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10 December 2014

To: All Town Councillors

Dear Sir or Madam

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the **Biggleswade Town Council** will take place on **Tuesday 16 December 2014** at the **Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, 4 Saffron Road, Biggleswade** commencing at **7.00 pm** in order to transact the undermentioned items of business.

Yours faithfully



R.D.McGregor
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item
- (b) Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item

Members may participate in and vote on matters before the Central Bedfordshire Council Development Control Committee on which they have already expressed a concluded view in their position as a Town Councillor so long as they declare their membership of the Town Council and the way they voted on the Town Council consideration of the application.

In addition, the decisions of the Town Council in respect of planning applications would not be binding on those members of the Council who hold office at the Town Council and the Central Bedfordshire Council Development Control Committee.

3. **TOWN MAYORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

A period of up to 15 minutes is permitted to allow members of the public to ask questions that are pertaining to matters listed on this Agenda.

5. **INVITED SPEAKER**

WSP – Philip Clark re proposed closure of level crossings.

6. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

7. **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a. For Members to receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 November 2014 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.

- b. For Members to **approve the recommendations of the Finance & General Purpose** committee meeting held on 18 November 2014 – copy attached
- c. For Member to **approve the recommendations of the Public Lands and Open Spaces** committee held on 2 December 2014 –

6. b. iii) At the time of the PLOS meeting of 2 December 2014 only one quote (Quote A) had been received for Installation of half MUGA at Kitelands Recreation Ground. Two further companies have since been contacted and one additional quote has been received (Quote B).

Quote A	Quote B
£1,825.00	£4,800

6. c. ii) At the time of the PLOS meeting of 2 December 2014 only one quote (Quote A) had been received. Three further companies have been contacted and one additional quote has been received (Quote B).

Quote A	Quote B
£2,820.00	£2910.90

copies are attached to this agenda.

8. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a. From the Council meeting held on 25 November 2014.

9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. **CB/14/04526/FULL – 2 Banks Road, Biggleswade**
Extension to dwelling (revised)
- b. **CB/14/04588/FULL – Roadside Farm, 122 Potton Road**
Demolition of existing dwellings and outbuildings and erection of six dwellings and associated works.

Previously went to Council on 23/7/13 for the “Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of 4 x 3 bedroom and 3 x 2 bedroom dwellings”, where more information was requested. It was granted on 20/12/13 by Central Bedfordshire Council.

10. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a. **Work to a tree Protected by a Preservation Order: Remove one diseased Ash tree, remove one large Sycamore tree, Prune 1 Lime tree and Remove various self set Sycamore trees (Sycamore trees to remain have been marked) the trees are protected by Preservation Order Ref: MB/TPO/02/00006 and are listed as within Woodland W1.**

Location: Shortmead House, Shortmead Lane, Biggleswade

CBC has received an application to carry out work to preserved tree(s) as the above property. If Members wish to comment on the application, please do so in writing within 21 days of the date of this letter quoting the above application number.

- b. **Refurbishment of Drum Clock, High Street**

Cllr M North has requested that Town Council obtain quotations for refurbishment of the Drum Clock attached to Pizza Express, High Street.

Members are asked to consider this request.

- c. **Proposed Toucan Crossing – London Road, Biggleswade**

CBC has notified Town Council that they proposed to establish a signalised pedestrian and cycle crossing, including its associated zig-zag markings, in London Road.

These works are intended to improve pedestrian and cycling facilities, particularly for those travelling to and from schools in the area.

Any comments should be sent in writing to the Transportation Manager, Central Bedfordshire Highways, Woodlands Annex, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NU or email centralbedsconsultation@amey.co.uk by 19 December 2014.

A copy of the correspondence is attached to this agenda.

d. Bedfordshire Police

Sergeant Gary Kidd, Biggleswade and Shefford Local Policing Team.

For Members to receive crime figures.

e. Biggleswade Street Drinkers

Since 2012 partners have been discussing and implementing various initiatives to try and deal with the issues of street drinking in the Market Square in Biggleswade. Street drinking is a problem in Biggleswade and it has been difficult to engage in the areas where the street drinking takes place.

Partners have discussed at length the next steps that can be taken to try and alleviate this long standing problem.

With the use of dispersal orders it is hoped that the drinkers can be pushed out of the area covered by the Alcohol designation order. To push the drinking elsewhere will not resolve the issue it will only succeed in removing the problem from the market square.

Partners would like to place a pod on the fringes of the dispersal area with a view to directing the problem drinkers in the general direction; the pod will serve as a point of engagement and will be facilitated by various professional bodies.

It is hoped that in a new environment away from the market, engagement will begin to succeed. Bedfordshire Police could be in a position to provide the Pod, other agencies are in a position to provide furnishings, drinks and staff to man the Pod, when open.

I would like members to consider giving agreement to allowing an area of land on the edge of Fairfield for the siting of the pod, the pod will need to be hooked up to an electrical supply and again I would like members to consider allowing the pod to be hooked up to the electrical supply at Fairfield.

Attached a brief outline from the Town Clerk, Email from Sgt Gary Kidd, a support letter from Noah Enterprise, notes and background from Central Bedfordshire Together, a support letter from WDP, a plan of the proposed site and a plan of the excluded area when dispersals take place.

Members are asked to consider this request.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Appeal decision re – 20 Spring Close, Biggleswade CB/14/01368/FULL

The Planning Inspectorate has informed Town Council that the above appeal has been dismissed.

The application was considered by Town Council on 13 May 2014 when:

This application has been 'called in' by Cllr D Lawrence as per copy of Proforma to call-in planning application for determined by Development Management Committee, sent to CBC.

*It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this application as it is would have a detrimental effect on the neighbours, causing loss of light and privacy.*

b. Planning application outcomes

A report detailing the outcome of recent planning applications is attached to this agenda.

12. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A period of up to 15 minutes is permitted to allow members of the public to ask questions.

13. EXEMPT ITEMS

The following resolution will be moved that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

Agenda Item (14a) staff, (14b) Lease, (14c) Lease, (15a) Staff.

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council resolve to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.