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NEWS UPDATE

The
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of Felixstowe
Town Council

Update on Major Planning Development Proposals

There has been much speculation and comment on a number of major planning schemes which developers and landowners are proposing in Felixstowe. At the time of writing, the Town Council has received notification that one such major planning application relating to land adjacent to Felixstowe railway station has been received by Suffolk Coastal District Council, which is due to be considered by Councillors in early 2013. The Town Council's Plans Committee had been due to consider the application in December 2012 in its capacity as statutory consultee, however unfortunately the meeting had to be cancelled due to sickness absence. The meeting will be rescheduled as soon as reasonably possible, and all previous objections and representations made to the Town Council will be carried forward to the rescheduled meeting. For these (and indeed) any planning applications, views should be sent in writing or via email to the Town Clerk, Mrs Caroline Barrett – full contact details are overleaf. The normal Town Council Plans Committee protocol applies, namely that the meeting is open to members of the public to attend with no right of speech. There is a right of speech at Suffolk Coastal District Council's Plans Committee, the protocol for which is dealt with separately by the District Council. Should anyone wish to make an objection to Suffolk Coastal District Council, then this will need to be done separately to the District Council direct, as the Town Council does not do this on your behalf. The Town Council's Plans Committee has agreed that each major planning application will be considered at an additional Plans Committee, separate from the Plans Committee which normally meets every other Wednesday morning at 9.15 am at the Town Hall, to consider the weekly schedules received from Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Fairtrade in Felixstowe

Felixstowe has been a Fairtrade Town since 2009. An important part of being a Fairtrade town is the ongoing support of many local organisations, businesses and individuals. Fairtrade Fortnight this year is from Monday 25th February to Sunday 10th March 2013. Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum (a voluntary organisation set up in 2007 to provide Fairtrade in Felixstowe) will be co-ordinating a number of events. There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd February at Trinity Methodist Church from 10 am – 12 noon where the Mayor and Mayoress of Felixstowe, Councillor Mike Deacon and Anne Deacon will be present. There will also be a competition for children and young people with full details in February's Spotlight magazine. If you want to find out more about Fairtrade, then come to Trinity Methodist Church for an information and fun evening on Wednesday 6th March at 7.30 pm. Readers may also have noticed that signs promoting awareness of the town's Fairtrade status have also been installed at the entrances to the town.

Assistive Technology

Helping people and their carers to live independently in their own home

What is it? Personal alarms have been around for over 40 years! They give people and their relatives peace-of-mind knowing that in an emergency they can let someone know that they need help. All the person has to do is press a button that they can wear either around their neck (pictured) or on their wrist. It will then either alert someone in the property (eg partner or carer) or the call will be answered by a monitoring centre 24 hours a day.

Other sensors and devices can be added including:

a pendant that automatically raises the alarm when the person falls; motion sensors which can alert if someone does not get back in to bed, for example after going to the toilet. Other sensors can also make accidents & falls less



likely by automatically lighting the room when people get out of bed; simple devices to remind someone to do something, eg "lock the door" (pictured); and there are many, many more.

How much? It is not as much as you might think! As a guide, the basic service and equipment rental costs approximately £3 per week.

Where from? There are different service providers across Suffolk and different service options. Simply contact Customer First at Suffolk Council on 0808 800 4005 or speak with your social worker, GP or Age UK for further information.

Community Oil Buying

Suffolk ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), which is an independent charitable organisation, has launched a community-based countywide oil buying syndicate which aims to save money on the costs of heating oil. Over 56,000 (or 1 in 5 households) in Suffolk are estimated to be in fuel poverty, with an average of over 400 "excess winter deaths" a year according to NHS Suffolk. With over half of the households in Suffolk not on mains gas, and many lower income families and older people currently on monthly oil top up schemes, Suffolk ACRE has set up a community oil buying group. Volunteers collate the information of those interested in participating, liaising with Suffolk ACRE who then join with other charities across England to negotiate the best price on a bulk order. Those already in the scheme have seen their costs go down, and offset the small annual fee of £20 for each household to join. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in joining the scheme, and for further information, please contact (01473) 345300, email oil@communitybuying.org.uk or go to www.communitybuying.org.uk.

Mayor's Civic Awards

Felixstowe has two major awards which celebrate the voluntary contribution made by individuals and organisations to the Felixstowe community. These are the Mayor's Awards which are open to anyone who either lives in Felixstowe or whose voluntary work is in the town and the HMS Ganges Youth Trophy which is open to any young person under 21 or organisation for young people in Felixstowe.

The awards will be presented at the prestigious Mayor's Awards evening in May. If you know of anyone who you think should receive one of these awards, please contact Celia Page at celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk or on (01394) 282086. Nominations should be received by Thursday, 28th March.

Additional Payment Facility at the Town Hall

As part of an ongoing drive to improve the service the Town Council provides, an additional payment facility has been introduced recently for the benefit of members of the public. Previously the Town Council could only accept payment by cash or cheque. Now a debit/credit card machine has been installed, allowing greater flexibility for payment should anyone so wish.

This may be of particular assistance to allotment tenants, from whom the request originated. The Town Council will also continue to accept payment by cash or cheque as normal.

Spa Pavilion

The final curtain came down on the stage of the Spa Pavilion on the 6th January. It was the last performance of the annual Pantomime and for the hundreds of children in the audience it was just the end of the show. However, for the hundreds of adults also present it was the end of an era in Felixstowe. The emotion from the cast on the stage was evident but also some positivity about the future. For the staff however, it was the end of their time with Openwide and with the Spa, and the Town Council Members would like to express their thanks and gratitude for the service and professionalism that the staff have given over the years. The Town Council will continue to monitor the ongoing situation as to the future of the Spa with the District Council, and hope that the future for the theatre will be as hoped, a positive one.

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WHEN WE MEET

The Full Council meets at 7.30pm.

Feel free to come along to our meetings to see and hear what issues we are talking about. There is a public question time at the start of each meeting so that you can let us know your views on Felixstowe issues.

Forthcoming meetings:

6th February and 3rd April 2013
at Felixstowe Town Hall

WHAT WE DO....

Some services the Town Council provides:

- Allotments • Felixstowe in Flower
- Cemetery • Broadway House and Walton Community Hall
- Felixstowe Town Hall Lettings • Youth Forum
- Civic occasions and Flood Memorial
- Grant Support to Local Organisations



• Weddings and Civil Partnerships

Enjoy your Civil Ceremony or Civil Partnership at Felixstowe Town Hall.

For further information,
please contact
celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk

Some of what we do in partnership:

- Consultation on planning applications
- Highways matters/transport issues
- Town Centre Management/Libraries
 - Safer neighbourhoods
 - Felixstowe Futures
- Twinning, Christmas Lighting
- Play area/sports facilities

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Remember ...

We want to hear your views. Please let us know by telephone or email, using the contacts shown on this page.