



# Devizes Town Council

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## **Community & Civic Resources Committee Special Meeting**

You are summonsed to attend a special meeting of the Community & Civic Resources Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Time: Immediately following the Full Council Meeting

Venue: Ceres Hall, The Corn Exchange, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 723333

The Town Mayor Councillor Gay

Chairman: Councillor East

Councillors: Bridewell  
Geddes  
Hunter  
Rose

Burton  
Hopkins  
Nash

Corbett  
Hoult  
Oliver

## **AGENDA**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. 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.

**3. REPORT FOR DECISION – USE OF A TOWN COUNCIL VENUE BY DEVIZES FOOD FESTIVAL FOR A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR UKRAINE**

This item has been placed on the agenda by Councillor Burton.

**Recommendation**

That the Committee considers an urgent request by the Devizes Food & Drink Festival for free use of either the Ceres Hall or Assembly Room for a fundraising dinner in support of the people of Ukraine.

**Purpose of the Report**

To consider if the Committee wishes to grant free use of the Ceres Hall or Assembly Room to the committee of the Devizes Food & Drink Festival, for a pop-up fundraising supper to raise funds for the Ukraine.

**Background**

Members, officers and residents will be acutely aware of the situation unfolding in Ukraine, and it is evident from the recent vigil and the street collection that the Devizes community is keen to offer support to the people of Ukraine.

Officers have been approached by the committee of the Devizes Food and Drink Festival who hope to organise a pop-up fundraising supper as soon as possible, the profits of which will be donated (in all probability to the Red Cross) to help those displaced by the conflict.

Attached to this agenda ([Doc3/1](#)) is a letter from the organisers of DFDF, setting out their application for concessionary use.

It is hoped to use the Ceres Hall to maximise numbers, but if that were not available on the required date, the Assembly Room would be used instead. The date has yet to be decided, but is earmarked for the end of March or during April.

**Options Considered**

The Committee needs to decide if it wishes to agree to the request as it has been made, and if so, if it wishes to stipulate how the grant would be acknowledged, for example by the addition of the Town Council's logo on any publicity material.

## **Implications and Risks**

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

The cost of hire of the Town Hall for such an event would be between £152 - £182 and of the Ceres Hall between £296 - £355 based on the community hire rate.

### **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.



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## CRISIS IN UKRAINE

We are writing on behalf of the Devizes Food & Drink Festival committee with a request for the use of the Ceres Hall on a Grace and Favour basis. Echoing the sentiments expressed by the Deputy Mayor before the March 1<sup>st</sup> Town Council meeting on the current situation in Ukraine, we want to do what we do best and organise a fundraising dinner in support of the people of Ukraine as soon as possible.

To maximise profit from funds raised, it is our intention to ask local suppliers to donate food and raffle prizes and feel this needs to be put in hand on an urgent basis. This cannot take place until we have established the date and venue, so we would ask that this request can be given priority consideration.

The number who attended the vigil in the Market Place this week indicates that there would be considerable community support for such an event, and we hope to hear from you very soon.

Rosalind Ambler – Chairman/Jenny Groom – Deputy Chairman  
4 March 2022