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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at 6.00pm**

**Present:** Cllr’s J Rendle (Mayor) J Jordan (Deputy Mayor), S Griggs, L Cruwys, D Knowles, J Blagg, A Walker, A Bush, G Luxton, T Lindus, C Harrower, N Davey, I Hill, E Slade, C Slade.

**In attendance:** Adrian Walsh (Planning Officer MDDC), Christie McCombe (Planning Officer MDDC), Town Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe, Assistant to the Town Clerk Julie Hubbard.

<b>158</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b>          Apologies received from Cllr’s T Bridger (Working), S Bush (Working), B Holdman (Working), P Young (Away), A Berry (Work), C Daw (Away).</p>
<b>159</b>	<p><b>Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct</b>          Personal Interests; Cllr D Knowles, &amp; Cllr N Davey Trustees the board of Moorhayes Communtiy Centre and District Councillors.          Cllr S Griggs, Cllr E Slade Cllr C Slade, Cllr A Bush District Councillors.          Cllr L Cruwys on the board of Sunningmead Community Centre.          Cllr Luxton Trustee of Heathcoat Community Centre.</p>
<b>160</b>	<p><b>Move to Private Session</b>          Deputy Mayor Cllr J Jordan moved that the following items on the agenda be dealt with in Private under the Public Admission to Meeting Act 1960, and that the public, including the press be excluded because of the sensitive information being discussed.</p>
<b>161</b>	<p><b>To receive a presentation regarding the proposed Community Centre on the Eastern Urban Extension (EUE)</b>          Town Clerk presented the power point presentation he prepared to the members for the proposed new community centre at the Eastern Urban Extension.</p> <p>He explained that this was an exciting once in a lifetime opportunity to establish a flexible community centre such as the Bee Hive Centre in Honiton or the new multi-purpose Cranbrook facility and that it should involve community engagement by seeking the views of the local community.</p> <p>The Town Clerk told the members that the project would be one of the biggest that the council would have to deal with and would require good management, a maintenance strategy, and ultimately be self-supporting. The costs would depend upon the nature and size of the proposed design. He explained that Section 106 could be utilised for this along with other grant funding such as the lottery grant.</p> <p>The first step would be to agree a valid working party membership which would consist of outside bodies along with councillors, he advised that this should be done by the winter of 2018. Following up with investigating options, visiting successful hubs to learn of the pros and cons and consulting with DALC for advice on rates of borrowing, appoint professional consultees, Architects and other professional bodies by</p>

	<p>the Spring of 2019.</p> <p>The Town Clerk concluded his presentation by asking the councillors to support the motion in order to move forward with the project.</p> <p>Cllr T Lindus asked the MDDC planning officer why MDDC were not building the centre. She said that Town and Parish Councils were closer to the community and better placed to take on this project. Cllr Knowles agreed with this comment and sited the Moorhayes project as an example.</p> <p>Mrs C McCombe explained that in regards to funding there would be 1 million pounds available from the Section 106 but that this would be released in stages when the designated quota of housing had been occupied and would not solely be for the community centre. It could be utilised to provide a group of amenities such new sports pitches, changing rooms or astro turf.</p> <p>Cllr Harrower expressed concerns of duplication and said that there was already a new sports centre in the planning for Tiverton High School in the near future. MDDC Planning officer replied by saying that the High School facilities would be to replace the existing ones so not a new facility.</p> <p>Cllr Davey asked what in terms of expectation that all the proposed facilities will be developed. The Planning Officer said that the sports pitches were identified as a desire on the framework plan but that there was no identification on the Waddington or the Chettiscombe Trust plans. Both companies had signed the Section 106 Agreement. Cllr Davey expressed concern over the occupancy levels in relation to the money being dependent upon this.</p> <p>Cllr A Bush was concerned over the element of the risk involved In light of this. Jeff Walsh of MDDC said that the element of risk relatively low.</p> <p>Cllr Cruwys voiced doubts over whether the town council would be able to secure a loan over a short period.</p> <p>Cllr Hill voiced concerns about getting residents involved and asked how they would know what the demography would be and what type of facility the future occupants would utilise.</p> <p>MDDC Planning officer said that there were no preconceived ideas of how the new proposed community hub’s purpose or design. This is where engaging with the local community would be helpful in predetermining need and in shaping the design and purpose of the centre.</p> <p>Cllr C Slade fully supported the motion and answered a number of queries asked by the councillors.</p> <p>The Mayor asked the members if all agreed to move forward with the motion.</p> <p>Cllr Davey interrupted to ask for clarification before the Mayor proposed. He wanted reassurance that the council was not actually agreeing fully at this stage and that there was an option to “get out of jail card” as the Town Clerk put it.</p> <p>The Town Clerk confirmed that there was no financial commitment at this stage, the motion was to explore the possibilities of this project in more detail to access its feasibility.</p>
162	<p><b>The EUE Working party recommends the adoption of the following motion</b></p> <p><b>‘That Tiverton Town Council agrees to move forward with a project management plan for the scoping and costing of a community centre on the Eastern Urban Extension’</b></p> <p>The Mayor Cllr J Rendle proposed the motion, Cllr C Slade seconded.</p>

	<b>13 Councillors in favour with one against and one abstention from Cllr I Hill who wanted it to be recorded.</b>
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