



**MINUTES of a Meeting of Cullompton Town Council  
held on  
Thursday 26 November 2015 commencing at 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall**

**PRESENT:** Town Mayor Cllr Rachel Sinclair (in the chair), Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Chaim Ebanks and Cllrs: Deborah Christopher, Gordon Guest, Camille Harrison, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Martin Smith, Chris Standford and Mike Thompson.

Also in attendance: PCSO Katy Butt, one member of the public and one member of the press.

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

**104. APOLOGIES** were accepted from: Cllrs: Eileen Andrews (unwell), Anthony Buczkowski (unwell) Cllr Phil James (personal), and Cllr Brett Lewis (unwell).

Also: Cllr John Berry (DCC) and Cllrs Rosemary Berry (MDDC) and Nikki Wollatt (MDDC)

**105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**106. MINUTES:**

- (i) The Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 22 October were approved and signed as a correct record after adding at the top of page 36 "it was further explained to Mr MacIlroy that, as this matter was *sub judice the Council cannot* take any action. (Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Camille Harrison).
- (ii) The Minutes of the extraordinary Town Council meeting held on 29 October were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Cllr Mike Thompson).

**107. REPORTS**

- (i) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman had nothing to report.
- (ii) **Police Report:** PCSO Katy Butt circulated a written report to all Councillors present and answered questions relating to the report. It was noted that allotment sheds had been broken into and that allotment tenants ought to be reminded not to leave power tools etc. in their sheds.

Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Chaim Ebanks stated that it was heartening to know that Cullompton was a safe place to live.

(iii) **County/District Councillor Reports:** A written report from MDDC Cllr Nikki Wollatt was circulated to all Councillors present.

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

#### **108. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

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

**RESOLVED:** That payments totalling £40,827.50 for October 2015 are approved and the Financial Statements for October 2015 are approved. Proposed Cllr Chaim Ebanks, seconded Cllr Camille Harrison.

#### **107. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:**

(i) **Verge cutting: To agree way forward:** Mid Devon District Council cut the roadside verges on behalf of Devon County Council but DCC has now reduced its funding meaning that MDDC will only receive sufficient funding to cut Cullompton's verges once or twice each year. If they are to continue to cut the verges then they will require Town and Parish councils to make a contribution.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council asks Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council to include grass verges in the sponsorship scheme and ask local businesses if they would sponsor cutting of the verges. (Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Martin Smith).

**NOTE:** A recorded vote was requested:

**For:** Cllrs Martin Smith, Gordon Guest, Mike Thompson, Chris Standford, Deborah Christopher, Kate Haslett, Camille Harrison, Janet Johns and Rachel Sinclair

**Against:** Cllr Chaim Ebanks.

(ii) **Reviewing the effects of Efficiency Measures consultation: to approve response to MDDC consultation**

**RESOLVED:** That the draft response as attached to the agenda at Appendix G is approved as the Council's response to the MDDC Efficiency Measures consultation. Proposed Cllr Camille Harrison, seconded Cllr Martin Smith.

(iii) **St Georges View: To receive details of concerns from residents relating to use of the road as access to part of the Northern Extension construction site**

**RESOLVED:** That the writers of the letters are contacted and made aware that the Council will be discussing the use of St Georges View as an access to part of the Northern Extension construction site at its next meeting on 10 December 2015.

(iv) **Household Waste Recycling Centre: To receive response from Devon County Council:** DCC has long term aspirations to provide a Recycling Centre in the Cullompton area but no capital funding to progress this at present.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council responds to DCC expressing disappointment that, once again, they are unable to provide the Cullompton area with a Recycling Centre particularly when there are a large number of new houses being built in the local area. Ask DCC to make it a priority when funding does become available and also investigate partnerships.

- 108. COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS:** To receive the Minutes of the following Committees and Working Groups and approve the recommendations contained therein:
- (i) **Community Bus Working Group** meeting held on 9 November: Noted
  - (ii) **Community Wellbeing Committee** meeting held on 27 October including the following recommendation: "That the Council applies for a Quality Award once it is satisfied that all the criteria can be met".

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 27 October 2015 are noted and the recommendation contained therein is approved.

- (iii) **Planning Committee** meetings held on 22 October and 12 November. Noted
- (iv) **Christmas Lights Event Working Group** meeting held on 4 November. Noted
- (v) **Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee** meeting held on 3 November 2015 including the following recommendation: "That the Council contributes £15 per person towards the cost of a staff Christmas meal as a thank you for all their hard work during the year".

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on 3 November 2015 are noted and the recommendation contained therein "That the Council contributes £15 per person towards the cost of a staff Christmas meal as a thank you for all their hard work during the year" is approved. Proposed Cllr Camille Harrison, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

**NOTE:** The second recommendation in the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes to approve the Collections Development Policy was deferred until the next meeting.

**109. MOTIONS PUT FOR BY COUNCILLORS**

- (i) That the Council asks Devon County Council to provide a footpath along Millennium Way, if not a footpath then at least 'hardstandings' at the bus stops so that people are not waiting for buses or alighting from buses into long wet grass (Cllr Janet Johns).

**RESOLVED:** That the Council asks Devon County Council to provide a footpath along Millennium Way, if not a footpath then at least 'hardstandings' at the bus stops so that people are not waiting for buses or alighting from buses into long wet grass. Also ask Devon County Council what their policy is with regard to Millennium Way being used as a Clearway. Proposed Janet Johns, seconded Chaim Ebanks.

**110. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) Devon County Council: Tough Choices meeting at the Hayridge Centre Tuesday 8 December 6.30pm: *Noted*
- (ii) Healthwatch Voices: Newsletter: *Noted*
- (iii) Devon Senior Voice: Newsletter: *Noted*
- (iv) Devon's recycling heroes: Award nomination for those that have helped Devon become one of the greenest in the UK: *Noted*
- (v) Devon County Council: Pedestrian crossing in Fore Street: *Noted*

- (vi) Cullompton Community College: Road safety and use of pedestrian crossings: *Noted*
- (vii) Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign: Grant report form: *Noted*
- (viii) Devon Air Ambulance Trust: Newsletter: *Noted*

**RECOMMENDATION:** 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.

**111. MINUTES:** To approve and sign the Part 2 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 October 2015.

**112. ST ANDREWS CAR PARK**

- (i) **To consider matters relating to the management of the car park:** Members of the public had raised a number of concerns about the current parking terms and conditions. These include:
- That people didn't see the signs and consider that they are not conspicuous enough.
  - That local businesses are open in the evenings and early mornings e.g. hairdressers, beauty salon, slimming club, ante-natal classes and the current charging regime is not helping those businesses.
  - The "pay by phone or text" system of paying for car parking as they don't always have a phone with them.

Discussion ensued with regard to changes to the current terms and conditions of parking.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council applies for planning permission for the ANPR camera and arranges a meeting with the St Andrews car park management company to negotiate changes to the terms and conditions of parking in St Andrews car park and review the signage.

**NOTE:** A recorded vote was requested:

**For:** Cllrs: Rachel Sinclair, Chaim Ebanks, Deborah Christopher, Gordon Guest, Camille Harrison, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Martin Smith and Chris Standford.

**Against:** Cllr Mike Thompson.

**113. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 10 December 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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

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