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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF CULLOMPTON TOWN COUNCIL
DATED THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2023 AT 7:00PM
AT CULLOMPTON TOWN HALL

PRESENT:

- Councillors:** J Buczkowski, R Dietrich, S Holvey (Chair), J Johns, C Snow.
- Officers:** The Town Clerk, the Deputy Town Clerk, the Finance Officer and the Administrative Assistant.
- Others:** District Councillors E Buczkowski and L Knight, 2 co-option candidates and 2 members of the public.

C23/018 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES**
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor M Thompson.

C23/019 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**
Councillor J Buczkowski declared an Other Registrable interest in Agenda Item 11 (Minute C23/026) as he is an Elected Member of Mid Devon District Council with whom the car park licence will be entered.

C23/020 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
None of the members of the public present wished to ask questions of the Council.

C23/021 **MINUTES**
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 11 May 2023 are a true and correct record of the meeting; they were signed as such.

C23/022 **CO-OPTIONS**

1. **RESOLVED** that candidate M Dale is co-opted to Cullompton Town Council in St Andrew's Ward and is invited to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
2. **RESOLVED** that, as candidate P Gummer was absent from the meeting, his co-option is deferred.
3. **RESOLVED** that, as candidate A Spring was absent from the meeting, his co-option is deferred.
4. **RESOLVED** that candidate J Stanford is co-opted to Cullompton Town Council in St Andrew's Ward and is invited to sign and Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
5. **RESOLVED** that, as candidate P James was absent from the meeting, his co-option is deferred.

Matthew Dale & John Stanford signed the declaration of acceptance of office witnessed by the Clerk and then joined the meeting

C23/023

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR)

1. **RESOLVED** that the Internal Auditor report is rejected until a semantic error regarding the processes with the Soldo payment card is clarified.
2. **RESOLVED** that Section 1 of the AGAR is deferred.
3. **RESOLVED** that Section 2 of the AGAR is deferred.
4. **RESOLVED** that the period for the exercise of Public Rights is deferred.

C23/024

PLANNING MATTERS

RESOLVED that planning application

1. [22/00652/MFUL](#) – Land at NGR 301784 108326 Land at Rull Lane. Change of use of agricultural land to green infrastructure including provision of a sports pitch (1.4 hectares) equipped with formal play area (0.45 hectares), a multi-use games area (0.1 hectares), allotments (0.7 hectares), community orchard (0.2 hectares), landscaped public open space (1.1 hectares) and associated infrastructure – is **SUPPORTED**.
2. **RESOLVED** that planning application [23/00717/HOUSE](#) – 9 Willand Road, Cullompton. Erection of an extension following demolition of existing – is **SUPPORTED**.

C23/025

WEDNESDAY STREET MARKET

1. **RESOLVED** that the matter of the long-term sustainability of the street market is deferred until detailed costings are available and planning matters investigated regarding an alternative location whilst Higher Bullring works are undertaken.
2. **RESOLVED** that the Council will provide assurance to the market traders that the market will run until at least the end of the financial year.
3. **RESOLVED** that the St Andrew's Car Park will be used as a temporary location with an expectation that this will be supported by MDDC.

C23/026

CAR PARK LICENCE

Councillor J Buczkowski departed the meeting having declared an interest in this item.

RESOLVED that MDDC are to find an alternative Town Centre location for the weekly market in return for the use of St Andrew's car park for works in the Higher Bullring.

Councillor J Buczkowski re-joined the meeting.

C23/027

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that Councillors M Dale and J Johns are appointed to the Town centre Regeneration Partnership.

RESOLVED that Councillor S Holvey will attend tomorrow's Metro Board meeting (in company with the Deputy Town Clerk) until a permanent Council member is nominated to attend on an ongoing basis.

C23/028 **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with [Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, parts 1.1 and 4.14](#) and [Section 1\(2\) of the Public Bodies \(Admission to Meetings\) Act, 1960](#), the public and press are excluded from this part of the meeting.

C23/029 **STAFFING MATTERS**

All recommendations made by the Town Clerk in his report are accepted and it was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the probation periods of the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk have been completed.
2. That, as per the employee's contract, the spinal column point (SCP) for the Town Clerk will increase by 1 point.
3. That the appointment of Perry Strickland as the new Outdoor Maintenance Supervisor is noted.
4. That Stewart Worbey is promoted to Assistant Outdoor Maintenance Supervisor.
5. That the appointment of Rosica Evtimova as the new Administrative Assistant is noted.
6. That the Council has taken on an outdoor maintenance operative on a trial basis is noted.
7. That an advertisement for the role of a new outdoor maintenance operative will take place in week commencing 12 June 2023.
8. That the services of the Assisting Deputy Town Clerk are retained.

C23/030 **LEGAL MATTERS**

RESOLVED that, as there is an Order of the Court in place, mediation is pushed in the matter of the 2022 Christmas Lights display and that an upper threshold is not increased for the mediation process. It was noted that a Court date is set for 29 June 2023 should the mediation process fail.

RESOLVED that nothing is done in response to the latest correspondence from the complainant regarding the Council's right to use the lane adjacent to the Town Hall for emergency purposes.

The meeting closed at 8:40PM.