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**MINUTES OF A EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF CULLOMPTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**DATED THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**  
**IN CULLOMPTON TOWN HALL AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Councillor James Buczkowski (Chair), Matthew Dale, Robert Dietrich, Gordon Guest, Janet Johns, Lloyd Knight, Martin Smith, Mike Thompson,

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Dan Ledger (Town Clerk)

Steve Reardon (Assistant Town Clerk)

Maz Findlay (Finance Assistant)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Chris Jones, representative from the Farmers' Market enquired about possible Council support with regards to putting up gazebos at the weekly farmers' market. The Market organisers would be willing to provide a financial return for any support given in utilising Council operatives to erect and dismantle the gazebos.

Ashley Hellier asked about the service standard response times of the Council regarding to how long it takes to gain a response usually. There is correspondence which requires response from the Council, in relation to:

- A list of council outside bodies
- Garden Village membership
- A request to publish details of meetings in bold on header

The Chair informed Mr. Hellier that a response would be sent to him via the new Town Clerk.

The Town Council meeting commenced at 19:02

Ref. 653

**APOLOGIES:**

24.11.22

Council received apologies from the following Councillors:

- Ian Findlay
- Kathryn Haslett

**RESOLVED: To accept the apologies**

Ref. 654

**DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION:**

24.11.22

[Name] [Type of interest] [Agenda Item] [Description of interest]

CLlr Guest – Personal interest - Planning Matters – north west extension green infrastructure – Councillor had discussion with Paul Scobie as a land owner

Cllr Smith – Personal interest – Planning Matters - 22/01901/MFUL - Councillor is member of gym at the golf club

Cllr Dale – Personal interest – Planning Matters - 22/02077/HOUSE – Councillor owns property in close proximity to application

Ref. 655  
24.11.22

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed the new clerk and informed Council on staffing provisions. The Chairman thanked the locum town clerk for their services. 3 letters were received:

- MDDC letter regarding finances of the District Council
- Inaccessible footpaths between Westcott & Cullompton
- Builders rubbish not being attended to and lack of enforcement

The Chairman thanks volunteers that had helped with Christmas lights and informed Council of plans for the weekend.

Council **NOTED** the report

Ref. 656  
24.11.22

### **MEMBER'S QUESTIONS**

Cllr Smith gave a short briefing to members on the Metro Project. This was **NOTED** by Council.

There were no Member questions.

Ref. 657  
24.11.22

### **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes for the meeting of Council held on the 7th October 2022 were **DEFERRED** to the next meeting. The Clerk was instructed to revisit minute ref 636 & 643 on the grounds of the accuracy of the minute.

Ref. 658  
24.11.22

### **PAYMENT LIST**

Queries were made regarding the LGRC payments.  
Cllr Thompson requested there be a recorded vote

**RESOLVED:** The payment list were **APPROVED** in support of supporting paper B.

**Proposed:** Cllr Buczkowski

**Seconded:** Cllr Knight

Recorded **FOR:** Cllrs Buczkowski, Dale, Dietrich, Guest Johns, Knight & Smith.

Recorded **AGAINST:** Cllr Thompson

Ref. 659  
24.11.22

### **BUDGET 2023-2024**

Discussion took place on:

- Christmas light costs
- Whether a public meeting was required in budget setting
- Town Hall maintenance & plan
- Staffing & IT figures
- Whether the EMR for the swimming pool was still required
- The van lease
- Further financial planning into 1, 3 & 5 year periods

Cllr Guest left the meeting 7.44pm  
Cllr Guest returned to the meeting 7.46pm

**RESOLVED:** The draft budget report was **APPROVED** subject to a further report coming back to the next available meeting with further detail including tax base and earmarked reserves

**Proposed:** Cllr Thompson

**Seconded:** Cllr Buczkowski

Cllr Dale left the meeting 7.55pm

Ref. 660  
24.11.22

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

Exclusion of the press and public

A request was made by Cllr Thompson to enter into confidential session for the agenda item on the Farmers Market as it involved staffing/resourcing matters.

**RESOLVED:** It was moved by the Chair to exclude the press and public from the agenda item of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllr Dale returned at 7.57pm

Ref. 661  
24.11.22

**FARMERS MARKET**

**RESOLVED:** to delegate to Town Clerk in consultation with members of the Community, Economy and Tourism committee to identify whether there is space in container to hold equipment. The Council is to support the Farmers Market, where possible, in regards to helping set up gazebos, subject to available Council operative resource.

**Proposed:** Cllr Buczkowski

**Seconded:** Cllr Dale

Ref.662  
24.11.22

**PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

**RESOLVED:** It was moved by the Chair to allow the press and public to view the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(1) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Ref. 663  
24.11.22

**CULLOMPTON NW EXTENSION GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

**RESOLVED:** To **SUPPORT** the green infrastructure document provided that the football pitch is constructed to current Football Association standards, that there are facilities for children and teenagers, a kick about area, a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), and a community orchard.

**Proposer:** Cllr Guest

**Seconder:** Cllr Dale

Ref. 664  
24.11.22

**CULLOMPTON NW EXTENSION STREET NAMING**

**RESOLVED:** to expand outside of names of wildflower & grasses to that of animal. The following animal names be put forward to Mid Devon District Council Streetnaming:

- Fox
- Rabbit
- Otter
- Mole
- Watervole
- Badger
- Toad
- Bore

**Proposed:** Cllr Dale

**Seconded:** Cllr Johns

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN THE PARISH OF CULLOMPTON**

Ref. 665  
24.11.22

22/01901/MFUL. Conversion of part of former clubhouse to 19 dwellings and demolition of remaining building, associated parking and landscaping at the former Padbrook Park Golf and Country Club.

**RESOLVED** to **OPPOSE** due to the application being contrary to the neighbourhood plan with regards to policy HS04 "Parking on Housing Schemes". Also, the land where this application sits is one of few areas with sporting and recreation facilities. This will lead to a loss of amenity.

**Proposer:** Cllr Buczkowski

**Seconder:** Cllr Johns

Ref. 666  
24.11.22

22/01979/LBC. Listed Building Consent for replacement window at 5 Gravel Walk, Cullompton.

**RESOLVED:** to support with no objection

**Proposer:** Cllr Guest

**Seconder:** Cllr Dietrich

Ref. 667  
24.11.22

22/02077/HOUSE. Erection of two storey extension to form annexe at 83 St Andrew's Estate, Cullompton.

Noted and have no comment

**Proposer:** Cllr Buczkowski

**Seconder:** Cllr Guest

Ref. 668  
24.11.22

22/02085/FULL. Erection of 2 dwellings and extension to residential garden following demolition of existing building utilising the Class Q fall back position (22/00491/PNCOU).

**RESOLVED:** to support with the recommendation that as part of Highways comments a traffic assessment is followed.

**Proposer:** Cllr Guest

**Seconder:** Cllr Johns

Ref 669

24.11.22

**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE**

A motion without notice was put forward to suspend standing order (3w)

**RESOLVED:** To extend the meeting by 10 minutes

**Proposer:** From the Chair

Ref.670

24.11.22

**PLANNING MATTERS Cont.**

22/02089/HOUSE. Erection of first floor extension above garage at 14 Gatehouse Close, Cullompton.

**RESOLVED:** to support with no objection

**Proposer:** Cllr Dale

**Seconder:** Cllr Knight

The meeting was declared closed at 21:00