



## **Community & Civic Resources Committee**

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

Date: Tuesday, 26 May 2009

Time: Immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting

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

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

The Town Mayor (Councillor Leighton)

Councillors:	Beinhorn	Mrs Burton	East
	Evans	Gagen	Nash
	Smith	Mrs Taylor	C S Winchcombe

### **AGENDA**

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2009/2010.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Vice Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2009/2010.

**3. MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Community and Civic Resources Committee Meeting held on – 28 April 2009, which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

**4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**5. 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.

**6. 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

**7. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – FINANCIAL REPORT**

The report is a summary of income and expenditure for all cost centres within the accounting system to give an overall financial position for the Council.

The accounts show a healthy position for the Town Council, but should members have any questions officers will be happy to answer them although it maybe helpful if the advise officers in advance of the meeting to ensure that a full responses can be given.

**8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID**

A Schedule of Accounts Paid is attached for information (doc 8/1 – doc 8/2).

**9. REPORT FROM TOWN CENTRE MANAGER**

Mr Mitch Roberts, the Town Centre Manager will give an up to date report.

**10. REPORT FOR DECISION – APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL PANEL**

**Background**

Under standing orders the Community and Civic Resources Committee are required to appoint five members to act in respect of certain personnel matters.

**Decision**

The committee are required to appoint five members from the Community and Civic Resources Committee to form the Personnel Panel to include the immediate outgoing mayor who is Chair of the Panel in accordance with Standing Orders.

**11. REPORT FOR DECISION – REQUEST FROM CHURCH TO STAGE SLEEP OUT ON MARKET CROSS**

**Recommendation**

That the Committee agree whether or not to give permission to Bishop Stephen and his supporting team to sleep rough on the Market Cross.

**Purpose of the Report**

To decide whether to grant permission.

**Background**

A request has been received from Paul Richardson, Rector of Devizes, St John and St Mary to request permission for Bishop Stephen and his supporting team to sleep out rough on the Market Cross on the night of Wednesday 17th June 2009.

His intention is to highlight the needs of the homeless and those who in this time of economic turmoil are facing repossession of their homes. The event is likely to begin at around 9.30pm and he will have cleared the area by the time that market stall holders are setting up for the market the following morning.

**Options Considered**

The Committee needs to agree permission or otherwise to the request.

**Implications & Risks**

**Financial and Resource Implications**

Officers are not aware of any financial or resource implications.

**Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

Officers are not aware of any legal implications. The Market Cross is in the ownership of the Town Council and the committee, therefore, have the ability to give permission.

**Environmental Implications**

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications.

**Risk Assessment**

The Church will need to conduct their own risk assessment and Bishop Stephen does have a supporting team to provide security during the course of the night.

**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 – A CURRENCY FOR DEVIZES**

### **Recommendation**

That the committee supports the principle of a local currency for Devizes and that it accepts this form of payment from local residents as well as being an exchange point.

### **Purpose of the Report**

To decide if this Council wishes to support this local initiative to encourage people to shop locally.

### **Background**

At a meeting of this committee on the 17 March the proposals to launch a currency for Devizes was debated.

At that time, the committee felt they did not feel have a sufficient understanding of the scheme's principles and therefore asked if a representative from the project steering group could come and fully explain it.

To refresh the committee's current understanding of the local currency scheme the main points have been set out in this report.

The principle behind the scheme is to encourage shoppers to support their traders, keep money circulating in the town, strengthen the bond between local shoppers and traders, improve the local economy and help reduce carbon emissions by encouraging people to shop locally.

It is hoped that 50 traders will sign up to the scheme that will take the currency instead of Sterling. This currency will then be handed back to other local people with their change, which they will then need to spend locally. The benefits to the local residents are that retailers can tie in special offers to users of the local currency.

Mrs Nicola Newton and Richard Matters will attend this meeting to answer any questions the committee may have.

### **Options Considered**

The Committee needs to decide if they support this local initiative to strengthen the local economy.

The Committee needs to decide if the Council will accept the local currency for payment towards goods and services.

The committee needs to decide if the Town Hall will become an exchange point for the scheme.

### **Implications & Risks**

#### **Financial and Resource Implications**

Although the scheme is self-financing once it has been set up. There maybe setup costs for which the steering group may request a grant.

**Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

At this time the Council is acting as a consultee. Should the Town Council join in this would be ancillary to its main function.

**13. QUESTION TIME**

Members will be allowed a short period in which to put questions on matters within the remit of this Committee which are not contained in the reports of matters formally considered by the Committee at this meeting.

The question may be answered at the meeting or may be referred back to the Committee at a later date. The question may not be the subject of any further details.

TOWN CLERK