) National Association of Local Councils: Nomination for membership.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Anthony Buczkowski is nominated for membership of the NALC Larger Councils' Committee 2016-2017.

Following discussion 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 Chaim Ebanks, seconded Cllr Eileen Andrews.

NOTE: Members of the public were asked to leave at this stage of the meeting.

PART II: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

83. ST ANDREWS CAR PARK

- (i) To approve the Part II Minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2015.
- (ii) To consider matters relating to the management of the car park (report to be tabled at the meeting). A report, prepared by the Clerk, was circulated to all members present and Cllr Anthony Buczkowski then presented a POPLA appeal decision notice which was discussed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtains legal advice with regard to the reason the Parking on Private Land Appeal was upheld.

84. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 22 October 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____