



## Minutes of a meeting of Cullompton Town Council held on Thursday 12 March 2020 commencing 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall

**Present:** Cllr James Buczkowski (in the chair) and Cllrs: Matthew Dale, Justin Lochhead, Ian Morton and Martin Smith.

Also in attendance: 2 members of the public and one member of the press.

Judy Morris: Town Clerk

Joy Norris: Incoming Town Clerk

**205. CHAIRMAN:** In the absence of both the Town Mayor and the Deputy Town Mayor it was

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr James Buczkowski is elected Chairman for the meeting. Proposed Cllr Matthew Dale, seconded Cllr Martin Smith.

**206. APOLOGIES** received and accepted from: Town Mayor Cllr Lloyd Knight (unwell), Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Kate Haslett (unwell), and Cllrs: Eileen Andrews (meeting), Kerry Baldwin (personal), Robert Dietrich (personal), Gordon Guest (unwell), Janet Johns (unwell), Will Jones (personal), Russ Murch (unwell) and Michelle Rowe (unwell).

Proposed Cllr Justin Lochhead, seconded Cllr Matthew Dale.

**207. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** None.

### **208. CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION**

**RESOLVED:** That, due to low number of attendees at the meeting, this item is deferred. Proposed Cllr Ian Morton, seconded Cllr Matthew Dale.

**209. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**210. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 February 2020 were approved after adding Cllr Russ Murch to the of those in attendance and "*Cllr Martin Smith proposed that the Town Council arranges to secure the freehold of 19 High Street in order that it can be used for a community project. There was no seconder for the proposal which fell*" to Item 203, page 77. Proposed Cllr James Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Matthew Dale.

**211. RESOLUTIONS:** Noted.

### **212. BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**(a) COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS:** To receive the draft Minutes of the following Committees and Working Groups and approve the recommendations contained therein:

- (i) **Community Wellbeing Committee** meetings held on 16 January 2020 and 6 February 2020.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meetings held on 16 January 2020 and 6 February 2020 are noted and the recommendation *“that the Council sell its Ex-BT phone kiosk to the London Fine Antiques Centre for the sum of £300.00 and these sale proceeds are to be used (in whole or in part) for a community event, project or facility within Cullompton”* is approved. Proposed Cllr Ian Morton, seconded Cllr Matthew Dale.

- (ii) **Town Centre & Economic Development Committee** meeting held on 27 January 2020: Noted.
- (iii) **Cemetery & Town Hall Committee** meetings held on 17 January, 23 January and 6 February 2020: Noted.
- (iv) **Planning & Licensing Committee** meetings held on 23 January 2020 and 13 February 2020: Noted.
- (v) **Policy Finance and Personnel Committee** meeting 13 February 2020: Noted.

#### **COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT**

- (i) **Local Government Boundary Review: To consider response:** Discussion about the changes which include changing the names of the wards. The Council understands the reasons for the changes but has concerns about the suggested names for the wards. As the deadline for responses is 13 April 2020 it was

**RESOLVED** that the Council defers its response to the consultation on the draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Mid Devon District Council until the next meeting in order to research appropriate names for the new wards. Proposed Cllr Matthew Dale, seconded Cllr Justin Lochhead.

- (ii) **Swallow Way: To consider request for highway safety measures in Swallow Way:** Discussion about the poor design of the second section of Swallow Way and how much longer it will be before the road is adopted by Devon County Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Planning & Licensing Committee is asked to look at the issues raised in the letter from a member of the public relating to improving highway safety along the new section of Swallow Way. Proposed Cllr James Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Justin Lochhead.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) **Devon County Council: Fore Street/Exeter Hill footway maintenance scheme:** Noted.

#### **213. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- (i) **Payments: To examine and agree the accounts due for payment.**

**RESOLVED:** That invoices totalling £10,805.80 (Purchase Daybook Page 437) are approved for payment. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Justin Lochhead.

**214. WALES AND WEST UTILITIES:** To receive confirmation that Fore Street gas pipe upgrade work has been completed.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That a letter of thanks is sent to Wales & West Utilities for the professional way in which they carried out the upgrade of the gas main in Fore Street. They could not have done more to engage with the public. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Justin Lochhead.
2. That the Council requests a copy of the traffic data collected during the road closure for the gas main work in Fore Street. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Matthew Dale.

**215. TOWN HALL: To consider recommendation from the Cemetery and Town Hall Committee that the Council supports the refurbishment of the Town Hall along the lines of the feasibility study conducted in 2015:** Discussion about refurbishment versus purpose built, if was felt that the cost would be about the same.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council does not support the refurbishment of the Town Hall but instead asks the Cemetery and Town Hall Committee to explore the following options:

- (a) Royal Mail site in Fore Stree.
- (b) Old Tannery site, Exeter Road (opposite Aldi).
- (c) Investigate 'out of town centre' sites.

Proposed Cllr Justin Lochhead, seconded Cllr Matthew Dale.

**216. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) **Devon County Council:** Road closure Tiverton Road from a point 98m west of its junction with Fore Street, for a distance of 22m in a westerly direction for provision of high speed fibre cabling 11 May -15 May. Noted

**RESOLVED:** That due to the sensitive/commercial 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 Matthew Dale, seconded Cllr Justin Lochhead

**217. CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT OF ST ANDREWS CAR PARK: To approve variation to contract.**

**RESOLVED:** That the revised contract with Devon County Council for the management of St Andrews car park is approved. Proposed Cllr Ian Morton, seconded Cllr Martin Smith.

**218. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 26 March 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8pm

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