

Droitwich Spa Town Council

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **COMMUNITY AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE** to be held using Zoom Virtual Meeting Facility on Monday 1 March 2021 at 6.15pm or at the close of the meeting of the Planning Committee if later.

The remote meeting format is a special temporary contingency measure due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. As such the log in details will be available & notified to Elected Members by Town Council Officers through a separate email earlier on the day of the meeting. Members of the public wishing to raise questions prior to the meeting from 5.45pm and/or attend the meeting itself should follow the usual protocol (as follows). They must contact the Town Council Office between the times of 9.00am and 1.00pm on the day of the meeting in order to be notified of the log in details for the virtual meeting format and register any questions for consideration. This meeting will be recorded for monitoring purposes.



Mark Keld
Town Clerk

PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public are invited to attend the committee meeting. Time is set aside at 5.45pm to receive views or questions on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration before the start of the Committee meeting. Notice of these should be lodged with the Town Clerk by 1pm that same day at the latest. Members of the public may not take part in the committee meeting.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Community & Amenities Committee held on 11 January 2021 by Zoom Virtual Meeting [*previously circulated*]

4. Grants Appraisal Panel – In the absence of our scheduled Grant Appraisal meetings this financial year we have received the following applications:
 - The Community Cabin Project Team - £600 to purchase 16 chairs with fold out tables for meeting functions.
 - Droitwich Theatre and Arts Club: The Norbury Theatre - £1500.00 to be put towards the cost of replacing their heating system.

With the next scheduled grants meeting being June 2021 it is appropriate that these applications are considered by the C&A Parent Committee for Grants. The remaining grants fund for the current municipal year available is £2848. *[Applications attached]*

5. Band Concerts – As the Covid-19 regulations start to ease into the summer, it is recommended that a plan be put forward for the re-introduction of a band concert programme in Lido Park. Unfortunately, we have been informed of the very sad passing of the previous organiser, Derek Wells. We hope to arrange future bands through the Salvation Army Band and other contacts to stay in line with future Government guidelines. *[information only]*
6. Tree Planting Project – To confirm that Acorn municipal planters have sourced and planted trees as previously reported during week commencing 15th February 2021. The planting has taken place at Spring Meadow and Copcut Park. A further tree is being sourced for ceremonial planting in order to suitably commemorate the initiatives later in the spring. The further location will be the garden at St Richard’s House. The Town Council for the support of Councillor GR Brookes in provision divisional funding. The Countryfile and Woodland Trust national planting schemes will be suitably linked at the time of the ceremonial planting. *[information only]*
7. Copcut Park Unauthorised Footpath from Copcut Rise/A38 – To update as previously reported that WCC Highways have confirmed on 17.02.2021 that a barrier fence has erected on the verge of the A38 (top of embankment). This effectively blocks off access to persons using the unregistered land section of the embankment at their own risk as a cut through to the Town centre via Copcut Park. The option remains for the Town Council to put in similar measures at the bottom of the embankment adjacent the boundary with the Copcut park land holding. This provision should be made from budgeting within 2021/22. Picture attached. *[information only]*
8. Community Cabin Management Cabin Handover – Due to Covid-19 and ongoing restrictions further information is awaited from the High school regarding the commencement of the Management Committee and its responsibilities. It is anticipated that a formal opening ceremony will take place for the new centre when conditions allow. *[information only]*
9. Droitwich Spa Railway Station Adoption – The Town Council have had an approach from Mr Peter Chapman from Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership with regards to volunteers taking on the adoption of the Town’s Railway Station. *[details attached]*
10. Mayflower 400 – As restrictions begin to be lifted during the next few months consideration should be made as to preferred and workable options for this project. There is currently a lot of work and significant financial provision in course for the arrangements, which were deferred from the onset of Covid-19 in March 2020. An early informed decision for this

project would be helpful towards shaping strategic priorities for the Town Council as we approach the period 2021/22.

11. Visit Droitwich Spa Photographic Competition – Due to the success of the shop local and countdown to Christmas initiative during December through www.visitdroitwichspa.com a suggestion is being taken forward with Mrs Christine Moreton on similar lines for a public access photographic competition. Provisionally this may create good public interest, provide a platform to showcase many local features (including tree planting, spring blooms, municipal planting) and in general support the transition from Covid-19. Full details to be provided in due course. *[information only]*

Distribution:

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