

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 in the Council Chamber, St Richard's House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8DS on Monday 6 June 2016 at 6.15pm or at the close of the meeting of the Planning Committee if later.



Pam Craney
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.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To note the Membership and Chairmanship of the Committee, as determined at the Annual Council Meeting on 16 May 2016 (details at the end of the Agenda).
4. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Community & Amenities Committee held on 18 January 2016 [*circulated previously*]
5. To note the Membership of the Grants Appraisal Panel, namely: Councillor A H Laird, Chairman, A M Sinton, S Best, Mrs S Harris and A Humphries.
6. Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations, 12th June 2016- Pursuant to Minute No 211 of the meeting of the Committee held on the 18th January 2016 arrangements for a suitable community commemoration are progressing. Disappointingly very few expressions of interest had been received from community groups despite a front page press release and feature in the Droitwich Standard Newspaper published on the 22nd January 2016. Arrangements have now been taken forward by Councillor Best to mark the occasion at the Sunday Bands in the Park concert on the actual date. The Older Peoples Forum, Youth Council and Reverend Nigel Byard have kindly agreed to provide support and participate on the day. The scheduled band is Bedworth Brass and Councillor

Best is officiating for the afternoon. The Town Council is providing directional support and logistics for the occasion.

7. Town Christmas Illuminations and Christmas Lights Switch-On Event 2016. Pursuant to Minute No 212 of the meeting of the Committee held on the 18th January 2016 the arrangements for the Switch- On Event, displays and entertainment programme have been delegated to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee and the Assistant Town Clerk-Community & Amenities, with Councillor Best. Subsequently the attached correspondence representing the opinions of various High Street business proprietors has been received for consideration and response.
8. Vandalism at Copcut Park and Spring Meadow Open Space. Regrettably a series of incidents have taken place during April and May in both areas for which the Town Council has jurisdiction. Wooden Picnic tables and benches have been carved and daubed with graffiti and broken by persons jumping on the equipment. The Copcut stream has been deliberately and extensively blocked with tree branches, a fire extinguisher and general rubbish on two separate occasions. This could lead to serious flooding and is highly detrimental to the natural flow and ecology of the large wildlife pond and habitat scheme in the adjacent south section of the Copcut Park. Fixing bolts have also been removed from the large pedestrian bridge over the Copcut Stream adjacent Coleford Walk. All repairs have been completed as soon as the incidents have come to light. Similarly all matters have been reported to the police for investigation and follow up.
9. Asset Sponsorship Scheme- Immediate Solutions-Pursuant to Minute No 102 of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14th September 2015. Following signature and acceptance of the contract on the 16th December approximately 80 introduction letters have been sent to potential interested businesses for follow up by the Immediate Solutions Project Manager. With elapsed timescales an interim progress update has been requested from the company as at 23rd May 2016.
10. St Richard's Festival Vintage & Classic Car Event –Saturday 30th April 2016. Despite changeable weather on the day the event was very well supported with over 70 vintage and classic cars and 2 large steam traction engines attending. The town centre was very busy with visitors attracted by the historic vehicle display and £550.00 in donations raised has been paid to the County Air Ambulance Charity in this their 25th anniversary year. Congratulations and thanks are extended to former Mayor and Town Councillor Mrs Anne Taft and her dedicated team of volunteers for organising this popular component part of the St Richard's Festival weekend.

Distribution:

All Members of the Community & Amenities Committee

Councillors: -

A M Sinton (Chairman)	Mrs C Bowden
R E Murphy (Ex-officio)	Mrs A Hawkins
A H Laird (Vice-Chairman)	Mrs S Harris
S Best	A Humphries
Ms J H Bolton	

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