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NOTICE OF MEETING

MEETING: Community and Environment Committee

LOCATION: The Darby Green Centre

DATE & TIME: Monday 20th July 2026 at 6:30pm

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting. Please inform the Town Clerk if you cannot attend. This is a meeting in public. If you would like to attend and have any special requirements e.g. access or a copy of the agenda in another format, e.g. large print, please contact us agendas and minutes are available at www.yateley-tc.gov.uk

Town Clerk 15/07/2026

AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive declarations of interest for any item on the agenda
3.	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 st June 2026
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION An opportunity for members of the public to make representations, ask questions, or raise matters relating to items on the agenda (the session will not exceed 15 minutes)
5.	RECYCLING BANKS AT MONTEAGLE CENTRE CAR PARK- To consider their removal due to misuse
6.	DARBY GREEN CENTRE PROPOSED CONSULTATION- To agree to conduct a consultation on the future use and requirements of the building.
7.	SOLAR PANELS AND INFRARED HEATERS FOR MONTEAGLE COMMUNITY CENTRE- To approve the allocation of funds for the installation of solar panels and infrared heaters to the Monteagle Community Centre.
8.	TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW- To review the Council's Tree Management Policy

5. RECYCLING BANKS AT MONTEAGLE CENTRE CAR PARK

Incidents of fly-tipping at the textile recycling banks in the Monteaale Centre car park are becoming increasingly frequent, with waste being dumped on at least a weekly basis and in growing quantities. PGSD are currently asked to clear this waste, which is then placed in the Council's skip at the cemetery compound. This diverts PGSD from other contracted tasks and is resulting in increasing costs to the Council due to the need for additional skips.

We are receiving complaints from residents that the area constantly looks unsightly.

Textiles be taken to the local Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centre in Hartley Wintney as an alternative.

RECOMMENDATION

To request that the re-cycling banks be removed from the car-park.



6. DARBY GREEN CENTRE PROPOSED CONSULTATION

Following the Committee's site visit, it is recommended that members agree to consult users and the wider community on the future use and requirements of the Darby Green Centre. The consultation will help inform the Council's future spending plans and support any potential funding applications.

It is recommended that the Council's officers draft the consultation and convene a meeting of the working group to approve the final draft.

7. SOLAR PANELS AND INFRARED HEATERS FOR MONTEAGLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Background: As part of the Council's commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030, and following a successful application to the Hart District Council Climate Change Community Grant Scheme, Members are asked to consider the installation of solar panels, battery storage and infrared heaters at Monteagle Community Centre. The project will improve the building's energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions, lower electricity costs and support the Council's wider climate objectives.

Quotations were obtained for the project in accordance with the Council's procurement requirements. The Hart District Council Climate Change Community Grant application was submitted using the two lowest quotations.

The Council has been awarded a **£4,500 grant** from Hart District Council towards the project costs.

The proposed works comprise:

- **Solar panel installation by Brit Solar (British Solar Power)**, including six 500W solar panels, a FOX hybrid inverter and 5.18kWh battery storage, with an estimated annual generation of 2,840kWh. Brit Solar previously installed the solar panel systems at the Council Offices and The Tythings Community Centre. The quotation total is **£6,700**.
- **Infrared heater installation by JTC Electrical**, comprising 24 ceiling-mounted infrared heaters, Wi-Fi controls and removal of the existing heaters. The quotation total is **£5,820 (excluding VAT)**. The new system will allow heating to be remotely controlled and programmed around bookings, reducing energy waste and improving user comfort.

The total project cost is **£12,580**. The Council had previously allocated **£12,700** within the approved budget for this project before the outcome of the grant application was known.

Following the award of the **£4,500 Hart District Council Climate Change Community Grant**, the net cost to the Council will be approximately **£8,080**, resulting in a saving against the approved budget provision

The project is expected to reduce electricity consumption, generate renewable energy onsite, reduce carbon emissions and move Monteagle Community Centre closer to becoming a net-zero community building.

Members are requested to:

1. Note the award of £4,500 from the Hart District Council Climate Change Community Grant Scheme.
2. Approve the appointment of Brit Solar to undertake the solar panel installation.
3. Approve the appointment of JTC Electrical to undertake the infrared heater installation.
4. Approve expenditure of approximately £12,580, to be funded from the approved budget allocation and grant funding.

Recommendation: *That Yateley Town Council approves the installation of solar panels, battery storage and infrared heaters at Monteagle Community Centre; appoints Brit Solar to undertake the solar panel installation and JTC Electrical to undertake the infrared heater installation; and approves expenditure of £12,580, noting that £4,500 will be funded through the Hart District Council Climate Change Community Grant and the remaining £8,080 will be funded from the Council's approved budget provision.*

8. TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

Members are asked to review the council's Tree Management Policy; The policy is reviewed internally by the Committee annually and externally by a consultant every five years.

There are no recommended amendments.