



Devizes Town Council

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Planning Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: 2 DECEMBER 2014

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Mrs Bridewell

Chairman: Councillor Giraud-Saunders

Councillors: Brewer

East

Geddes

Nash

Mrs Rose

Mrs Burton

Evans

Hopkins

Ody

Smith

Carter

Mrs Evans

Johnson

Parker

Wooldridge

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2014 and which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to the Council. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and a maximum period of 20 minutes has been allocated by the Council for this item of business.

5. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Details of Planning Applications for Consideration are attached (doc 5/1).

Members wishing to make enquiries about any of the applications listed or inspect plans before the meeting are advised to do so on line at Wiltshire Council.

6. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED

There are no plans granted or refused for this agenda..

7. REPORT FOR DECISION – VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE – CENTRAL STORES, 47 HILLWORTH ROAD, DEVIZES

Recommendation

For the committee to decide if it wishes to support an application to Vary a Premises Licence for Central Stores, 47 Hillworth Road, Devizes, SN10 5HB.

Purpose of the Report

For the committee to consider an application to Vary a Premises Licence for Central Stores, 47 Hillworth Road, Devizes, SN10 5HB.

Background

Wiltshire Council Public Protection Team has asked the Town Council to consider an application by Central Stores, 47 Hillworth Road, Devizes. Deadline for responses is 16 December 2014.

The application is to;

- Extend the opening hours to 00:00 – 23:59 hrs.
- Extend the sale of alcohol hours to 05:30 – 23:00 hrs OFF sales only.

The current Premises Licence also has unrestricted opening hours, but the OFF sales is Monday to Saturday 08:00-23:00, Sunday 10:00-22:30.

Wiltshire Council officers believe that the retailer is asking for the Variation in order not to restrict goods that can be purchased during his opening hours.

Options Considered

To decide if the Committee wishes to support the application or not.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial or resource implications associated with this decision.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risks associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

9. REPORT FOR DECISION – COACH DROP OFF POINTS IN NEW PARK STREET

Recommendation

The Council decide what response it wishes to make on the provision of coach drop-off points in New Park Street

Purpose of the Report

To advise Wiltshire Council on the Town Councils views regarding the provision of coach drop-off points in New Park Street

Background

The consultation period associated with the Experimental Traffic Order has now finished. During this period there was one letter of objection to the Order, and consequently Wiltshire Council officers are seeking a decision from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport for determination.

We are advised that it would be helpful if we could provide the Town Council's view on the need for this scheme to continue so that our comments can be included in the report to the Cabinet Member. During the formal consultation period, no comments of support were received.

However; since the formal consultation, Mr Tony Aldridge from the Devizes tourism group has compiled a number of comments from supporters of the scheme which are attached for the committee's reference (Doc 9/1 to 9/4).

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide response it wishes to be passed on to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport regarding the coach parking bays in New Park Street.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any Finance and Resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence.

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

10. REPORT FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL PARKING REVIEW

Recommendation

That the committee considers how it wishes to respond to Wiltshire Council's Car Parking Strategy review consultation.

Purpose of the Report

To determine what response Devizes Town Council will make to the Car Parking Strategy review consultation currently being undertaken by Wiltshire Council.

Background

Wiltshire Council has launched its review into its Car Parking Strategy and is seeking comments from interested parties.

Recently, Cllr Carter attend a meeting convened by Wiltshire Council as well as representing the Council on Devizes Car Parking Strategy working party which pulled representatives from various sectors of the community together to find a common approach. Attached to this agenda is a report from Councillor Carter setting out the main issues (Doc 10/1 – 10/2).

In summary the issues that need to be considered are:

- Review of maximum stay in principle town centre car parks
- Reduction of charges in Station Road car park
- Residential car parking
- Re-designation of other car parks to provide more choice

The main principle being promoted by the working party is to free the main town centre car parks for commuter traffic, giving them a higher turnover of spaces for shoppers. Those who need to park for longer periods will be directed to car parks on the fringes of the town centre where the traffic is lower. To manage the issue of commuters seeking to park in residential areas, the Working Party have been consulting with residents about the option of residential schemes.

To provide additional information to members, officers have circulated in advance of the meeting two documents prepared by Wiltshire Council. These documents are also available to download or from the Town Hall on request.

- Car Parking Strategy – Consultation Draft (<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ltp3-car-parking-strategy.pdf>)
- Devizes – Parking Charge Summary 2014.
- Parking Review – Devizes Town Profile Last two at- (http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/ltp/car_parking_review/car_parking_review_devizes/car_parking_review_devizes?tab=files) Follow to the bottom of the page

The consultation document attached (Doc 10/3 – 10/5) asks a number of questions for which they are seeking responses.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide how it wishes to respond to the consultation.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any Finance and Resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence.

