



WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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13 June 2023

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 19 June 2023 at 6.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Wirksworth.

Admission of public: If you wish to join the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk for full meeting details including Covid precautions.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Variation of Order of Business**
 - *Including to consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1) to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss an agenda item.*
3. **Members' Interests in Agenda Items**
 - *To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.*
4. **Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy for Bolehill Ward Seat**

Prospective Candidates to speak for 3 minutes on the question:
"What can you bring to the Town Council if you were co-opted as a Councillor?"
Candidates need to confirm/evidence with the Town Clerk their eligibility to stand as councillor prior to attendance at the meeting.
5. **Open Forum: (3 minutes per speaker, total available 15 minutes)**
 - *Public Forum (At the start of the meeting, a period is available for members of the public to address the Council)*
 - *Police Matters (A police representative may be in attendance to offer information or respond to questions from Councillors on Police matters)*
 - *Cllrs with a pecuniary interest making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business to be transacted*
 - *District & County Councillor Reports*
6. **To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council held on 15 May 2023 (attached)**
7. **Town Mayor's Announcements**
8. **To receive the recommendations from Committees:-**
 - *Environment and Town dated 5 June 2023 (attached)*
 - *Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 12 June 2023 (attached)*
9. **Accounts Paid**

March, April and May 2023 in the sums of £ 26,562.88, £ 30,758.08 and £ 21,705.39
10. **Strategic Priorities (attached)**

Resolution C23/17, that both committees should consider what are priorities for this term of the council and the committees to provide recommendation(s) for further discussion and agreement at Full Council
11. **Local Council Award Scheme (attached)**

To consider whether to register and pursue this certification via this NALC administered award scheme.

12. Continuity & Succession Planning

To confirm the process the council should adopt in the event of either a temporary or permanent absence of office staff.

13. Reinstatement of The Peaks and Dales Line (previously circulated)

A group has proposed an integrated "rail + trail" proposal covering 36 miles of track, between Ambergate Junction and Buxton / Chinley, together with a newly reprovisioned Monsal Trail to a suitable specification

14. Bus Service within Wirksworth (Cllr Pollock)

Reports received that the bus service that serves Wirksworth is becoming unreliable.

15. Climate Emergency (attached)

C22/67 - That the Council to continue with the current policy in regard to the declaration of a climate emergency and will not entertain further correspondence on this subject until April 2023.

A further request has been received seeking to discuss the "the scientific data being used by Wirksworth town council to support it's climate emergency declaration".

16. Social Media and Communication Policy (Cllr Taylor/Cllr Carr)

To review the existing Communications Policy and determine how to improve communication with the community.

17. Delegated Decisions (appendix 1)

Open and Accountable Local Government Aug 2014 specified that any decisions taken using delegated powers should be recorded.

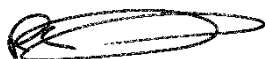
18. Committee Membership

To assign committee membership to those councillors who were not present at the annual town council meeting.

19. Town Councillor Representation on External Bodies

To consider whether to amend/confirm any representatives selections for councillors who were not present at the annual Town Council meeting.

20. Town Councillor Representative Reports



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Date	Decision Taken	Alternative Options Considered and/or background information
23/03/2023	To apply for a grant from the PCC ASB Fund to install CCTV at Barmote Croft	<p>The grant launched during the pre election period.</p> <p>There has been numerous incidents of ASB at Barmote Croft Public Conveniences. The most recent incident was more serious and also raised issues of staff safety. When closing up (on a Saturday) the caretaker disturbed a group of youths and fortunately purely by fortune of circumstance did not end up confronting the 3+ teens who were literally waving burning rags on a stick when entering the Ladies. The caretaker normally closes Ladies, Disable, Gents in that order, but as they were coming from home, started at the Gents.. so instead was confronted by a Ladies Toilet filled with smoke when the youths ran off).</p> <p>In response to the most recent incident, I have discussed the matter with officers of the SNT and DDDC to assess what measures might be helpful in both reducing ASB and addressing my concerns over staff safety.</p>

		<p>At this stage I have discounted a paid barrier/door entry, these are very expensive and would be unlikely to actually discourage ASB based upon my discussions with SNT/DDDC.</p> <p>DDDC has installed CCTV on 4+ toilets partly in response to ASB concerns and has seen a reduction in incidents. The SNT team were very supportive of the idea of installing CCTV.</p> <p>The matter was referred via delegation to ensure the installation of CCTV funded by a PCC grant was felt to be an appropriate response / mitigating measure.</p> <p>The toilets were closed for more than 2 weeks following the incident – initially as a crime scene, awaiting confirmation from the police on whether they wish to gather evidence. After which they were cleaned, repaired, and reopened. The toilets are operating restricted hours to minimise that window for ASB.</p> <p>I remain concerned about further ASB at weekend, especially the potential that a member of staff might end up in a confrontation with the group of youths. We have a lone worker risk assessment and I am currently working through what steps/measures we might take to minimise the risk to council staff – obviously CCTV would be a big deterrent and positive in mitigating risk.</p> <p>In the interim, the toilets are operating to a restricted time, closing at 3pm.</p> <p>We do not have costs at this stage, but the grant is upto £5000 which I expect would cover capital outlay. Given our current finances, I don't propose installing the CCTV without the funding, but might review this if the costs are below £2000/grant application is unsuccessful.</p>
31/05/2023	To provide a response to Derbyshire Dales District Council regarding a request from Gig on the Roof to utilise the market place car park	<p>There is insufficient time to put this to a council meeting for discussion as a response is required by 14th June.</p> <p>As this is a long-standing event, and the Town Council has never previously raised any objection.</p> <p>A response was issued "As in previous years, the Town Council does not wish to raise any objections to this long-standing event, however, we understand that the Festival may also wish to use the space during the same period"</p>