



# **Special** **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, 15 September 2009

Time: Immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting

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

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Chairman: Councillor Nash

The Town Mayor (Councillor Leighton)

Councillors: Beinhorn  
Evans  
Mrs Taylor

Mrs Burton  
Gagen  
C S Winchcombe

East  
Smith

## **AGENDA**

### **1. 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 1 September 2009 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. REPORT FOR DECISION – FREE USE OF THE TOWN HALL FOR THE DEVIZES JUNIOR EISTEDDFOD**

**Recommendation**

That the committee considers a request by Devizes Junior Eisteddfod for free use of the Town Hall on Saturday 28 November 2009.

**Purpose of the Report**

To consider a request by Devizes Junior Eisteddfod for free use of the Town Hall.

**Background**

For a number of years Devizes Town Council has supported the Devizes Junior Eisteddfod by providing free use of the Town Hall for the annual competition.

Again this year a request has been received from the Devizes Junior Eisteddfod doc (5/1) requesting the Town Hall for Saturday 28 November. As the event is a Saturday, the Council's "Grace & Favour" policy does not permit officers to agree to this request, requiring it to be referred back to this committee for a decision.

**Options Considered**

The Committee needs to decide if it is prepared to agree to the request received.

The committee may also wish to decide if they wish to include the Junior Eisteddfod on it annual list of free lettings or require the organisation to make a grant request each year.

## **Implications & Risks**

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

There is no capped budget for free use of the Town Hall and to date £2484.44 of free bookings has been given to local organisations including the Devizes Festival.

### **Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

The granting of free use is given under numerous powers including section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 145 of the act which provides power to support the arts.

### **Environmental Implications**

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

### **Risk Assessment**

Officers are not aware of any risk implications 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.

## **6. REPORT FOR DECISION – K & A 200 DESTINATION PANEL FOR DEVIZES**

### **Recommendation**

That the committee select two or three members to consider the possible location for the Kennet and Avon 200 Destination Panel for Devizes

### **Purpose of the Report**

To select two members to represent the council to meet with officers of the British Waterways.

### **Background**

Since the last meeting of this committee, British Waterways have contacted the Council requesting to meet with two or three representatives to discuss the possible locations for the Devizes Destination Panel. At the same meeting, it would be good if a bird, plant or animal could be selected that the Council would like to see featured on the panel and talk through a couple of suggestions for circular walks and historical notes for the site.

British Waterway is suggesting a daytime meeting, but they can make an early evening if that fits in better with councillors. The dates proposed for the meeting are, the morning or late afternoon of Wednesday 16 Sept or late afternoon Friday 18 September. If these dates are not suitable then they can also make Wednesday 23 September.

**Options Considered**

The committee needs to decide which two members will meet with British Waterways

**Implications & Risks**

**Financial and Resource Implications**

The committee have already suggested a £500 contribution to the project.

**Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

The Council is acting as a consultee in relation to this matter

**Environmental Implications**

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

**Risk Assessment**

Officers are not aware of any risk implications 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.

**7. REPORT FOR DECISION – THE WILTSHIRE ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE 2009**

**Recommendation**

The Committee needs to decide if it wishes to nominate a representative of the Council attend the Wiltshire Assembly: Conference 2009.

**Purpose of the Report**

To nominate a representative to attend the Wiltshire Assembly.

**Background**

Since the last meeting of this committee, an invitation has been received from the Wiltshire Assembly, (7/1) for the 2009 conference. 165 organisations have been invited and it is hoped that 1 representative will attend from each. This years theme of the conference is exploring issues of sustainability within Wiltshire.

**Options Considered**

The committee needs to decide if it wished to send a representative to this year's Wiltshire Assembly Conference.

## **Implications & Risks**

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

There are no costs associated with attending this conference other than travel expenses.

### **Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

Section 111 of the 1972 Local Government Act extends powers to the Council allowing it to undertake activities, which are ancillary to its main function.

### **Environmental Implications**

Officers are not aware of any undue environmental implications associated with attending this conference.

### **Risk Assessment**

Officers are not aware of any risks associated with attending this conference.

### **Crime and Disorder**

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

## **8. REPORT FOR DECISION – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee accept the recommendation of the Christmas Lights Working Party to purchase the preferred designs of Christmas Lighting.

### **Purpose of the Report**

To agree the purchase of new Christmas Lighting for 2009.

### **Background**

The Working Party met on 23 July to discuss new Christmas lighting proposals for the Town.

The proposals put forward by Gala Lights for the 2009 display took into account feedback received from public consultation on the 2008 lighting scheme. Circulated alongside this agenda (doc8/ 1-3) is a copy of the working parties preferred lighting proposals for the committee's information. The design of the proposed new lights will compliment the existing Christmas lighting display owned by the Council.

£10,000 has been set aside for the purchase of new lights for this year and the proposed scheme can be achieved with that budget.

During the Working Parties discussions, all options suggested during the public consultation in 2008 have been considered which included the lighting of trees in the Market Place and using festoon cabling across the roads. However, there are still significant logistic issues that need to be resolved.

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before many of the suggestions can be progressed and therefore it was agreed that further discussions with consultants, contractors and other interested parties were needed.

In addition to the main lighting scheme, the Partnership of Churches invited the Town Council to also consider the erection of Christmas Angels on lamp columns as part of the 2009 scheme. The Working Party suggested that the lamp columns in Long Street might be an appropriate site; however, before giving their final agreement the Partnership of Churches were asked for more information on the size and design. The Partnership has now decided that it will not proceed with the scheme for this year.

**Options Considered**

The committee needs to decide if it supports the working parties recommendation to purchase new Christmas lights as set out in the attached scheme, which are designed to compliment the existing Christmas lighting display owned by the Council.

**Implications & Risks**

**Financial and Resource Implications**

Budget allowance has been made for the proposals.

**Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides the Council with the Power to encourage tourism

**Environmental Implications**

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications.

**Risk Assessment**

Officers are not aware of any risk implications.

**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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