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8 April 2015

To: All Councillors

As a Member or Substitute of the **Environment Committee**, please treat this as your summons to attend a meeting on **Thursday 16 April 2015 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock.**

Yours sincerely

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Sandra Lamb
Head of Corporate Services

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

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2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

26 February 2015.

4. INTERESTS

Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any interests they may have in subsequent agenda items in accordance with the District Council's Code of Conduct. Those Interests are matters that relate to money or that which can be valued in money, affecting the Member her/his partner, extended family and close friends.

Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

5. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE OF PROCEDURE NUMBER 15

To answer questions from Members who have given the appropriate notice.

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6. STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AT MEMORIAL GARDENS, MATLOCK BATH

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To note a report detailing the structural damage affecting the public conveniences and shelter at the Memorial Gardens, Matlock Bath and the options currently being explored by Officers. A further report with final recommendations will be presented to a Committee meeting later in the year.

7. EROICA BRITANNIA

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To consider a report on the planning for the 2015 Eroica Britannia event and in particular the recommendations for support from the District Council with regards to parking, environmental and other services.

8. DRAFT CHARACTER APPRAISAL FOR KIRK IRETON CONSERVATION AREA

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To consider the recommendation to approve the Kirk Ireton Conservation Area Character Appraisal with minor modifications to the proposed text as detailed in the report.

Members of the Committee - Councillors, Steve Bull, Mrs Sue Burfoot, Mrs Ann Elliott, Steve Flitter, Chris Furness, Neil Horton, Mrs Cate Hunt, Angus Jenkins, Gary Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose OBE, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack, Geoff Stevens MBE, Mrs Carol Walker, Mrs Jo Wild

Substitutes – Councillors Mrs Jacque Bevan, Mrs Jennifer Bower, Richard Bright, David Burton, Bob Cartwright, Albert Catt, Tom Donnelly, David Fearn, Richard FitzHerbert, Mike Longden, Mrs Jean Monks, Andrew Statham, Mrs Jackie Stevens, Barrie Tipping, Colin Swindell, Mrs Judith Twigg

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
16th APRIL 2015

Report of the Head of Resources

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AT MEMORIAL GARDENS, MATLOCK BATH

SUMMARY

This report informs members of structural damage affecting the public conveniences and shelter at the Memorial Gardens, Matlock Bath and outlines the options that are to be explored.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report, which will set out advantages, disadvantages and the risks of each of each of the options, be brought to a committee or Council meeting during the summer.

WARDS AFFECTED

Masson Ward

STRATEGIC LINK

This report links with the Council's aim to 'improve the quality of life' within the Derbyshire Dales.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As part of a programme of condition surveys for all the Council's key buildings, a survey took place at the public conveniences in Memorial Gardens, Matlock Bath. Significant structural defects were identified during the survey affecting the external walls and roof structure of the property. The public conveniences were immediately closed in order to protect the public, however temporary toilets were installed in March to provide an alternative facility before the tourist season commenced. These will remain in place until decisions are made on the way forward.
- 1.2 A structural engineer's report was commissioned and has now been received. The report outlines the extent of the damage and shows that the estimated cost of repairs is £176,167.50. Officers are working with Derbyshire County Council to substantiate these costs and to investigate further issues, such as whether works are required to stabilise the river bank (the estimated cost includes a provisional sum for this).

2 CURRENT SITUATION

- 2.1 The current capital programme only includes £50,000 for this project.
- 2.2 The estimated cost of repairs is significant at £176,167.50 (and this does not include new sanitary fittings). There are other options to these repairs and officers are

recommending that all options need to be appraised to ensure that the best solution is found and value for money is achieved.. This report informs members of the options that will be considered. A further report, which will set out advantages, disadvantages and the risks of each of the options, will be presented to a committee or Council meeting during the summer, when the appropriate course of action can be agreed. Other work, which may have an impact on this, is ongoing.

3 OPTIONS

The suggested options that will be evaluated include:

- 3.1 Repair the building, as indicated in the engineer's report;
- 3.2 Demolish the building and replace it with a smaller, modern facility to include access for the disabled and baby change facilities subject to planning consent
- 3.3 Demolish the building and landscape the area (subject to planning consent), directing members of the public to alternative facilities and investigating any incentives which could be given to local businesses to allow public use of their toilet facilities.
- 3.4 Investigate providing alternative toilet facilities in other buildings in Matlock Bath in which the District Council has an interest.

