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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF CULLOMPTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
27 MARCH 2025 AT 7:00PM AT THE HAYRIDGE CENTRE**

Present:

Councillors: E Buczkowski, R Dietrich, P James, M Kerlake, D Milner*, P Regardsoe, S Robinson, C Snow, T Spring (Chair), J Stanford, M Thompson.

Officers: Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk.

Others: 2 Members of the Public.

*Councillor D Milner joined the meeting following resolution of Minute C24/202.3.

C24/203 Apologies for Absences. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors J Buczkowski and L Knight.

C24/204 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations. There were no Declarations of Interests made.

C24/205 Member Questions.

1. Councillor E Buczkowski asked when the bleed kits would be installed. *The Town Clerk reported that permissions from premises owners was still awaited.*
2. Councillor C Snow asked why rented equipment was left on the J28 roundabout overnight when not in use. *The Town Clerk reported that the owner of the equipment, from whom it was rented, are aware that it is there and is content.*
3. Councillor M Thompson requested information on "Project 20"? *Councillor S Robinson stated that it is at Knightswood and is a project to remove the garages located there and install modular housing units. It has been suspended for some time as there are more suitable sites for such a project in the District and the issues with flooding in Knightswood are well documented.*

C24/206 Public Question Time. The following questions were raised by Members of the Public:

1. **Speaker 1.** A Member of the Public spoke regarding the Town Centre Relief Road and its impact on the existing housing and flood defence infrastructure. In particular, the dwellings that are located here may suffer a loss of privacy when the land in question passes to the CCA when the TCRR is constructed, and in the plans for the TCRR, there is no mention of

the flood defence barrier or how it is to be impacted by the installation of the road. *Councillor S Robinson agreed to take the matter to Mid Devon District Council.*

C24/207 Minutes ([LGA1972 Schedule 12 Paragraph 41](#)). To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council of:

1. **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary of the Full Council held on 19 December 2024 are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting. They were signed as such.
2. **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Full Council held on 23 January 2025 are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting. They were signed as such.
3. **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Full Council held on 27 February 2025 are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting. They were signed as such.
4. **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council held on 6 March 2025 are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting. They were signed as such.

C24/208 Co-option. To consider any co-option applications received.

1. **RESOLVED** that Standing Order 3f and 3g is suspended.
2. **RESOLVED** that Marilyn Bidmead's co-option application is deferred until she is present.
3. **RESOLVED** that Daniel Milner is co-opted to Cullompton Town Council to represent Padbrook Ward. Councillor D Milner signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
4. **RESOLVED** that Standing Order 3f and 3g is resumed.

C24/209 Correspondence, Comments and Complaints. The correspondence, comments and complaints report was NOTED.

C24/210 Town Clerk Report. The Town Clerk report was NOTED.

RESOLVED to allocate funds received from Tesco, Elmsgrant and s106 to the Upcott Field Improvements EMR.

C24/211 Finance.

1. **Income and Expenditure.**

RESOLVED that payments made under delegation and receipts received are NOTED.

2. **Budget.**

RESOLVED that the budget to date ending 28 February 2025 is NOTED.

3. **Asset Register.**

RESOLVED to allocate £5,000 from the General Reserve to obtain insurance valuations for Town Council premises.

4. **Cemetery Electricity Provider.**

RESOLVED that Supplier A (EDF Energy) is contracted to supply electricity to the Cemetery.

RESOLVED that Supplier A (EDF Energy) for the solar energy feed in tariff.

C24/212 VE-DAY 80. The report concerning arrangements for VE-Day 80 was NOTED.

C24/213 Outdoor Spaces. To consider the purchase of a battery powered mower for the maintenance of grass verges.

Councillor C Snow departed the meeting at 20:25

RESOLVED that an ex-demonstration Raymo Mower with the high grass cutting deck and larger 150Ah battery is purchased using the Equipment and Tech EMR.

Councillor C Snow returned to the meeting at 20:29

C24/214 EV Charge Point Update. The update reports on the EV Charge Point proposal at St Andrew's car park was NOTED.

C24/215 Forward Plan. The Forward Plan is NOTED. Christmas, and accompanying Event WG in April.

The Council was reminded that St George's day falls in April, and that the St George's flag should be flown from the Town Hall.

C24/216 Exclusion of Press and Public.

RESOLVED that, in accordance with the [Public Bodies \(Access to Meetings\) Act 1960 Section 1\(2\)](#), the public and press are excluded from the meeting as disclosure is considered prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

C24/217 Legal Update.

RESOLVED that the compensation offer is accepted.

C24/218 Cullompton Town Hall Lease Proposal.

RESOLVED that the proposal is suspended until the future of the Town Hall has been determined.

Meeting closed at 20:52.

Chairman's Signature: _____ Date: _____