

Droitwich Spa Town Council

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **RESOURCES COMMITTEE** to be held at the Community Hall on Monday 7 February 2022 at 6.15pm, or at the close of the meeting of the Planning Committee, whichever is the later.

PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public are invited to attend the Meeting. Time is set aside at 5.45pm before the start of the Committee meetings to receive any questions about items on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration. Notification of any requests 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 Council Meeting. Due to ongoing Covid 19 precautions the numbers of attendees may be limited because of space constraints.



Mark Keld
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interests
3. To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 January 2022 at the Community Hall. *[previously circulated]*
4. Regular Payments Review including list of direct debits and standing orders. Summary as at end of January 2022 taken from Scribe Accounts System. This accords with the Auditors recommended practice to review the regular automated payments *[list attached for information]*.

5. Fairtrade Fortnight – To receive the attached information regarding the forthcoming National Fairtrade Fortnight. The designated Town Council Representative for the Fairtrade Organisation (Droitwich Spa Branch) is Councillor NR Griffiths [*press release attached from Fairtrade Organisation for information*]
6. St Richards House – Second floor rooms. To update on provisional options for the following. Details to be provided by the Town Clerk at the meeting [*Verbal update to be provided*]
 - Consideration towards increasing the availability of lettable office space and associated facilities for tenancy. To include information on some possible funding contributions and sources.
 - To advise of some essential roofing repairs that are required and have been identified during January 2022. Update to be provided by the Town Clerk at the meeting.
7. Kidderminster Road Land Holding - The Development Appraisal & Marketing Options for the land adjacent to Berry Hill Industrial Estate, Droitwich Spa. The professional planning report was instructed pursuant to minute reference 130 of Full Council on 27 September 2021 and reported to the Resources Committee on 11 October 2021 (Minute reference 147). Simultaneously the Appraisal has been referred back to the Commercial Agents for an opinion towards any marketing options and scope. The update following their further informed consideration is outlined as follows.

“That the planning report highlights many limitations, including that residential development would be unacceptable and getting approval towards any employment development may prove to be challenging. These factors make viable marketing and targeted sector options difficult to take forward. There may be some limited scope for formal recreational use considerations going forwards”.

In the meantime there are other separate emerging possible commercial interest options. These are currently commercially sensitive but when full information does become available, further updates can be provided for Elected Members consideration towards any options [*for information*].

8. To consider the exclusion of the Public & Press by passing the following motion:
That the press and public be now excluded from the meeting under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by virtue of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involves financial and Legal matters.
9. Heritage Centre Vacancy – To receive and consider the attached update, as well as further information to be provided at the meeting [*Further verbal update to be received at Meeting*]

10. Remittance Correction – To be advised that cheque number 12045 payable to Blue Cross for the sale of Charity Christmas Cards less commission and authorised on 17 January 2022 (within remittances for Resources Committee minute reference 226) has been corrected from £586.80 to £568.80. This is due to an error made in the reconciliation of the charity card sales figures by the Heritage Centre. The outcome is an £18.00 decrease to the originally authorised expenditure total.

11. Accounts for payment *[list herewith]*

Distribution:

<p>All Members of Resources Committee Councillors – Mrs K Fellows (Chairman) D M Craigie (Vice Chairman) R G Beale E J Bowden G R Brookes Mrs J M Chaudry R P Hopkins A Humphries W T Moy(Ex- officio)</p>	<p>Copy to All Other Town Councillors Agenda For Information to: County & District Councillors for Droitwich Spa Subscribers Press</p>
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Fairtrade Fortnight

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes; people who are often exploited and underpaid.



FAIRTRADE

In 2022, Fairtrade Fortnight runs from Monday 21 February until Sunday 6 March and is even more crucial this year as the global economy recovers from Covid-19.

Since last year, the G7 and COP26 have both taken place. Over 33,000 campaigners joined 1.8m Fairtrade farmers and workers in backing the Be Fair With Your Climate Promise challenge to world leaders at the UN COP26 summit. But frustration came as the wealthiest nations failed to recognise the urgent need to invest in farmer expertise by delaying their promised \$100bn annual funding to the most climate vulnerable countries until 2023.

Throughout the fortnight, an online Choose the World you Want Festival will run with people coming together in a show of support for the farmers behind our food on the front line of the climate crisis.

Please pray for fairness and justice in all economic dealings and especially for small producers in developing economies, that they may receive a fair price for what they produce. Pray that consumers make informed choices.

We are all part of the Fairtrade movement and have the power to drive long-term change, not only with our shopping choices but in spreading the message. What difference will you make during Fairtrade Fortnight this year?

Find out more on the Fairtrade Fortnight website.:

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>