

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY  
2015**



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

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**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 5 February to Friday 20 February 2015**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 5 Feb				
Fri 6 Feb				
Mon 9 Feb				
Tue 10 Feb	6pm	<a href="#">Scrutiny and Overview Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>
Wed 11 Feb				
Thu 12 Feb	2pm	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Maggie Jennings</a> (agenda)
Fri 13 Feb				
Mon 16 Feb				
Tue 17 Feb				
Wed 18 Feb	10:30a m	<a href="#">Joint Development Control Committee – Cambridge</a>	Guildhall, City Council	Toni Birkin
Thu 19 Feb				
Fri 20 Feb				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**2. Opening Hours at Steeple Morden Post Office**



The Post Office have written to confirm that from 2 February 2015 Steeple Morden Post Office will be open from 9am to 1pm Monday to Saturday, and be closed on Sunday. This is a reduction in opening times as it had previously been open from 2pm to 5:30pm on Thursdays and Fridays. More details are available from: [www.postofficeviews.co.uk](http://www.postofficeviews.co.uk)  
Quote branch code: 13711399

**3. Proposed Relocation of West Wickham Post Office**



The Post Office is consulting on the proposed relocation of West Wickham Post Office from Platts Farm, High Street to West Wickham Village Hall. Public consultation ends on 17 March and if agreed the move will be implemented in May. Views can be expressed through the post office website: [www.postofficeviews.co.uk](http://www.postofficeviews.co.uk)  
Quoting branch number: 47247099

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 4. Media Monitoring



Arising from the results of the Member Communication Needs Survey, many members highlighted the fact that residents found out about SCDC matters through the media.

The Council's Communications Team will produce a weekly summary of recent news items to be published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of SCDC.

Contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

Date	Publication	Details		
28/01/2015	Cambridge News	Council tax: pay more if you wish (SCDC announcing budget mentioned)	<a href="#">P7 and online</a>	Centres on County Council with reference to South Cambs' announcement due to be made next week
28/01/2015	Heart Radio and online	Meetings To Discuss Northstowe Development	<a href="#">Link</a>	
28/01/2015	Cambridge News online	Plans for 199 homes in Melbourn put on display following public opposition	<a href="#">Link</a>	
29/01/2015	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Nick Wright interviewed about the forthcoming free business workshops alongside a previous delegate		
30/01/2015	Cambridge News	Anger at no City Deal long distance cycling	<a href="#">P6 and online</a>	
30/01/2015	Cambridge News online	What will Cambridge be like in 50 years time?	<a href="#">Link</a>	
30/01/2015	Cambridge News online	Duxford news: Grants from Duxford Advent Trust and latest from Duxford school	<a href="#">Link</a>	
31/01/2015	Daily Mail online	Former Ukip candidate who sent offensive email to mosque after ISIS beheading of US journalist and posted racial slurs on Facebook is spared jail (Stood as SCDC candidate - mentioned in story)	<a href="#">Link</a>	
31/01/2015	Cambridge News	Big hitters want city to have own 'Boris Bikes'	P5	
31/01/2015	Cambridge News	Court changes are a problem (Cllr Bridget Smith - Letter)	P14	
02/02/2015	Cambridge News	Praise for the region	P9	
02/02/2015	Cambridge News	Scrapyard investigation for 'planning breach'	P11	
03/02/2015	Cambridge News and online	Village 'won't be a fracking hotspot'	<a href="#">P6 and link</a>	
03/02/2015	Cambridge News	Flag raised for LGBT awareness	P15	

## 5. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



### Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)

The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

Friday 30 January: *Independent*: [Freedom of Information Act 10 years on: How the legislation changed journalism](#)

The *Independent* have run a feature on the FOI Act detailing “triumphs of the legislation” including the 2009 MPs expenses scandal.

Tuesday 3 February: *Telegraph*: [Red tape stops locals buying their local](#)

Residents who want to buy their local pubs, village shops and post offices face so many “obstacles” that even experienced lawyers struggle with regulations, MPs have said.

Tuesday 3 February: *Telegraph*: [Superfast broadband roll-out risks leaving rural areas behind](#)

Broadband should be considered a “fundamental right” but is so poor in rural areas that Britain risks becoming a “two-tier society”.

Tuesday 3 February: *Guardian*: [Housing policy will wreck social mix, minister warned](#)

Britain’s biggest property companies last night criticised a new government policy allowing them to avoid potentially hundreds of millions of pounds in affordable housing contributions because they fear it risks wrecking the social mix of London, it is reported.

Wednesday 4 February: *Independent*: [Housing crisis a key election issue for 38 per cent](#)

A poll for the Generation Rent campaign found nearly two-fifths of people said they would be more likely to vote for a political party which put housing in its top three priorities.

## 6. Weekly Planning List



To view the list of planning applications submitted in the past seven days, please visit the Council’s on-line [Planning Application Search](#). Once the page has loaded, select the [Planning Weekly List option](#) to see planning applications determined or registered each week for the past ten weeks, or use the [Search option](#) to set your own criteria.



The system will provide a range of information on current and decided applications since 1948, including a brief description of the development, reference number, decision and the date of decision. More recent applications show the name and telephone number of the council officer who is dealing with the application.

Search results are presented in a collection of pages, the number of which depends on the number of results your search produces. There are navigation tools to allow you to browse your results.

## EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2015



In accordance with the [Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution](#), any executive decision shall be published normally within five days of being made. That record will bear the date on which it is published and will specify that the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in for review by the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or by any five other councillors.

A list of decisions currently within the call-in period is available [on the Council's website](#).

The call in procedure is set out in full in [Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 'Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules'](#).

### 7. Elite Athlete Award Scheme

The Leader and Environmental Services Portfolio Holder **AGREED** the following grants:

- Emily Biggs, 15 year-old swimmer from Cambourne. Awarded £300
- Harry Wendelken, 13 year-old tennis player from Horseheath. Awarded £500
- Albert Pavelin, 17 year-old javelin-thrower from Ickleton. Awarded £250
- Rosannah Cormack, 23 year-old touch rugby player from Whittlesford. Awarded £500
- Sorcha Barnes, 14 year-old triathlete from Impington. Awarded £300

*These decisions were agreed on Thursday 29 January 2015 and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 5 February 2015 at 5pm. If not called-in these decisions can be implemented on Friday 6 February 2015.*

### 8. Community Chest Grants 2014/15

The Deputy Leader

**AGREED** To defer making a decision with regard to the grant request from 1<sup>st</sup> Willingham Scout Group, as more information was required on the change of grant use.

The Leader **AGREED** the following grants

Name of applicant	Project description	Type of project	Total cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Total grant awarded (£)
Fen Drayton Parish Council	Upgrade showers at pavilion	Improvements to community facilities	2,685	1,500	1,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Highfields Caldecote Scout Group	Purchase of tents	Equipment/ capital purchase	1,560	1,500	750

Girton Parish Council	Install footpath for school children	Improvements to community facilities	52,000	1,500	0
Barrington Scout Group	Purchase of tents	Equipment/ capital purchase	1,800	1,500	750
Longstanton Parish Council	Restoration of 2 Grade 2 Listed village pumps	Repairs to historic buildings/ monuments/ memorials	3,212	1,500	1,000
Over Community Association	Refurbishment of toilets	Improvements to community facilities	1,500	1,500	0
St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church	Renovation of church	Repairs to historic buildings/ monuments/ memorials	70,000	1,500	0
Longstowe Parish Council	Installation of notice boards	Equipment/ capital purchase	2,700	1,500	1,000
The Countryside Restoration Trust	Purchase of picnic benches for school visits	Equipment/ capital purchase	675	675	675
Cottenham Charities	Erect gate at allotment entrance	Equipment/ capital purchase	1,544	1,000	1,000
Weston Colville Parish Council	Install play/ exercise equipment for children & adults	Equipment/ capital purchase	11,000	1,500	1,000
Sawston Youth Group	Contribution towards annual residential	Equipment/ capital purchase	11,484	1,000	0
Gamlingay & Hatley PCC	Installation of disabled toilet in churchyard	Equipment/ capital purchase	3,700	1,500	1,000
The Gamlingay Post	IT equipment and software to produce a local newsletter	Start-up costs	14,819	1,319.44	1,000*
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>9,175</b>

\*The Leader **AGREED** that in the event of The Gamlingay Post project folding, the capital equipment purchased with the grant should be given to the parish council.

The Leader **AGREED** that the £286 remaining in the budget, should be carried forward into next year's funds.

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## 9. Community Transport Services Support Grant

The Leader **AGREED** to make the following awards to these Community Transport Operators:

Community Transport Organiser / Operator	FY 14/15 (£)	FY 15/16 (£)
CareNetwork	215	4,835
HACT	1,388	
The Voluntary Network / 3CT	2,023	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,626</b>	<b>4,835</b>

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## DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

Please click on the link below to find details of decisions made by officers under delegated authority:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/access-information>

## OTHER INFORMATION

### 10. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



#### Agendas

- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 10 Feb](#)

#### Decisions

- [Elite Athlete Award Scheme](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board 28 Jan](#)
- [Employment Committee 29 Jan](#)
- [Leader's Portfolio Meeting 29 Jan](#)
- [Council 29 January](#)

#### Plans

- [Cabinet Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

**11. SCDC Starters and Leavers**



**Staff who have moved jobs**

Name: Colin Chalmers  
Old job title: Junior Infrastructure Support Officer  
New job title: ICT Service Desk Co-ordinator  
Date moved: 1 February 2015

Name: Ryan Coetsee  
Old job title: Customer Service Assistant  
New job title: Benefits Assessment Officer  
Date moved: 1 February 2015



**Staff who have left/will be leaving**

Name: Russell Watkins  
Job title: Environmental Health Officer  
Date left: 26 March 2015

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