

Droitwich Spa Town Council

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You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of Droitwich Spa Town Council to be held in the Community Hall, Heritage Way, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire on Monday 25 April 2022 at 6.00pm.



Mark Keld
Town Clerk

Please Note
Council Photograph
before Meeting at
5.15pm

PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public are invited to attend the Meeting. Time is set aside at 5.45pm before the start of the Council 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.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of interests
3. To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 24 January 2022 *[enclosed]*
4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.
5. POLICING IN DROITWICH SPA
 - (a) Policing update to be provided from Sergeant Sarah Kent.
 - (b) Update on the "We Don't Buy Crime" & the Smart Water Projects of West Mercia Police. To be provided by the Local Coordinator - Lily Hughes working alongside colleague Frank Bridgwater, in conjunction with the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC), John Campion.
 - (c) Mayors Meeting with Assistant Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC), Paul Middlebrough on 22 March 2022 – To confirm that the meeting took place and various matters were discussed including the locally specified priorities previously put forward for the Safer Neighbourhoods Initiative (measures combatting Speeding, Burglaries and Drugs Activity). Other matters

updated included OPCC Funding opportunities and the piloting of ANPR technology to help combat speeding which has recently been introduced in neighbouring areas (Shropshire) *[for information]*.

6. HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE- To notify that the Head Boy & Head Girl reports for Council will recommence in September from the beginning of the new academic year. This is due to the exams season fast approaching and to some scheduling disruption attributed to the pandemic *[for information]*.

7. YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE- To notify that the Youth Council reports for Council will recommence in September from the beginning of the new academic year. This is due to the exams season fast approaching and to some scheduling disruption attributed to the pandemic *[for information]*.

8. To receive and consider the Minutes of the under-mentioned meetings:-

1. Planning Committee – 7 February 2022 *[previously circulated]*

2. Resources Committee –7 February 2022 *[previously circulated]*

3. Planning Committee – 28 February 2022 *[previously circulated]*

4. Community & Amenities Committee – 28 February 2022 *[previously circulated]*

5. Resources Committee- 28 February 2022*[previously circulated]*

6. Planning Committee – 14 March 2022. Additional Meeting *[previously circulated]*

7. Planning Committee - 11 April 2022 *[enclosed]*

8. Resources Committee - 11 April 2022 *[enclosed]*

9. Community & Amenities Committee - 11 April 2022 *[enclosed]*

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING – To receive an update and report on Neighbourhood Planning Options from Councillor GR Brookes.

10. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY LEGACY FUNDING

To confirm the following project updates.

- (a) Edition Two – Droitwich Spa High School, Community Cabin. The Management Committee have recently updated that their scheduled Committee Meeting has been deferred. In the meantime an approach is being taken forward through the Committee to increase engagement for wider Community use and interest in the Cabin Facility. Further updates are expected in due course *[for information]*.

- (b) Edition Three – Droitwich Spa Augmented Reality Heritage Trail App. Following a transfer of Service Provider in January work is progressing to realign the App towards a full relaunch in August /September. The necessary steps include configuration of the App operating platform away from the original 3D Gaming structure on to a more user compatible arrangement and some content enhancement. The cost is within the scope of the original Community Legacy Grant award in 2021 and the remaining funds for draw down. Details of the relaunch will be reported later in the summer. Thereafter provision has been made to further enhance and develop the App as part of the Heritage offering, budget and strategic projects for the current Municipal Year *[for information.]*
- (c) Edition Three –Droitwich Spa Community Football Club Pavilion as part of the King George Playing Fields, Ground Fund Project. Progress on the Pavilion has been maintained and hand over is anticipated to be 9th May 2022 for completion. The improved facilities are looking tremendous and are befitting of a suitable Showcase Pavilion alongside the wider project 3G pitch and associated infrastructure. Details of formal opening arrangements will follow post hand over and sign off *[for information]*.
- (d) Edition Four –To notify that unfortunately there were no suitably advanced projects to enable proceeding to the Expression of Interest Application stage deadline date of 4th March 2022 *[for information]*.

11. WEST PROJECT AND BEYOND – PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS IMPROVEMENTS

To note that a further Project Reference Group Meeting took place on 6 April 2022. This coincided with the start of work for the first of the public art murals on the Hunters Way underpass. The Start date had been delayed due to issues connected with the Omicron variant of the pandemic towards the end of 2021. Preparation work has also been started for the underpasses at Crofters Way and Paddock Way. Artist commissioning and design work is also progressing for the aforementioned two locations, 2 underpasses at Briar Mill adjacent Ombersley Way and the Railway Station approach. Some further disruption has been caused by repeat vandalism incidents necessitating additional cleaning and preparation work (Hunters Way) and supply chain problems for the resolution of lighting defects (Crofters Way). The next Project Reference Group Meeting takes place on 18 May 2022 with further updates to follow *[for information]*.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - To receive reports on County Council matters *[if appropriate]*

13. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS – To receive reports on District Council matters *[if appropriate]*

14. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE, 20TH OCTOBER 2021. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT – As reported at Full Council on 13 December 2021 Councillor GR Brookes advised as Chairman of the WCC Standards & Ethics Committee that WCC will be adopting the latest Local Government Association Member Code of Conduct as well as Wychavon to maintain a uniform approach. The recommendation is for Droitwich Spa Town Council to take the same approach. The draft LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct as reviewed by Worcestershire Councils is attached for information with DLG amendments as at 16th December 2021 highlighted.

To consider for Full Adoption by Droitwich Spa Town Council at a forthcoming meeting and following Worcestershire County Council recommendation. It is expected that WCC will adopt the code in June 2022 *[for information]*.

15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT *[details attached]*

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