



**Community Wellbeing Committee meeting**  
held on  
**Thursday 15 February 2018 commencing at 7.00pm**  
in **Cullompton Town Hall**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillor Eileen Andrews (in the chair) and Cllrs Iain Emmett, Janet Johns and Martin Smith

**Also in attendance:** Nick Savage, Volunteer Footpath Warden and Cllr Jordann Barge.

Judy Morris: Clerk

63. **APOLOGIES** were received and accepted from: Cllr Daniel Barnes (personal). 69(vi) as she is a member of the Culm Valley Dementia Action Alliance.
64. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Janet Johns declared a personal interest in respect of Item 69 (vi) as she is a member of the Culm Valley Dementia Alliance.
65. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None
66. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 January 2018 were approved and signed as a true and correct record of the meeting. Proposed Councillor Janet Johns, seconded Councillor Iain Emmett.
67. **FINANCE: To receive committee financial reports:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee Income & Expenditure reports are noted. This includes the reports for the Public Rights of Way, Christmas Lights Event and Cullompton Crier. It was noted that the Committee members considered that the investment in the War Memorial cleaning and Christmas willow project was money well spent.

68. **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**
  - (i) **To receive report from Footpath Warden:** Verbal report, very little survey work undertaken since the last meeting. Footpath grant applications submitted. Email received

from MDDC Cllr Nikki Woollatt setting out her concerns about the proposal to widen the leat path between Station Road and Higher Mill: These concerns included:

- **Consultation with Conservation Officer:** It was agreed to contact the Conservation Officer for her comments/support.
- **Consultation with the Environment Agency:** It was agreed to contact the Environment Agency for their comments/support.
- **Cutting back the hedge:** If the hedge is cut back hard then it will kill the hedge so more effective to remove.
- **Bank erosion:** This proposal is exclusively about widening the path. Bank erosion is another project.

It was confirmed that DCC Public Rights of Way Officers support the project, to be further discussed at the next meeting once comments have been received back from MDDC Conservation Officer and Environment Agency.

**(ii) Any other Public Rights of Way matters:**

- (a) **Culm Lea:** It was reported that the footpath at Culm Lea is in a poor state, Footpath Warden will investigate what is happening with the diversion order.
- (b) **Footpath Walks:** Footpath Warden will draw up a programme of walks, similar to last year.

**69. COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT**

- (i) Phone box, Honiton Road: To consider a use for the phone box, update report:** Clerk reported no interest in using the box for information purposes as not visible enough.

**RESOLVED:** That the residents living close to the box are contacted to find out if they have any ideas about how the box might be used.

- (ii) Council Newsletter: To review format and dates for future issues:** £1151 remaining in the Crier budget, Clerk suggested that the next issue is combined with the SpringFest programme with advertising to cover the cost of printing. Delivery to every household in Cullompton will be £500. It was suggested that it is renamed the "New Look Crier" and format to change to A5 booklet.

**RESOLVED:** That the next issues of the Crier includes information about the SpringFest on 14 April, advertising revenue to cover cost of printing and delivery to be paid for from the Crier budget. Future editions to be issued to coincide with: June (Festival Week), September (Autumn Food & Drink Festival) and November (Christmas Festival).

- (iii) Removal of grilles around trees: To receive response from Devon County Council and agree way forward:** Clerk reported that DCC has stated that they will not remove the grilles as they do not consider them to be a safety defect but happy for the Town Council to remove the grilles and keep them. They do not want the grilles back.
- (iv) SpringFest: Update:** Clerk reported that arrangements are progressing well.
- (v) Cullompton Festival: Update:** No report received.
- (vi) Dementia Action Alliance: To receive confirmation that the Town Council is now registered and agree any action required:** Clerk asked Councillors to register by viewing the video which was circulated to all Councillors via email. Cllr Janet Johns reported that awareness sessions are being arranged.

**(vii) WW1 Centenary:** Discussion about arranging some form of exhibition. It was suggested that this could be held in the cemetery chapel on 11 November. Start to collect items of interest and make people aware that the Council is looking for First World War memorabilia for an exhibition. Suggestions:

- Find out about items made in Cullompton during the First World War e.g. canvas footies.
- Local regiments.
- War graves in Cullompton cemetery.
- Contact local history group to find out if they have any ideas.
- Contact British Legion to discuss.

Bring ideas to the next meeting for further discussion.

**(viii) Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing site: To receive confirmation that the equipment for a Night Landing site at Cullompton Rugby Club has been fitted and agree any future actions required:** Clerk confirmed that the project has been completed and Cullompton now has a night landing site at Cullompton Rugby Club. The company that installed the equipment has submitted a quote for annual servicing.

**RESOLVED:** That it is suggested to the Cullompton Rugby Club that they can submit a grant application for funding for the annual servicing of the night landing equipment.

**70. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN CULLOMPTON'S MAIN STREETS: To receive response from Devon County Council with regard to erection of signage and speed reminder signs and agree way forward:** Discussion about provision of vehicle activated signs (VAS) and whether there was a need for such a sign in Willand Road.

It was considered that traffic had flowed more easily through the town centre when there were traffic lights due to repair of gas leak.

**RESOLVED:** That the Traffic & Environment Working Group is asked to look for evidence to support the installation of a traffic light system in Fore Street (between the two zebra crossings). Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Eileen Andrews.

**71. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- (i) Involve: Cullompton Health & Wellbeing Forum on 13 March
- (ii) Community Action Groups Devon: Looking to support groups and set up new ones.  
*Invite to the next meeting*

**72. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** To be arranged.