4 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 In evaluating the options, consideration needs to be given to the cost of the works and the method of procurement to ensure best value for the District Council. The ongoing cost of hiring temporary facilities also needs to be considered.
- 4.2 The timescale for the proposed works needs to be considered to take account of the lead time for procurement, the requirement to obtain statutory consents from the Environment Agency and others and, notwithstanding statutory rights, the impact on the adjoining property of having scaffolding on their land (public house beer garden) during the peak tourist season.
- 4.3 The building is situated in a Conservation Area and any repair works to the building will need to take account of this. Anything other than repair of the building using matching materials is likely to require planning consent and as such, any alternative options need to take account of their visual impact.
- 4.4 The current building has level access and includes male, female and disabled toilet facilities and is considered to be an accessible building to people with disabilities. Any option other than the repair of the existing building needs to ensure that such standards are maintained in any replacement facility.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Should an option other than repair of the existing building be considered, local consultation should take place, which will include ward members, Matlock Bath Parish Council and local visitors and businesses. The outcome of the consultation exercise will need to be considered before any final decision is taken.

6 RISK ASSESSMENT

Legal

The closure of the current toilet block is to mitigate the risk to health and safety. The report outlines the potential options open to the Council in procurement terms which will need to address our Contract Standing Orders. The risk currently is assessed as low.

Financial

If members agree to explore alternative options, there are no financial risks arising directly from this report and the risk is assessed as 'low'. A further report will be presented to a future committee or Council meeting, which will set out advantages and disadvantages of the options and the financial risks.

If members choose to proceed with the repairs identified in the engineer's report, a tender exercise will be required. Based on current estimates there are insufficient funds in the current capital programme. Any additional requirement will have to be financed from the DRF Reserve if this is the option Members decide on once appraised of all the options open to them. The financial risk of this course of action is assessed as 'high'.

7 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

10 ATTACHMENTS

None

BACK TO AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

16 APRIL 2015

Report of the Head of Regeneration and Policy

EROICA BRITANNIA

SUMMARY

The report updates Members on planning for the 2015 Eroica event. It considers the District Council's role and contribution in this and future years in such a way that seeks to retain and grow the event in the Derbyshire Dales whilst managing cost and environmental issues appropriately.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The impact of the Eroica Britannia event in 2014 is noted.
2. The District Council supports the Eroica Britannia in 2015 and beyond due to the positive economic impact arising, especially from overseas visitors, whilst managing cost and environmental issues appropriately.
3. Coordination of the District Council's input to the 2015 event via the cross-departmental Events Hub is noted.
4. The approach to parking set out in section 3 of the report is agreed.
5. The approach to noise and licensing issues set out in section 4 of the report is noted.
6. The contribution of the District Council's environmental and other services to the Eroica event is noted.
7. District Council costs in connection with Eroica are not recharged for the 2015 event but are recharged from 2016 onwards, and that this is confirmed in writing to the Eroica organisers.
8. In view of services undertaken in connection with the event, the District Council requests to be recognised as an Eroica sponsor.

WARDS AFFECTED

To be confirmed

STRATEGIC LINK

Economic development is highlighted in the District Council's Corporate Plan, in which one of the two improvement priorities is to *Increase business growth and job creation*. The three specific target areas for 2015/16 are to *help new businesses to start*, to *help existing businesses to grow*, and to *promote key development sites*. The Peak District Partnership envisages in its Statement of Priorities that the Peak District will have high-wage, high-skill jobs. The District Council adopted its Economic Plan in September 2014.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The first Eroica Britannia was held in Bakewell in June 2014. The event is licenced to a group of businessmen with a passion for the Peak District and a love of cycling. Their aim is to make a commercial success of bringing to Britain a cycling event that has run in Tuscany for some years. It combines vintage cycle rides (starting and finishing in Bakewell) with a 'handsome' summer festival (held on the Bakewell showground) celebrating local food, heritage and culture.



- 1.2 Last year's Eroica Britannia formed part of a 'Summer of Cycling' and was considered by the Corporate Committee on 20 March 2014. Members noted that support for the event was provided by District Council officers. Services provided, free of charge given the experimental nature of the event, included waste collection, litter picking and road closure orders.

