

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

SUMMARY of a **MEETING** of the **CAR PARKING WORKING GROUP** held on 14 October 2015 at 10.00 am

Present Councillors

Mrs A R Berry, D R Coren, N V Davey,
Mrs C P Daw, R Evans, J D Squire and
R Wright

Also Present Officers:

Claire Gillard (Accountant), Andrew Jarrett (Head of Finance), Stuart Noyce (Waste and Transport Manager) and Julia Stuckey (Member Services Officer)

1 **Apologies**

None.

2 **Notes of Previous Meeting**

The notes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

3 **Matters Arising**

Nothing was raised under matters arising.

4 **Station Road Car Park - Coach Parking**

The appropriate officer was not at the meeting to explain why this item had been placed on the agenda so it was **AGREED** that an email explaining issues with coach parking at Cullompton be sent to Members.

5 **Pricing Proposal for Parking Permits**

SN explained the variety of permits currently available, the different names and codes and lack of relevance to what the permits were. Officers suggested a simpler format with regard to naming, simply day, night, day & night, rover and allocated spaces.

Options before the Group were:

1a, Annual Overnight Permit – APPROVED

2a, Annual Daytime Permit – APPROVED

3a, Annual Day and Night Permit – APPROVED

4a Annual Mid Devon Rover – this permit would allow parking for a 24 hour period at any of the long stay car parks within the District. The price was AGREED at £475.00

5a Allocated Space Permit – as these permits were oversubscribed and would not be due for renewal until January 2017 it was AGREED that the price be set at £425.00.

It was also AGREED that advertising and promotion of all permits should take place and suggestions for how to do so were Mid Devon Talk, Council Tax Bills and flyers.

6 The Group to Review Proposed Parking Charges

The Group had before it the pricing proposals that had been set at the previous meeting.

Becks Square – AGREED

High Street Crediton – AGREED

Market Street Crediton – AGREED, and that signage to the long stay car park be put in place.

Market Place, Tiverton – AGREED

Phoenix Houe, Tiverton – AGREED

Multi Storey, Tiverton – AGREED

Station Road, Cullompton – AGREED

Wellbrook Street, Tiverton – AGREED

Westexe, Tiverton – AGREED

William Street, Tiverton – AGREED – and that further spaces be allocated to permit holders from the waiting list.

7 Report to Managing the Environment PDG

The Group had before it a draft report to the PDG outlining the recommendations of the Working Group.

Discussion took place regarding section 3.2, dispensations:

Castle Primary School – dispensation for pick up and drop off at school. It was agreed that this would fall under the 30 minutes free in any case but that it would not be necessary for parents to obtain a ticket from the machine. The school to supply parents with a card to display in the car. District Officers to make contact with the school.

Officer discounting of permits, as had previously occurred in Crediton. It was AGREED that the Head of Finance and the Cabinet Member should be given delegated authority to negotiate with customers on an individual basis. This would need to be advertised on the TRO and should say that individual requests for bulk permits would be agreed on an individual basis.

Signpost Kids Dance Group – the club to be asked to provide tickets for children below a certain age and the ticket to specify the time of the class that would be attended. This would remove any risk of the permit being used inappropriately. District Officers to make contact with the club.

4 Free Saturdays for Christmas – this cost in the region of £2k to £3k but was popular with Members, traders and the public.

Electric Nights – free parking to continue.

Road Closures – it was agreed that this would be on a case by case basis with the Head of Finance and Cabinet Member making the decision.

Market Traders – pitch for one vehicle included in tariff.

Amenity Car Parks

The Head of Finance was visiting Parish Councils to consult on this and would update the PDG at a later date.

8 **Next Steps**

For the report to be presented to the PDG.

Information regarding the Coach Park issue at Cullompton to be forwarded to Members by email.

9 **Date of Next Meeting**

To be agreed if required.

(The meeting ended at Time Not Specified)