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The Jurassic Coast marks its tenth birthday with a host of free events taking place on 13 December and 14 December
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Meetings

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| Meeting | DSO | Date | Time | Location |
|--|-----|----------------------|-------|-----------|
| Licensing & Enforcement Committee | CL | Tuesday 13 December | 09:30 | CANCELLED |
| Standards Assessment and Hearings Sub Committee' | CEH | Tuesday 13 December | 09:30 | Room 66 |
| Asset Management Forum | CL | Thursday 15 December | 09:30 | CANCELLED |
| Recycling and Refuse Partnership Board | AT | Thursday 15 December | 10:00 | Room 1 |
| Planning Inspections Committee | CEH | Thursday 15 December | TBA | CANCELLED |
| Licensing & Enforcement Committee | CL | Tuesday 20 December | 09:30 | CANCELLED |

Portfolio Holders' decisions

Decisions put to Portfolio Holder

Decisions will be published in a future edition of The Knowledge

Environment

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Price Increases for Boat & Winch Licences and Water Taxis 2012/13

Boat Licensing

In 2011/12 the Council licensed approximately 170 boats, at an annual fee of £67 per boat. An increase to £70 for 2012/13 would see an annual income of £11,900.00. These charges go a long way to cover the cost of administering the scheme as regards the issuing of licences, collecting of fees and monitoring the beaches. The increase for boats is held at inflation.

Winch Licensing

In 2011/12 the Council licensed approximately 78 winch sites, at an annual fee of £77 per winch. This generates an income of £6006.00. Winches are inspected by an independent body and this is paid for by the winch owners, therefore it is felt that the price should not be increased this year.

Water Taxis

It is recommended that the charge for the water taxi licence be increased to £85.00 for the year 2012/13. There is only one company that runs 3 water taxis – on the River Exe. The increase is just above inflation to cover Beach Safety Officer inspections and also administration.

Recommendation: To agree that for 2012/13, annual boat licences should be increased from £67.00 to £70.00; annual winch licences should be kept at £77.00; water taxi licences should be increased from £80.00 to £85.00.

Further details: Andrew Hancock, Streetscene Manager, Ext 1611

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Price Increases for Beach Huts and Beach Hut Sites 2012/13

The charges for the Council's beach huts and beach hut sites are increased on 1 April every year. It is recommended that an increase be applied in particular and over the next couple of years to the fees for sites at Beer East and West to bring them in line with the fees for the East Shelf sites, and also sites at Budleigh Salterton and Seaton, which are at present charged at different rates. The private huts at Beer are left on the sites all year round even though they are required to be removed each winter, the increased charges could therefore be considered extra rental for winter storage.

The Concession of 10 huts (+ 1 attendant's hut) at Jacobs Ladder has now come to an end, so we have taken these back. To ensure that these existing customers are catered for, we propose to let these huts on a short term basis.

The proposals will assist the Council in continuing to maximise its income levels, whilst maintaining realistic rental charges that are affordable to the general public.

Proposed price increases for 2012/13:

| Location | Hut/Site | Number Of Huts/Sites | Season Cost 2011/12 Ex Vat | Season Cost 2012/13 Ex Vat | | Potential Turnover Exc VAT |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Beer | Site E & W | 44 | 161.57 | 185.00 | | £8,140.00 |
| | Site ES | 12 | 269.33 | 275.00 | | £3,300.00 |
| Budleigh | Timber Hut | 49 | 408.51 | 408.51 | | £20,016.99 |
| | Site | 94 | 223.12 | 225.00 | | £21,150.00 |
| | Concession TIC (Seasonal) | 6 Large | 551.41 | 551.41 | Max 15% com | £3,308.46 |
| | Concession TIC (Seasonal) | 6 Small | 532.70 | 532.70 | Max 15% com | £3,196.20 |
| Exmouth Chalets | | 20 | 935.34 | 963.40 | | £19,268.00 |
| Exmouth | Brick Hut inc winter period | 93 | 525.00 | 525.00 | | £48,825.00 |
| | Concession TIC (Seasonal) | 12 | 513.00 | 513.00 | Max 15% com | £6,156.00 |
| Seaton E | Site | 42 | 223.12 | 225.00 | | £9,450.00 |
| Seaton W | Site | 45 | 223.12 | 225.00 | | £10,125.00 |
| | Huts | 31 | 452.06 | 452.06 | | £14,013.86 |
| | Concession TIC (Seasonal) | 4 | 551.41 | 551.41 | Max 15% com | £2,205.64 |
| Sidmouth | Timber Hut | 25 | 495.97 | 495.97 | | £12,399.25 |

Note: All prices include a proportion of non domestic rates with the exception of the Exmouth Chalets where the Non Domestic Rate element is paid by the tenant under separate cover.

Recommendation: To agree to the price increases to beach hut and beach hut sites and to agree that the extra 10 huts taken on from the Concession at Jacobs Ladder be run on short term basis for 2012 season.

Further details: Andrew Hancock, Streetscene Manager, Ext 1611

EDDC News

- Working Together for the Future of East Devon
- Cranbrook maps out street names for new community



- Who wants to run Seaton's new discovery centre?
- EDDC aims to deliver some of Exmouth's Magnificent Seven



Chairman's engagements



Tuesday 13 December

Vice Chairman to attend Abbeyfield Sidmouth Carol Service at All Saints Church Hall, Sidmouth

Wednesday 14 December

Chairman and Mrs Halse to attend Sidmouth College Carol Service at the Parish Church

Thursday 15 December

Chairman's Mince Pie Reception for employees in the Members' Area

Friday 16 December

Chairman and Mrs Halse to attend the Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Carol Concert at Wells Cathedral

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Price Increases for Events 2012

To maintain prices for this service provided by Streetscene. Any price increases are required to cover some of the expenses of providing these services and to recoup expenditure where no income is received. Currently the Exmouth Farmers' Market is only charged a nominal fee. The recommendation is to make this a realistic fee in line with other authorities. It is felt that the current charges for other events are at a reasonable level.

| Events East Devon | Charges 01/04/11 – 31/12/11 Exclusive of VAT | Proposed charges 01/01/12 – 31/12/12 Exclusive of VAT |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Non-refundable Booking Fee | £25.00 | £25.00 |
| Key Deposit (Refundable) | £10.00 | £10.00 |
| Discretionary Deposit | £100.00 or £150.00 | £100.00 or £150.00 |
| PRS | £8.87 + VAT (subject to annual increase in April of each year) | £8.87 + VAT (subject to annual increase in April of each year) |
| Funfairs ** Active Days | £170.00 per day plus metered utilities | £170.00 per day plus metered utilities |
| Standing down days | £60.00 per day plus metered utilities | £60.00 per day plus metered utilities |
| Adhoc commercial events | £250.00* per day plus metered utilities | £250.00* per day plus metered utilities |
| Farmers Market at Strand Gardens | £52.59 p.a | £150.00 per day inc parking |

* Guideline prices . Detailed costings on application. ** Not Car Parks

Recommendation: To agree to establish a charge for Farmers' Markets held on EDDC land and to maintain charges for other event bookings.

Further details: Andrew Hancock, Streetscene Manager, Ext 1611

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Price Increases for Sports Pitches 2012/2013

It is necessary to cover some of the costs associated with the provision of sport pitches – we need to therefore maintain current charges. The idea is to encourage more usage of our pitches rather than to generate a huge amount of income.

| Per Season | Charges for 1/4/11- 31/3/12 | Proposed charges for 1/4/12- 31/3/13 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| EDDC - Football | | |
| Per match weekend | £52.50 | £52.50 |
| Per match weekday | £50.00 | £50.00 |
| Full Season (36 max) | £714.00 | Inc 3% £735.00 |
| ½ season (18 max) | £431.00 | Inc 3% £444.00 |
| Changing Rooms | | |
| Cricket | | |
| | 1/6/2011 – 31/8/11 | 1/6/2012 – 31/8/12 |
| Per match | £43.15 | £43.15 |
| Changing Rooms | £29.15 | £29.15 |
| EDDC - Rugby | | |
| Per match weekend | £52.50 | £52.50 |
| Per match weekday | £50.00 | £50.00 |
| Full Season (36 max) | £714.00 | Inc 3% £735.00 |
| ½ season (18 max) | £431.00 | Inc 3% £444.00 |

Recommendation: To agree that a price increase be applied to Season Tickets only, and to keep individual match prices the same.

Further details: Andrew Hancock, Streetscene Manager, Ext 1611

New documents in the Members' Area

Honiton Library Advice & Information Centre – Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 6 October 2011 (Outside Bodies file)

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Price Increases for Sidmouth Allotments 2013-2014

Sidmouth Allotments are billed from 1 October to 30 September. Other Allotments in East Devon are either private or are administered by Town or Parish Councils.

Current contractual considerations allow that the tenant be given 12 months' notice of any proposed increase in rent. An increase is already in line for 2012-2013.

Charges for Allotments:

| Council | 10/11 | 11/12 | 12/13 | 13/14 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDDC | £6.30 per 25 sqm & £5 water | £6.45 per 25 sqm & £5 water | £6.70 per 25 sqm & £5 water | £6.95 per 25 sqm & £5 water |
| Exmouth TC/ Allotment Assoc | Not set until January | £30 deposit + £3.50 annual membership. £1.20 per rod per year. water + £2.85 per rod per year. rent - 10 rods £44 per year + deposit | Not set until January | |
| National Trust (B'clyst) | | £20 | Not set until January | |
| Seaton TC | | £36.09 + water | Not set until January | |
| Budleigh TC | | £45 full - £22.50 half | Not set until January | |
| Ottery St Mary | | £26 full £13 half | Not set until January | |

Recommendation: That the proposed increase of 1p per square metre in the pricing of allotments be agreed.

Further details: Andrew Hancock, Streetscene Manager, Ext 1611

Decision by Portfolio Holder

Environment

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Continuation of Dog Warden Service

The report considers the provision of dog warden services within East Devon and concludes that the present contractual arrangements with Animal Wardens are satisfactory and continue to present good value for money.

To agree to extend the contract with Animal Wardens to provide dog warden services until 31 October 2012.

The above decision will become effective on **15 December 2011** at 9.00am unless "called in". The published procedure for a "call-in" is on pages 139 -141 of the Council Constitution, or contact Democratic Services for assistance or explanation.

In the national press

➤ Minister puts £430m into housing scheme

Housing Minister Grant Shapps has announced £430 million for councils to help them build homes or use empty sites. It is the second year of the New Homes Bonus Scheme under which council tax raised from new homes is matched by the Government for the first 6 years.



➤ **Primary schools could lose calculators**

Calculators could be restricted in primary schools after a Government study found a growing number of adults in England do not have the number skills required to work out their change in a supermarket.

➤ **Shop a cheat to save £38 billion**

People claiming benefits illegitimately could be exposed in a new campaign urging members of the public to 'shop' them. Neighbours and friends are being asked to call Crimestoppers under the Government plans. The National Fraud Office puts the cost of fraud at £38 billion.

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➤ **Huhne plans 32,000 more wind turbines**

Energy Secretary Chris Huhne is proposing to build up to 32,000 new wind turbines and many thousands of transmission pylons to help it meet green targets.

➤ **Villages go back in time to slow passing traffic**

The urban clutter of traffic lights, road markings and speed cameras could be encouraging drivers to drive more quickly, according to a report. The report, *Traffic in Villages*, tells local planners how small adjustments to their villages can help them both retain their visual identities and curb speed and road traffic accidents. The methods outlined in the report suggest that with psychological nudges (a chalk goalpost drawing to indicate a school, or tables next to the street outside a café or a pub) drivers will react instinctively to their surroundings and slow down.

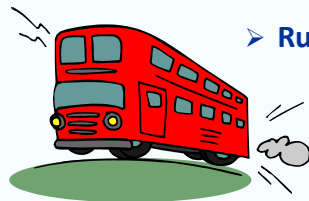


➤ **Sixty-step plan to restore faith in the NHS**

NHS hospitals and doctors are to be judged against 60 new goals that are designed to save more than 20,000 lives per year, under plans to be outlined by Health Secretary Andrew Lansley. Fewer people will be treated in hospitals under the proposals.

➤ **Older people kept out of hospital by joint working**

Feature on how health and social care agencies in Essex are joining forces to prevent older people having to go into hospital.



➤ **Run buses on cooking oil, say advisers**

Buses should be run on cooking oil to meet pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, according to the Government's Committee on Climate Change. At present, alternative fuels account for only 2% of energy usage.

➤ **Expert's bid to reverse high street decline**

Feature on how retail guru Kate Hardcastle is hoping to transform Bradford's "dreary" high street by filling empty shops and supporting local businesses. City councillor David Green, member for Regeneration and Economy, is quoted: "We have introduced initiatives to make the city centre more attractive, including weekend summer street music and improving the appearance of boarded shops."

Fungus photos by Peter Vernon

