



**Minutes of a meeting of Cullompton Town Council held at Cullompton Town Hall on
Thursday 5 April 2018 commencing at 7pm**

Present: Cllr Iain Emmett (in the chair) and Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Jordann Barge, James Buczkowski, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Lloyd Knight, Martin Smith and Mike Thompson

Also in attendance: Cllr Terry Snow (MDDC), two members of the public and one member of the press.

Judy Morris (Town Clerk)

187. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs: Daniel Barnes (personal), Gordon Guest (personal), Liza Oxford-Booth (personal) and Rachel Sinclair (personal).

188. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- Cllr Mike Thompson declared a personal interest in respect of discussion relating to the Local Plan as he lives close to Meadow Lane and Cullompton Community College.
- Cllr Kate Haslett declared a personal interest in respect of discussion relating to the Local Plan as she is a member of the Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign Committee.
- Cllr Eileen Andrews declared a personal interest in respect of discussion relating to the Local Plan as she is a member of the Cullompton Community Association Committee.

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

- (i) **Cathy Penharris (Chairman CCA)** asked the Council to confirm its commitment to the statement that its preferred route, should it be decided to construct a relief road through the CCA Fields, is alongside the railway line. She also asked that the CCA is kept up-to-date with matters relating to the proposal to construct a relief road through the CCA Fields.
- (ii) **Mid Devon District Councillor Terry Snow** reported on a meeting of MDDC Cabinet when it had been agreed to engage consultants to assist with the preparation of a Cullompton Town Centre Regeneration Masterplan and Delivery Plan. His report included:
 - Serious concerns about the route of the proposed relief road and how to ensure that the CCA Fields are enhanced.
 - Proposal to re-open the railway station but not being kept informed of what is happening.
 - Bus stop at Weary Traveller is a disgrace, low level and water logged when it rains.

- No integrated transport system for the town.
- Consider a levy on new house building to provide for an integrated transport system.
- Is the fire station in the right location?
- Concern about scaffolding and pigeon mess in the town centre.
- Consultation with Town Councillors and the public is a must. Need to be kept better informed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council writes to MDDC requesting that the Town Council is consulted in advance of the consultants being contracted to assist with the preparation of the Town Centre Masterplan. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Martin Smith.
2. That MDDC is asked to ensure that, whenever they have a meeting concerning anything to do with Cullompton, that a representative from the Town Council is invited to attend. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

MDDC Cllr Terry Snow left the meeting.

- 190. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 March 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr James Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders are suspended in order to allow members of the public to provide additional information during the meeting. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson,

- 191.** seconded Cllr James Buczkowski.

MID DEVON LOCAL PLAN: To consider response to Public Consultation on amendments to the Sustainability Appraisal: Draft response circulated with the agenda. Discussion included:

- Concern that highway improvements are being carried out in Tiverton prior to any new houses being built, why can't this happen in Cullompton?
- The necessary infrastructure should be in place before any additional traffic is generated.
- Insist that the proposed East Cullompton Garden Village is called the Cullompton Garden Village.
- Object to inclusion of additional land for development at Knowle Lane until further studies have been completed and satisfied that the land is suitable for development. If this land does come forward then the Town Council would like to be consulted on the use of the land.
- Include policies with regard to affordable housing. Neighbourhood Plan policies: HS01, HS02, and HS03.
- Preference that all affordable housing is mixed within the development. Expect the affordable housing will be built as development proceeds i.e. a percentage mix as they progress and not all at the end. Expect that the Local Plan will support this.
- Should be able to scrutinise the affordable housing feasibility figures before agreement reached on numbers.
- Any s.106 money arriving from development in Cullompton should be spent in Cullompton as the people of Cullompton chose.
- Cullompton has a high priority for alternative sports not provided for at present.

- CTC recognises that the town’s sports facilities are inadequate.
- Increase in population means an increase in people wanting to use the town’s sports facilities but many of the sports clubs do not have the land to expand.
- Assurance required that if any sports clubs are required to move then this will be included in the planning cycle to ensure safe transfer to new venue.
- Discussion about route of relief road and what the options are. It is very difficult for the Cullompton Community Association to plan for the future until they have a definitive route for the road.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council writes to Mid Devon District Council demanding to know if there is any alternative route options for the relief road as the Cullompton Community Association needs to know in advance to start planning for the future. Copies of the letter to be sent to: Devon County Councillor John Berry, Devon County Council Head of Highways, Cullompton Mid Devon District Councillors and CCA. Also publish a copy of the letter on the website. Also request that MDDC keeps the CCA informed about what is happening with regard to the relief road. Proposed Cllr James Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Martin Smith.

RESOLVED: That, as the time is 9pm, the meeting is extended for a further 15 minutes in order to complete the agenda. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Kate Haslett.

RESOLVED: That the draft response is amended as per the points made above and that Cllrs Gordon Guest and Martin Smith draft an executive summary to be attached. Proposed Cllr James Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

192. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (i) **Visitor to Cullompton:** Visited the town on journey down to Cornwall and fell badly on the paving stones close to where men were working on gas main in the road. Injuries to face and wrist, plus damaged glasses.

RESOLVED: That the Council wishes the lady a speedy recovery from her injuries and looks forward to welcoming her back to the town in the future. Also send a copy of her letter to Devon County Council requesting a definitive response as to when the pavements will be resurfaced.

193. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 26 April 2018 commencing at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

SIGNED:

DATE: