

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
5TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

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AGENDA ITEM 9.1. SEVERN PARK SLIPWAY

AIM

1. To review the use of the slipway in Severn Park for commercial paddle craft companies.
2. To approve the suggested permit scheme and decide on an appropriate annual fee.

BACKGROUND

3. A number of canoe/kayak companies currently use the slipway accessed through Severn Park as the start or end of paid for river trips.

DISCUSSION/ COMMENT

4. The Town Council does not charge for this service, regulate the use of the Slipway, or collect details of those companies who regularly use it.
5. The Town Council is responsible for the maintenance of the slipway and has had repairs done in recent years to ensure its safety and usability.
6. In order to continue with maintenance of the slipway for years to come, further income could be generated by charging commercial companies for use of the slipway.
7. By using a permit style scheme, the Town Council can regulate how many companies are using the slipway and ensure they have the correct and up to date safety information and insurances.
8. There are approximately five companies who currently run trips to or from the Severn Park Slipway. They are Shire Canoes, Canoe UK, River Severn Canoes, Ultimate Activity Company, and Hire a Canoe.
9. Attached is a draft of the Slipway agreement.
10. Alongside the maintenance of the slipway, it should also be kept in mind that the use by commercial companies will similarly affect the access road, Severn Park Gates, height barrier, riverbanks, and verges.
11. Although the previous repairs for the slipway were paid for via grant funding, there is no guarantee this will be the case again in the future. Therefore, the small amount of income generated by the permit scheme would be put towards any future repairs.

RECOMMENDATION(s)

12. It is recommended that the Town Council RESOLVES:

To approve the Slipway permit scheme and decide on an appropriate annual fee.

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