

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall
Cross Hayes
Malmesbury
Wiltshire SN16 9BZ

24 June 2008

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Planning & Environmental Issues Committee to be held on **TUESDAY 1 JULY 2008** in the Town Hall, Malmesbury commencing at 7 pm.

Phil Rice
Deputy Town Clerk

To all members of the Planning & Environmental Issues Committee:

Councillors: W G Blake, J A Bowen, Mrs C C Doody, J E F Poole, R F Sanderson, M H Snell,
M Thomas, C M Vernon.

A G E N D A

1. Public Question Time – any person may ask a question contained within this agenda for a period not exceeding 3 minutes.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 May 2008 – previously circulated.
4. Progress action points from previous meetings.
5. To receive any Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Local Councils (Model Code of Conduct) order 2007.
6. Planning Issues – To consider the following:
 - a. Planning applications received to date – list attached.
 - b. Unresolved planning issues.
7. To consider current parking issues.
8. To consider current environmental issues.
9. Sustainability symposium/workshop – next steps – see Report Number 1 attached.
10. Information from the Clerk plus exchange of information and correspondence.

REPORT NUMBER 1 – PREPARED BY CASSANDRA CAMPBELL
DRAFT Executive Summary
Sustainability and Using Renewable Energy within a Conservation Area
“Saving Your Town!” Progress without Tears!

PROPOSAL

A two-day seminar/workshop covering the above subjects, to be held in Malmesbury Town Hall in January/February 2009.

Invited (paying) delegates representing Local Authorities, District Councils, Parish Councils, Chambers of Commerce, local developers and architects, local businesses, Planning & Conservation Officers and Highways authorities, plus, on the second day, members of the public.

It would be hoped that a well-known conservationist and environmentalist, such as Jonathon Porritt could be invited to be the keynote speaker, who commented that “Something is sustainable if you can carry on doing it indefinitely – if you can’t, it isn’t”.

The topics to be covered would include use of renewable energy, paying particular attention to the problems posed by conservation areas/listed buildings; what loans/grants are available for these, plus presentations on waste, water and recycling.

The speakers would include a broad representation from technical consultants and experts, covering the above topics, as well as someone from Malmesbury Town Council who would be in a position to talk about the use of renewables in the Town Hall (assuming that this has been achieved).

The penultimate part of the first day would see the attendees split into working groups to consider the topics discussed earlier and to present possible solutions to a hypothetical problem. There would be a chairman of each group (10-15 people) who would be responsible for presenting the group’s ideas. A prize would be awarded to the most innovative/realistic solution.

The second day would include public participation and would focus on presenting a series of options available to them within the scope of using renewables on listed buildings. The sessions would also include exchanges of points of view on the subjects covered in the first day as well as making reference to progress made by public working groups under the provisions of the Sustainable Communities Act (see footnote).

It is envisaged that a maximum of 100 delegates be invited and that corporate sponsorship be sought to help finance the day. The intention is that the event becomes financially self-sustaining. An exhibition in one of the Town Hall’s public areas from paying exhibitors is also envisaged which would also generate revenue. Lunch on day 1 would be included in the price.

Footnote

Cllr. John Bowen and Cassandra Campbell recently met with Hamish Wills who, under the auspices of the Carbon Trust, facilitates Climate Change Working Group days among the public. These focus on problems particular to communities with regard to sustainability and the environment and it is intended that such an event be held in Malmesbury sometime during late October/early November. The findings from this could form part of the second day of the January symposium.

Under the provisions of the Sustainable Communities Act, the government is given a legal duty 'to assist local authorities in promoting the sustainability of local communities'. By 'opting in' to this, councils are signing up to receive that assistance. By doing this, local authorities can act together to submit proposals to government supported by their colleagues elsewhere, so making it harder for the government to refuse to act on them. The Act also enables councils to request the transfer of functions from government or government agencies to themselves, thus regaining control, powers and spending that affect local areas.

As part of this, members of the public, are empowered, by law, to present to the local council, ways in which they would like to see their community becoming more sustainable. If the public require their local council to opt in to the Act, it is the council's duty to pass this on to the Secretary of State. The first invitation to councils by the Secretary of State will go out in September/October 2008 and this is when the local panels should be set up. This is the first time that bottom-up co-operation not top-down consultation will have been used and it is important that small councils everywhere are able to have their say and influence central government thinking and decisions.

Cassandra Campbell
19 June 2008

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEETING 1 JULY 2008			
NUMBERS-NWDC	08/01241/FUL	MTC	649/644
PROPOSAL	Rear extension		
LOCATION	11 John Betjeman Close		
APPLICANT	Mr & Mrs J Thornbury		
DECISION	SEEK DEFERMENT UNTIL MEETING 1 JULY		
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NUMBERS-NWDC	08/01143/COU	MTC	650/647
PROPOSAL	Change of use from offices (B1) to one bed maisonette (C3) on first and second floor with associated alteration works		
LOCATION	Rear of 5 Oxford Street		
APPLICANT	Warden & Freeman		
DECISION	SEEK DEFERMENT UNTIL MEETING 1 JULY		
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NUMBERS-NWDC	08/01292/FUL	MTC	651
PROPOSAL	Single storey front and rear extension		
LOCATION	107 White Lion Park		
APPLICANT	P Moloney		

NUMBERS-NWDC 08/01137/LBC **MTC** 652
PROPOSAL Replacement of all timber single glazed windows
with white PVC double glazed windows
LOCATION Flat 2, Inner Silk Mills
APPLICANT Avon Silk Mills Ltd

NUMBERS-NWDC 08/01410/TCA **MTC** 653
PROPOSAL Fell one fruit tree
LOCATION 26 Gastons Road
APPLICANT Not stated

NUMBERS-NWDC 08/01342/OUT **MTC** 654
PROPOSAL Outline application for the erection of six dwellings
and six garages following the demolition of the
bungalow and widening of access (revision of
07/02412/OUT)
LOCATION Maycroft, Filands
APPLICANT Mrs C Fishlock

NUMBERS-NWDC 08/01382/FUL **MTC** 655
PROPOSAL Sub division of two two bedroomed dwellings
into two single bedroomed dwellings
LOCATION 2 West Street
APPLICANT J Pritchard

NUMBERS-NWDC 08/01299/LBC **MTC** 656
PROPOSAL Internal and external alterations in association
with conversion of first and second floors
to residential
LOCATION 14a High Street
APPLICANT M Chapman

NUMBERS-NWDC 08/01459/COU **MTC** 657
PROPOSAL Conversion of offices to two bedroom
apartment
LOCATION 14a High Street
APPLICANT M Chapman

NUMBERS-NWDC 08/01282/FUL **MTC** 658
PROPOSAL Erection of shed for storage of implements
LOCATION Malmesbury Cricket Club
APPLICANT Malmesbury Cricket Club

NUMBERS-NWDC	08/01438/FUL	MTC	659
PROPOSAL	Rear single storey extension		
LOCATION	14 Ron Golding Close		
APPLICANT	R Whittall		