- 1.3 The 2014 event was a well-attended success, with some highlights as follows:
- The estimated economic impact of the event was £1m into the local economy – based on the number of festival attendees at Bakewell (PDNPA estimate)
 - There were cyclists from 45 countries worldwide (Thailand, Australia, Canada, Brazil, China, USA, Europe...) many with friends/relatives as spectators. International visitors are the tourism 'prize' – they spend more per head than every other kind of visitor
 - Prime-time TV coverage of the Eroica in the Derbyshire Dales (the route is largely within this district) included BBC, ITV and Sky, with press coverage in national and local media.
- 1.4 The current organisers hold the licence to run the Eroica for at least five years. In the first year (2014) they made a significant loss but aim to break even in or before year three (2016). Other destinations would like to 'poach' the event as it promotes sustainable travel; a vintage heritage theme; showcasing of local food and drink and communities; and high spending overseas visitors. Yorkshire, in particular, are putting considerable effort into grow cycle tourism on the back of 'Le Tour'.
- 1.5 Complementary cycle-related activities in which the District Council is already involved include:
- The 'White Peak Loop' extension of the Monsal Trail cycle trail from Rowsley to Matlock (as considered by the Corporate Committee on 19 March 2015)
 - Led Cycle Rides - the District Council's Community Development department provides led cycle rides to introduce people to cycling as a healthy activity with both physical and mental health benefits, including some women-only rides.
 - Cycling Strategy – officers participate in the National Park Authority's Recreation Strategy Steering Group.
- 1.6 Cycling may be regarded as of benefit to the Derbyshire Dales for a number of reasons:
- Support for the local economy: cycle tourists are thought to spend on average three times as much per day than tourists travelling by car
 - More repeat visits: improved facilities for cycling offer more reasons for repeat visits and short breaks by visitors
 - Promoting a healthier lifestyle: an increase in cycling has a positive impact on public health for both residents and visitors
 - Benefiting the environment: cycling can reduce congestion and pollution.
- 1.7 However hosting the Eroica cycle rides and festival was not without problems in 2014. These included noise issues at the festival, and costs to the District Council of dealing with parking, waste collection and cleansing.
- 1.8 The purpose of this report is to set out an approach to Eroica in 2015 and beyond, which seeks to retain and grow the event in the Derbyshire Dales whilst managing cost and environmental issues appropriately.

2 EROICA 2015

- 2.1 The organisers intend that the Eroica Britannia will grow in size and reputation. The number of cyclists is planned to nearly double for 2015 to 3,000. There are three routes (30 miles, 50 miles or 100 miles), each wholly or mainly in the Derbyshire Dales, which must be ridden on vintage (pre-1987) bicycles. Food and drink stops are located in Hartington, Tideswell, Eyam and Cromford (High Peak Junction), with refreshments included in the cycle entry fee of £60.
- 2.2 Eroica is to be held in Bakewell from Friday 19 to Sunday 21 June 2015. The Festival (on Bakewell Showground) will run on all three days, with the cycle rides on the Sunday only. Unlike last year, when Festival entry was free of charge, there is a £10 charge for Festival entry in 2015. The Eroica Festival incorporates live music, food and drink, cycle memorabilia and clothing sales.
- 2.3 The economic impact of the Eroica Britannia in the Derbyshire Dales is clearly positive. In particular, the presence of staying overseas visitors, which are a key focus of the District Council's draft Visitor Economy Plan (since they contribute considerably more value to the economy than local day trippers) is of benefit in raising the quality and profile of the Dales as a destination. It is therefore recommended that the Eroica Britannia is supported by the District Council, with a view to it becoming a successful long-term feature in the annual events calendar. Assistance from the Economic Development and Tourism service is being provided this year, as last.
- 2.4 However there are a number of environmental and cost issues that arise from the event in which the District Council has a role, either as the relevant statutory authority or as landowner. To this end, the officer Events Hub, which operates across departments to coordinate input and action on large events, has analysed the issues and options. These are presented to Members below together with a recommended approach.

3 PARKING

- 3.1 In order to facilitate the management of the event, the District Council has been asked to provide parking spaces. Options available include not providing any spaces (in which case the event might struggle to set up, be managed and dismantle); or handing over all Bakewell parking to the event (in which case casual visitors to the town would not be able to park at all, which would not be sensible on a busy summer weekend).
- 3.2 The approach recommended is for some spaces alongside Agricultural Way and the Showground to be dedicated to the Eroica event, and remaining spaces to remain open to the public. It is considered that this approach presents a sensible compromise between the event organisers' requirements and the need to ensure that there is somewhere for the many casual visitors to Bakewell that weekend to park.

- 3.3 In order to facilitate additional parking for Eroica attendees, District Council officers met with the Eroica organisers and Janet Bailey from the Bakewell Show on 13th February. Officers explained to the Eroica organisers the methods used by the Bakewell Show each year. One avenue suggested was to approach local landowners for land for temporary parking. Details of the landowners used by the Bakewell Show were passed to the Eroica organisers. A second method is park and ride. As well as using Hassop Station and the Monsal Trail for park and ride (as for the Bakewell Show), the option of approaching Lady Manners school was suggested to the Eroica organisers. Derbyshire County Council have offered help from a Sustainable Travel Officer to make arrangements.

4 NOISE, SAFETY AND LICENSING

- 4.1 Through its statutory regulatory functions, the District Council has duties with regard to regulating Eroica to ensure it is safe and causes minimal disruption whilst still being a successful and fun event. During the first Eroica event (2014), the District Council's environmental health team received a number of complaints about noise. At the debrief meeting, the Eroica organisers were informed that complaints had been received and of the nature of the complaints. Potential solutions were discussed with the organisers.
- 4.2 The Eroica organisers have submitted an application for Premises Licence for the 2015 event, the purpose of which is to allow regulated entertainment and alcohol sales on Bakewell Showground. This is being progressed by the District Council's licensing team, who have received objections from members of the public. Environmental health officers have reiterated the concerns raised last year and proposed a number of mitigating measures.
- 4.3 The approach being taken by the District Council is to fulfil statutory duties properly with a view to reaching a position whereby the Eroica organisers put in place noise controls to prevent nearby residents from unreasonable intrusion. It is considered that this approach would in the long run benefit the Eroica organisers by helping the event become a 'good neighbour' to Bakewell. It is also important that the organisers are given advice from the District Council as to how best to reach this position, and this is the stance being taken.
- 4.4 Whilst none of the foregoing will fetter the District Council in fulfilling its statutory licensing roles, it should give this committee a degree of confidence to know that officers are doing their best to resolve the situation to the reasonable satisfaction of all concerned.

5 ROOM HIRE, TOILETS, WASTE AND LITTER

- 5.1 With many thousands of riders and festival-goers, the Eroica Britannia event creates litter to be cleared and waste to be collected. The District Council's environmental and other services will be involved in a number of aspects, including:

- Public conveniences - additional opening hours and cleaning, to cater for visitors to Bakewell on festival days, and at food stop locations on the Sunday
- Agricultural Business Centre - room hire and additional opening hours required by Eroica organisers
- Waste and recycling collection and disposal, including hire of large bins - especially at the cycle ride food stops in Hartington, Eyam, Tideswell and Cromford (High Peak Junction)
- Street cleaning and litter collection - before the event to ensure the district is pristine for visitors, and after the event to clear up after visitors
- Supply of cones
- Road closure order - application dealt with by the Corporate Services team in consultation with Derbyshire County Council.

5.2 Costs of these services are considered in the next section.

6 COSTS AND RECOGNITION

6.1 In supporting and engaging with the Eroica organisers (before, during and after the event), District Council staff are expending person-hours to ensure the Eroica is a success. Officer time is not recorded, but includes that of events, car parking, environmental health, licensing, environmental services, corporate services, economic development and tourism staff.

6.2 The application for the statutory Premises Licence incurs a set fee of £1,190 which the Eroica organisers have already paid. This cannot be waived or reimbursed.

6.3 However, other specific services supplied by the District Council will incur additional costs. These are expected to include:

Car parking - income foregone from spaces provided to Eroica	£5,335
Public conveniences - additional opening hours, supplies and cleaning	£650
Street cleansing and litter collection - additional hours	£1,785
Waste and recycling collection and disposal including hire of large bins	£2,050
Cones	£260
Temporary Road Closure Order	£50
Agricultural Business Centre - room hire and additional opening hours	£2,000

6.4 In total, it is expected that the additional cost to the public purse of District Council services in connection with Eroica Britannia 2015 will be in the region of £12,000.

6.5 In view of the fact that the Eroica in 2014 made a loss commercially, and that the financial outturn from the 2015 event is unpredictable due to a different ticketing model, it is recommended that this additional cost (in the region of £12,000) is not recovered from the Eroica organisers for the 2015 event.

6.6 However, the organisers are planning that the Eroica will be profitable in 2016 and subsequent years. It is therefore recommended that the District Council's

additional costs are recovered in 2016 and subsequent years, so that when the Eroica is profitable it is no longer subsidised by the Council Tax payer.

- 6.7 It is recommended that this is confirmed in writing to the Eroica organisers, with a view to an agreement setting out clearly what costs will and will not be recovered by the District Council in 2015 and future years. It is also proposed that this should require that the District Council is recognised as a sponsor of the Eroica in view of the services it is providing in connection with the event, and that the District Council logo therefore be included on the list of sponsors on the Eroica website.

7 RISK ASSESSMENT

7.1 Legal.

Street trading, road closures and licensed activities are regulated by the District Council to mitigate risk. The overall risk assessment is therefore low.

7.2 Financial.

The report sets out the costs of District Council support for the Eroica Britannia and recommends that they be recovered from 2016 onwards. The financial risk is therefore assessed as low.

7.3 Corporate.

The report recommends an approach which balances the risk of negative economic impact and publicity that might arise from impeding Eroica against the costs and concerns associated with supporting Eroica. Overall, the corporate risk is assessed as low at present.

8 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
16 APRIL 2015

Report of the Head of Regulatory Services

DRAFT CHARACTER APPRAISAL FOR KIRK IRETON CONSERVATION AREA

SUMMARY

The report advises on the public consultation undertaken in respect of the Draft Kirk Ireton Conservation Area Character Appraisal and recommends its approval with minor modifications to the proposed text.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Kirk Ireton Conservation Area Character Appraisal be approved with minor modifications to the proposed text.

WARDS AFFECTED

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STRATEGIC LINK

Conservation Area Character Appraisals are undertaken for designated and proposed Conservation Areas. These will be of considerable assistance in delivering the Council's corporate aim of protecting and enhancing the environment.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the meeting of this Committee held on 18th December 2014 it was resolved that the Kirk Ireton Conservation Area Appraisal be approved for a six-week period of public consultation. It was further resolved that the results of the public consultation exercise would be reported to this Committee, outlining the responses received during that period (Minute 214/14 refers).
- 1.2 The Draft Appraisal was subject to public consultation between 15th January 2015 and 26th February 2015. Copies of the draft document were distributed to key stakeholders including Kirk Ireton Parish Council, the local Ward Member, the County Councillor and Derbyshire County Council (Environmental Services and Highways Departments).
- 1.3 Posters advertising the consultation period and the public advisory meeting were distributed around Kirk Ireton and a formal public notice was published in the local press. The Appraisal document was available to view at Matlock Town Hall and on the District Council's website, as well as via Kirk Ireton Parish Council.

- 1.4 A public advisory session was held in Kirk Ireton Village Hall on 27th January 2015 (between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.) and was attended by the District Council's Conservation Officers. Over 30 members of the public attended, mainly local residents.

2.0 REPORT

- 2.1 The Draft Conservation Area Appraisal was generally well received and the advisory meeting was well attended. However, no correspondence (letters or emails) have been received during the six week consultation period. Verbal comments were made at the advisory meeting relating to (a) the village pump not being original (only ornamental); (b) the 'stable' door on Main Street being formed to serve a former village shop; and (c) the cottage opposite the Old Rectory, whilst externally appearing as a 19th and 20th century build, incorporates an earlier cruck frame. It is considered that these are minor amendments to the text which can be incorporated into the existing document.
- 2.2 As a result of verbal comments received, it is therefore recommended that the Kirk Ireton Conservation Area Character Appraisal be modified to incorporate those comments and the final document be formally approved.

3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 Legal
The proposals are in accordance within the statutory framework. The legal risk is, therefore, low.
- 3.2 Financial
There are no financial risks arising from this report. The cost of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal Programme can be contained within existing budgets.

4.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

5.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

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6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- ...Reports to Partnership and Regeneration Committee : 18th December 2014; 4th September 2008; 16th September 2004; 14th April 2003
- ...National Planning Policy Framework : March 2012
- ...The Historic Environment Planning Practice Guide - English Heritage / Department of Culture, Media & Sport, Communities and Local Government - March 2010
- ...Guidance on Conservation Area Character Appraisals – English Heritage - 2006

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