

## **Calshot Association - Special Executive Committee Meeting 28 July 2015**

Present; B Grice (Chair), Tony Lightening (Caravan and camping club), Bob Rhodes (Exec member/Calshot Youth Ski Club), Jon Popkiss (Exec member/Windsurfing club), Gary Hughes (Calshot Cats) Kaas Vanden Bosch (Exec member), Di Roblett (National Coast Watch), Muriel Ellard (Calshot Angling Club)

E Ryan: Centre Director, Calshot Activities Centre, HCC

D Gunter: Customer Service & Bookings Manager, Calshot Activities Centre, HCC

C Coy: Business Support Manager, Hampshire Outdoor Centres, HCC

The special meeting of the Executive committee was requested by Dave Gunter to inform and discuss the proposed Calshot Activities Centre Off street Parking Order. There were no other agenda items.

Following introductions and apologies, it was noted that this would be Dave Gunter's last meeting as Association Secretary as he is leaving the Council at the end of August. The Chair, on behalf of the Association thanked Dave for his many years of support.

The Chair handed the meeting over to Dave Gunter (DG) to introduce the Off street Parking Order (OPO) proposal for Calshot Activities Centre.

Papers distributed to members present were;

The draft HCC decision report regarding the OPO proposal (an updated version of the report circulated to cite members in July 15)

The proposed order notification

A site map of Calshot Activities Centre

DG spoke to the report, and in summary advised;

- The proposed OPO is not a mechanism to change the parking charges / restrictions / concessions currently in place at CAC, its purpose is to enable CAC to legally enforce parking charges through fines (as highlighted in item 4.2 (page 3) of the report)
- Resulting fines (net of costs) will contribute to safer car park and traffic / pedestrian management requirements. Two recent traffic incidents were highlighted by Enda Ryan (ER), and one by Burt Grice (BG) as examples of the urgent need for safer traffic management provisions.
- Informal and formal consultation processes are required for HCC proposals of this nature. The draft HCC decision report sets out the formal consultation period.

- The Calshot Association Committee as a primary stakeholder are asked to discuss the proposals as part of the informal consultation process prior to report submission on 14 August 2015.

DG then asked for questions from the floor and a healthy discussion ensued, including the following questions;

Q: Will parking fine income be attributed to Calshot?

A: The net income will be attributed to HCC Calshot Activities Centre to support ongoing repairs and maintenance of the car park and site.

Q: Would a car park attendant negate the need for the order / fines as they would check incoming traffic?

A: The OPO proposals are part of a wider service plan to improve parking arrangements. The cost of car park attendants (more than one would be needed to cover site opening times) would outweigh any benefit. Other improvements currently being explored are APNR systems (automatic plate number recognition), rumble strips, solar slow down warning signs.

Q: Will additional monitoring be introduced to check whether people have paid the correct parking charges?

A: All CAC staff will be empowered to check parking payments and act in the event of non compliance.

Q: How will the OPO affect Calshot Association members?

A: The OPO will not affect members who have paid to park as part of their membership and are displaying the correct parking permit.

Q: What affect does the OPO have on the Camping / Caravan field?

A: The field is a parking area. The OPO proposal does not make any recommendations / proposals regarding the agreement in place with the Association / Camping & Caravan club.

Q: Can Camping & Caravan members book a specific pitch on the field?

A: No, there are a maximum number of spaces available on the site, but specific pitches can not be booked.

Q: What times of day are parking charges applicable? What about anglers who come here late evenings etc.?

A: Parking charges are in force 24 hours a day. Anglers who are not members of the Association will be required to pay to park their vehicle when visit the site. CAC may consider introducing evening parking rates at a future date.

Q: What charges apply to evening activity users?

A: Customers who visit the centre and pay for supervised activity sessions with CAC instructors do not pay additional parking fees. Customers who visit the site, but do not pay for a supervised CAC activity (eg to frequent the café / bar) are required to pay the correct parking fee.

Q: Will parking charges apply to customers visiting 24/7 Board sports shop?

A: The terms of the lease between CAC and 24/7 Board sports remain in place.

A number of questions relating to the current parking / launching charges were raised, however DG reiterated that the OPO proposal will not change the status quo, its sole purpose is to enable CAC to legally enforce penalty charges on those who do not pay the required parking fees when visiting the site / using the facilities.

DG advised that the OPO notification would be displayed next to the parking meters on site from 29.7.15, and asked whether the Calshot Association supported the proposal to introduce an off street parking order for Calshot Activities Centre.

There was general consensus around the table, and the Chair of the Association confirmed their agreement with and support to the proposal.

The Committee also confirmed that the current provision of 3 hours free parking afforded to Blue Badge holders was an acceptable dispensation, and did not need to be changed.

As there was no other business, the special meeting closed at 7.50pm