

## APPENDIX B



### Minutes of a meeting of Cullompton Town Council held on Thursday 9 August 2018 commencing at 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall

**Present:** Cllr Iain Emmett (in the chair) and Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Kerry Baldwin, Jordann Barge, James Buczkowski, Gordon Guest, Janet Johns, Kate Haslett, Lloyd Knight and Mike Thompson

Also in attendance: Cllr John Berry (DCC), 3 members of the public plus one member of the press.

Judy Morris: Town Clerk

**48. APOLOGIES** received and accepted from Cllrs: Daniel Barnes (work), Will Jones (work), Liza Oxford-Booth (personal), Rachel Sinclair (personal) and Martin Smith (personal).

**49. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** None

**NOTE:** Cllr Eileen Andrews made a statement explaining why she had been unable to attend recent Council meetings.

**50. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

- **Mr Phil James** referred to comments made by a member of the Council on social media, he explained that he has not instigated the Devon Live article but was still looking for resolution. *It was explained that the Council is not able to make comment and that any complaint about a Councillor should be referred to the Monitoring Officer at MDDC.*
- **Mr Chris Snow** asked the Council to review its Social Media Policy and clarify what is acceptable for Councillors to write on social media. *Cllr Snow was thanked for his comments which will be considered by the Council's Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee.*

**51. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 July 2018 was deferred until the next meeting in order to clarify the wording of Minute No. 44 (i). Clerk to review audio recording and report back to the next meeting. Proposed Cllr Kerry Baldwin, seconded Cllr Gordon Guest.

**52. PRESENTATION BY AND DISCUSSION WITH 2 SISTERS REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDING TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

2 Sisters representative Scott Stripp and Mr Saulius from Staffline discussed the issues that the town has had in recent weeks, concern about some comments on social media which are completely unfounded. He gave the Council reassurance that 2 Sisters are taking action to resolve the situation. He expressed concern about accusations of “slave labour” and “people trafficking” and has invited the Town Mayor together with a Police representative and member of the public to tour the factory.

He reported that 2 Sisters has taken up the suggestion to put together a leaflet in several different languages. He confirmed that none of the workers had come from overseas directly to work at 2 Sisters but had moved from other parts of England and it was explained that workers find their own accommodation.

Discussion ensued about how migrants living in Cullompton could be supported.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr Stripp and Mr Saulius for attending the meeting to explain the process.

**53. PRESENTATION BY AND DISCUSSION WITH DEVON FOOTWAYS TEAM WITH REGARD TO REMEDIAL FOOTWAY SCHEME FOR FORE STREET/HIGH STREET**

Chris Barton and Jack Caulfield, representing Jacobs, who are carrying out the work on behalf of Devon County Council, explained that the pavement on the west side of Fore Street will be resurfaced using tarmac between the entrance to Reeds Place and New Cut. The remaining paved areas will be repaired by lifting the paving slabs and levelling the ground below. Broken paving slabs will be replaced.

Councillors expressed concern about the effectiveness of repairing and replacing slabs as slabs are frequently repaired in the main street with very little effect.

Discussion about what will happen to the grilles around the trees, some of which are a safety hazard and how the proposed work will tie-in with works by British Gas to replace the gas main in Fore Street.

It was stressed that they would try to maintain access to shops and businesses at all times and that they would be happy to meet with Town Council representatives to identify problem areas.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr Barton and Mr Caulfield for attending and they left the meeting.

**54. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**(i) St Andrews Church:** To consider request for use of Upcott Recreation Field for community BBQ on Sunday 2 September.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council permits St Andrews Church to use the Upcott Recreation field for a community BBQ on 2 September. Proposed Cllr Eileen Andrews, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

**(ii) Devon County Council:** To consider proposed diversion of parts Footpath No, 2 Cullompton.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council supports the proposal to divert parts of Footpath No. 2 with the provisos that:

- (i) Part of the section of footpath P-R is regraded as it has been chewed up and is very 'mucky'.
- (ii) The gate at C is replaced with a gate that is the same as the one installed at R.

(Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Jordann Barge)

**(iii) Staffline:** To receive response re setting up a drop-in centre for migrants: Noted

**NOTE:** Town Mayor will report back following his visit to 2 Sisters and the Council can then consider whether there is anything further it can do to assist the migrants to integrate with the local community.

**(iv) Mid Devon District Council:** To receive response re: setting up a drop-in centre for migrants. Noted

**(v) Mid Devon District Council:** To receive response re: Cullompton representation on the Planning Committee. Noted

**55. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) Mid Devon District Council:** Parish newsletter: Noted

**56. GRANT FOR PROVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES: SEPT 2018- 31 MARCH 2019:** To consider applications for grants to the provision of youth services to 31 March 2019.

Two applications received, discussion ensued. It was thought that what the YMCA have done to-date is great but do have concerns about the cost. Their finances don't add-up and projected cost per person per session is £12.50 which is double their previous estimate. There is no mention in their report of what they intend to do to redress the situation of a drop in attendance.

The proposal from Young Devon is cheaper and their plan goes into detail about how they intend to grow and improve the service.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council provides a grant of £10, 591 to Young Devon to provide two youth sessions per week for 6 months from 1 September 2018 to 31 March 2019 at the John Tallack Youth & Community Centre with the proviso that they provide the Council with monthly reports and that payment will be made in three instalments. Proposed Cllr Jordann Barge, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

**57. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** To confirm Thursday 23 August 2018 at 7pm as the date for the next Full Council meeting.

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

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