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

11. REPORT FOR DECISION – ALLOCATION OF SECTION 106 FUNDING

Recommendation

To decide the Council's preferred recipient of the town's remaining Section 106 fund for formal sports.

Purpose of the Report

To advise the Section 106 officer at Wiltshire Council on the allocation of funding.

Background

Officers have been advised by the Section 106 officer at Wiltshire Council that he has received two requests for funding for the remaining £17,100 allocation brought forward from the Spitalcroft Development and therefore seeking guidance from the Town Council.

Request 1. Devizes Sports Club for additional pitch drainage work.

In February the sports club was allocated the majority of the town's £68,000 Section 106 funding for improvements to the ground and floodlighting. It is now requesting the balance of the money, £17,100 as drainage work undertaken during this programme is not working.

Request 2. Devizes Leisure Centre to resurface hard court areas

Devizes Leisure Centre has also asked for £17,100 as a contribution towards upgrading the surfaces to the existing hard court areas, principally used by the public and smaller clubs for various activities such as tennis and netball. We are advised that without repairs to the surface, the current surface will become unsafe to use and therefore the leisure centres will no longer be able to offer this facility. The applicant has also advised that Wiltshire Council currently has no funding for this type of work. The Leisure Centre has not received Section 106 funding in recent past

Options Considered

The Committee are asked to advise how they would like to see the money allocated

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any Finance and Resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its power of General Competence

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

12. REPORT FOR DECISION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION) ACT 1982 APPLICATION FOR STREET TRADING CONSENT – MASONS FRUIT AND VEG

Recommendation

To consider an application for Annual Street Trading Consent for Masons Fruit & Veg Ltd outside 4 The Brittox.

Purpose of the Report

To consider an application from Masons Fruit & Veg Ltd have applied to Wiltshire Council for an Annual Street Trading Consent outside 4 The Brittox.

Background

Masons Fruit & Veg Ltd have applied to Wiltshire for an Annual Street Trading Consent outside 4 The Brittox (M&Co). It will consist of tables and umbrellas similar to those shown on the attached photograph (doc 12/1), which will be approximately 20ft in length and 8ft in width.

The requested trading times are Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 8am to 4pm the positioning will be similar to that of Superior Plants, in the middle of the Brittox.

Attached to this agenda is Wiltshire Council's Criteria for determining applications (doc 12/2) and a copy of the application (doc 12/3).

The deadline for response is 21 December 2014 and any representations which must be relevant and specific.

Options Considered

To decide whether this committee agrees to the application. If not then on what grounds the application should be rejected.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial or resource implications associated with this decision.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risks associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

13. REPORT FOR DECISION – CONNECT2 BUS SERVICE

Recommendation

That the committee decided if and how it wishes to respond to the proposed changes to the Connect2 bus service.

Purpose of the Report

To consider proposed changes to the Connect2 bus service and decided if Devizes Town Council should comment.

Background

Wiltshire Council consulted the public in the spring on a revised Connect2 Wiltshire bus service in the Pewsey Vale. Some changes were well received, but there were many concerns about others. Together with Devizes and Pewsey Community Area Partnerships, an alternative option has been developed. Wiltshire Council is now seeking views on this option.

This review is needed partly because Wiltshire Council has to make savings in its public transport budget, and partly to trial long standing suggestions for improvements over the next year. Wiltshire Council advises that whilst the required savings are unavoidable, improvements to the service might provide some compensation.

In principle it is felt that the savings should target “call centre” costs, rather than cuts in the level of service. The current call centre costs are almost as high as operation bus costs.

The new option introduces faster fixed timetables (which many people prefer to booking systems) to the larger villages at all times, but keeps the flexible bookable daytime service for the smaller villages. This results in a smaller number of bookings that can be handled locally at much lower cost.

Attached to the agenda (Doc 13/1 – 13/4) is a copy of the consultation document which set out new and amended timetables.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide what response it wishes to make to the consultation.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any Finance and Resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its power of General Competence

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

14. QUESTION TIME

A short time is allowed at the discretion of the Chairman for councillors to ask questions on matters which are not on the current agenda but which are related to matters which have been previously discussed on an agenda relevant to the committee.

At least 24 hours' notice must be given to officers of the intended question. All other matters should be raised on an agenda and the request should be submitted through the Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK