

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Council meeting**

As Parishes will be aware the Site Allocations Document was due to be adopted at a Special Council on Tuesday (19 June) and is the culmination of a lot of hard work. However it had to be deferred for a few weeks as a result of a recent Court case that has now changed the interpretation of the law requiring an additional piece of ecology work to be carried out. This is now being done and we will be adopting as soon as possible.

- **SRFI (Strategic Rail Freight Interchange)**

We understand that the application for the proposed SRFI at Gailey is likely to be made in the next week or so to the Planning Inspectorate. This is ultimately to be determined by the Secretary of State and details can be seen [here](#). It will then be for the Planning Inspectorate to decide if they can accept the application, which they will do within 28 days of receipt and if accepted they will then organise an initial meeting of the examining authority to agree the timetable for dealing with the application, this meeting is likely to take place in early Autumn.

- **Fake letter**

We are aware that an enforcement letter addressed to a Penkridge resident purporting to be from the Council relating to the flying of the St George's Flag has been circulated on social media today. We have responded to this on both Twitter and Facebook with the following statement.

We understand that a letter purporting to come from the Council has been circulated indicating that the Council has asked residents to take down St George's flags. This is not true, this is a fake letter. Please ignore the letter if you see it or receive it.

- **Arrests Made**

On Thursday 14 June 2 males were arrested outside of Moat Hall Primary School in Great Wyrley for drug dealing. A quantity of cannabis, cash and phones were seized. Both individuals have been released under investigation.

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On Friday 15 June a warrant was executed in Arps Road Codsall and a 48 yr. old male was arrested on suspicion of intent to supply cocaine. He was later released under investigation. A quantity of cocaine and substantial cash was recovered from the address.

Both of these arrests were as a result of local intelligence being provided.

- **Alert: Business Break-ins in South Staffordshire**

A number of reports where leisure clubs have been targeted in the south of the County. Incidents have taken place over the last few weeks overnight in South Staffordshire and Lichfield areas. Leisure and social clubs are being targeted for cash from gaming machines, tills, safes and other available locations. Offenders are forcing their way in mainly via fire doors. Please remain vigilant and ensure these vulnerable locations are secured and any potential CCTV opportunities are maximised. Regular banking of taking will minimise losses. Please call the Police on 101 with any information, or 999 in an emergency or if a crime is taking place.

- **Music in the park**

Enjoy music at the bandstand at Baggeridge Country Park with the Compton Hospice Choir on Saturday 30 June 2018 from 3pm to 6pm. Free admission. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Do you need assistance with your digital skills?**

The next 'Tea & teach' session will be held on Thursday 28 June 2018 from 2pm to 4pm at the Council Offices in Codsall. Book your place today and pop along to get assistance with your digital devices. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Community Lottery - June bonanza super draw**

The South Staffordshire Community Lottery will be having a DOUBLE super draw during June with two fantastic prizes to give away on Saturday 30 June 2018, thanks to Weston Park and Wolverhampton Speedway. You could win a family ticket to a Wolverhampton Speedway Meet or a family annual pass to Weston Park. Sign up to the lottery to be in with a chance of winning and play today for as little as £1 a week. Click [here](#) to buy a ticket or telephone 01902 213777. Lottery super draw.

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Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following meetings are scheduled:

- Tuesday, 26 June at 4.00 pm – Audit and Risk Committee – Bill Brownhill Room
- Tuesday, 26 June at 7.00 pm – Full Council – Council Chamber