



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: 21 October 2014

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: Cheese Hall, 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 7 October 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

Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.

7. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (DEVIZES) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING, TAXI RANK CLEARWAYS ON STREET PARKING) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT NO 5) ORDER 2014

Notice has now been given that Wiltshire Council has made the above as per the attached notification (doc 7/1). This committee raised no objections to the application.

8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION - TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A4 BATH ROAD (PART) FYFIELD

Wiltshire Council have advised that they have made an Order to close temporarily the A4 Bath Road (part), as per attached notice doc 8/1).

9. REPORT FOR DECISION – APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Recommendation

That this committee decides whether it has any objections with a temporary road closure application Devizes Development Partnership for the Devizes Christmas Festival – Lights Switch on Event.

Purpose of the Report

To decide whether the committee objects, or otherwise, to a temporary road closure application from Devizes Development Partnership.

Background

Devizes Development Partnership have applied to Wiltshire Council for a temporary road closures for the Christmas Festival, lights switch on event on Friday 28 November from 5pm to 8pm. The detailed application form and map are attached (doc 9/1-9/2).

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide if it wishes to object or otherwise to the application made by the Devizes Development Partnership.

Implications & 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 risks 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 – WIDENING OF THE CANAL TOWPATH FROM LONDON ROAD TO THE CEMETERY BRIDGE

Recommendation

That the committee considers the request from Wiltshire Council to support proposals to widen the canal towpath from London Road to the cemetery bridge which it will pass on to the Area Board.

Purpose of the Report

To form a view on proposals to widen the canal towpath from London Road to the cemetery bridge,

Background

At the last meeting of Community and Civic Resources Committee, this matter was considered but it was decided that the Committee could not support the proposals without further information being available.

The Committee expressed concern with regard to the cost of the project and the lack of evidence base to demonstrate the benefits accrued.

There was also concern expressed as to how the project would be delivered and maintained.

After consideration, it is felt that the Planning Committee is a more appropriate decision making body to consider this matter and, therefore, Wiltshire Council have been invited to make a presentation to detail the scheme and its benefits.

To recap on the position, the Devizes Transport Strategy dated September 2012 set out the challenges facing the town and possible solutions to dealing with both traffic congestion and excessive CO₂ emissions. This cycle scheme forms part of that strategy.

The initiative is designed to provide an accessible cycle route into town using the canal towpath, which will involve the widening of the towpath between London Road Bridge to the Cemetery Bridge to a width of 2.1m, and then resurface it with bonded gravel. Doc 10/1 is plan of the cycle proposed route

The cost of the project is £226,000 with value of partnership funding currently identified at £60,000. Docs 10/2 –10/3 set out the funding need in more detail

In the area board agenda it is noted that the Town Council will be asked for its view on the project.

Options Considered

The committee are asked to give its opinion on the proposals which will be submitted to the Area Board.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any Finance and Resource implication for the Town 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

There may be environmental considerations with regard to the ecological environment of the tow path.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Town 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. 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