

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, 21 July 2009

Time: Immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting

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

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Chairman: Councillor Nash
The Town Mayor (Councillor Leighton)

Councillors:	Beinhorn	Burton	Gagen
	Hopkins	East	Hopkins
	Smith	Mrs Taylor	CS Winchcombe

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT FOR INFORMATION - PROBATION SERVICE: COMMUNITY PAYBACK SCHEME

In response to the litter issues being experienced in the town, Councillor East identified the Community Payback Scheme of the Probation Service based in Trowbridge as a possible resource that could alleviate the problem. The Town Council has previously worked with the Probation Service on projects such as the painting of the cemetery railings.

Councillors are aware of the increased litter on both Greens and in Hillworth Park, especially during the summer months.

Officers have agreed to trial a pilot over three Sundays, using a team from the Probation Service to litter-pick in designated areas.

The team of 5 or 6 is fully supervised throughout, provide their own equipment and protective clothing, do not have any contact with the public and are identifiable by their badged clothing. Full risk assessments have been carried out.

Following a full de-brief at the end of the pilot, it will be agreed whether we would continue the project.

The first Sunday of the pilot was 12 July 2009 and no issues were reported. The team worked well and cleared both Greens after the Fair as well as Hillworth Park. All rubbish was taken back to Hillworth Park.

It is envisaged that the areas of work in future will include Leipzig Plantation.

2. REPORT FOR DECISION – DEVIZES CARNIVAL: EMERGENCY GRANT REQUEST

Recommendation

To decide whether to support the Carnival with an additional £3000 funding in response to the emergency grant request received.

Purpose of the Report

To consider the emergency grant request from Devizes Carnival.

Background

Once again Devizes Carnival committee are organising a range of events taking place over the Carnival fortnight. It is a significant attraction for visitors, which supports the local economy as well as bringing arts and entertainment to local people.

This year the Carnival committee have incurred some additional unexpected costs which, together with reduced funding from Wiltshire Council and other sponsors has resulted in a deficit. This may cause certain acts, which have already been publicised, to be cancelled.

Any additional grant can be met from the general reserve which remains in a healthy position.

The details are set out in the attached letter from Artistic Director, Dave Buxton – doc add 2/1 refers.

Options Considered

The committee can agree

To support the request

Or

To reject the request

If the committee agree to support the request, it will need to decide the level of the grant.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

There is a financial resource implication in making the grant, however, there are sufficient funds available in the general reserve.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides for the provision of entertainment and support of the arts.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications.

Risk Assessment

There is the risk that the success of the carnival will be compromised if funding is not found, which may damage the ongoing integrity of the event.

Crime and Disorder

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

3. REPORT FOR DECISION – SWINE FLU: LOCAL CO-ORDINATOR

Recommendation

To consider the request from NHS Wiltshire to identify a local co-ordinator to arrange 'flu friends'.

Purpose of the Report

To consider the request from NHS Wiltshire and to decide if the Council can lend support in any way.

Background

The position and request is described in the attached letter – doc add 3/1 refers.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide how it is going to respond to the request to identify a co-ordinator, or if it wishes to act as co-ordinator.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Were the Town Council to act as co-ordinator, it would have a staffing resource implication.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

Officers are not aware of any legal implications.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications.

Risk Assessment

Failure to identify coordinators could leave local residents vulnerable, increasing the risk to their health and the wider community to the Swine Flu virus.

Crime and Disorder

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

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK