



Minutes of a meeting of Cullompton Town Council held on Thursday 28 June 2018 commencing 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall

Present: Cllr Iain Emmett (in the chair) and Cllrs: Jordann Barge, James Buczkowski, Kate Haslett, Lloyd Knight, Liza Oxford-Booth, Martin Smith and Mike Thompson

Also in attendance: Approximately 4 members of the public.

Judy Morris: Town Clerk

- 25. APOLOGIES** received and accepted from Cllrs: Eileen Andrews (unwell), Daniel Barnes (personal), Gordon Guest (personal), Janet Johns (personal), Rachel Sinclair (personal) and Will Jones (personal).

Also: Cllr John Berry (DCC) and Cllr Rosemary Berry (MDDC).

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

- Cllr Liza Oxford-Booth declared a pecuniary interest in respect of co-options as she is related to one of the applicants.
- Cllr James Buczkowski declared a personal interest in respect of Item 33 as he has an accountancy business.

27. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None

- 28. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 June 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Liza Oxford-Booth, seconded Cllr Kate Haslett.

- 29. CO-OPTION: To consider applications to fill the vacant seat:** Two applications who were both present at the meeting and each made a short presentation. A paper vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED: That Kerry Baldwin is co-opted to fill the vacancy in South Ward.

Note: Cllr Liza-Oxford Booth did not vote.

30. REPORTS

- (i) Town Mayor: Reported his attendance at:

- Unitarian SW of England AGM where he learnt a great deal about the Unitarian Church.
- Cullompton United Charities, very worthwhile charity.
- CCA meeting, interesting, a number of issues to be pursued.
- Meeting with Leat Preservation Board.

He will be opening the Town Festival on Saturday 30 June at 10.15am at the Walronds and also presenting the prizes for an essay competition.

- (ii) **District and County Councillors:** MDDC Councillor Nikki Woollatt had sent a written report which had been circulated to all members and was noted. No other reports.
- (iii) **Police:** None
- (iv) **Meeting with Leat Preservation Board:** Clerk reported that she had met with the Board, along with the Town Mayor and Footpath Warden. It has now been established that MDDC strimmed the leat bank from Lower Mill to Station Road and will continue to do this, weather permitting, so no requirement for the Town Council to strim. Discussion with regard to leat path project will be reported to the Community Wellbeing Committee at its next meeting.
- (v) **Any other meeting reports:**
 - (a) **Traffic & Environment Working Group:** Now have confirmation of riparian ownership of leat between Station Road and Head Weir. Will be pursuing clean-up of leat.
 - (b) **Youth Council:** Recent meeting with local MP who has invited members to visit him at the House of Commons.

31. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- (i) **Payments: To approve payments for May 2018**

RESOLVED: That payments totalling £29,959.51 for May 2018 are approved. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Jordann Barge.

Note: Cllr James Buczkowski queried payroll payments. Clerk to investigate and forward more details to members.

- (ii) **Financial Reports: To receive Financial Reports for May 2018:** Noted

32. COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS: To receive the Minutes of the following Committees and Working Groups and approve the recommendations contained therein:

- (i) **Town Team** meeting on 17 May 2018: Noted
- (ii) **Planning & Licensing Committee** meetings held on 24 May and 14 June

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee meetings held on 24 May and 14 June 2018 are noted and the terms of reference contained in the Minutes of 14 June 2018 meeting are approved. Proposed Cllr Lloyd Knight, seconded Cllr Kate Haslett.

- (iii) **Community Wellbeing Committee** meeting held on 5 June

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 5 June are noted and the terms of reference contained in the Minutes are approved. Proposed Cllr Liza Oxford-Booth, seconded Cllr Kate Haslett.

(iv) Town Centre and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 6 June.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Centre and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 6 June are noted and the terms of reference contained in the Minutes are approved. Proposed Cllr Iain Emmett, seconded Cllr Liza Oxford-Booth.

(v) Youth Services Working Group meetings held on 10 May and 1 June. Noted

(vi) Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee meetings held on 2 May, 8 June and 19 June

RESOLVED:

1. That the Minutes of the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee meetings held on 2 May, 8 June and 19 June are noted, and the terms of reference contained in the Minutes of 19 June 2018 meeting are approved. Proposed Cllr Lloyd Knight, seconded Cllr James Buczkowski

2. That the following recommendation contained in the Minutes of 19 June 2018 is approved after adding clause (e). (Proposed Cllr Liza Oxford-Booth, seconded Cllr James Buczkowski).

“That the contract is not renewed to the YMCA, but the remainder of the youth services budget for 2018-2019 is used to provide grants, approved by full council, on the following basis;

- (a) Grants are only made to properly constituted, not for profit organisations;
- (b) Grants must be used to benefit the youth community (Under 24 years) within the Cullompton Parish;
- (c) Grant applications must include a clear and concise plan for the use of the money, who it will benefit and when it will benefit them;
- (d) Any funds not used by the applicant in accordance with the original plan, will be returned to the council.
- (e) That the process is completed by the beginning of August.

3. That a letter is sent to the local MP, copies to DCC and MDDC Chief Executives setting out the Council’s concerns with regard to the lack of funding for youth services and the difficulties experienced by small local authorities who do not have the expertise to manage this service. Emphasise the urgency of providing funding for youth services. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Liza Oxford-Booth.

NOTE: Cllr James Buczkowski withdrew from the meeting whilst the following item was debated.

33. MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLORS

- (i) To investigate if multiple banks would be willing to join together in one building and share days and running costs in a similar way to a community shop as this will provide a beneficial facility for the community (Cllr Mike Thompson).

Discussion about how this might be achieved and whether the banks would agree. It was felt that the key is getting the post office up and running again, with more than two windows. Discussion about mobile banks and post office. It was considered that the wi-fi strength in the town centre is not sufficient for a mobile bank which is why they are currently situated in Tesco’s car park. This is not helpful for the town centre businesses.

RESOLVED: That the Council writes to the Post Office to request a mobile post office service, if possible a 5-day week service. Proposed Cllr Kate Haslett, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

Cllr James Buczkowski re-joined the meeting.

34. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Police: Invitation to attend meeting at Cullompton Police Station on 4 July at 6.30pm: Cllr Jordann Barge offered to attend.
- (ii) Member of public: Views on relief road: Noted
- (iii) Member of public: Poor condition of Goblin Lane: Noted, delegate to Community Wellbeing Committee (Public Right of Way).
- (iv) Member of the public: Directional signing to Cullompton Football Club. Noted, defer to Traffic & Environment Working Group.
- (v) Mid Devon District Council: Free Christmas Saturday parking on Forge Way car park, which dates would the Council prefer: Noted, delegate to Town Centre and Economic Development Committee.

RESOLVED: That due to the 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. Proposed Cllr Liza Oxford-Booth, seconded Cllr Kate Halett.

35. CULM LEA PLAY AREA: To consider and approve signing of lease

RESOLVED: That, subject to approval by the Council’s solicitor, the lease for Culm Lea play area is signed. Proposed Cllr James Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Kate Haslett.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To confirm Thursday 12 July 2018 at 7pm as the date for the next Full Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the next Town Council meeting is held on Thursday 26 July, unless there is any urgent business to discuss, in which case a Town Council meeting will be held on Thursday 12 July 2018.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____