

THE DOWNS COMMITTEE

Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861

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To : All Members of the
Downs Committee

The Lord Mayor and 6 City Councillors

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor (Colin Smith)
Glenis Morgan (LD) Simon Cook (LD)
Sylvia Townsend (LD) Brenda Hugill (L)
John Goulandris (C) Ron Stone (L)

The Master and 6 Merchant Venturers

Giles Clarke (Master)
Francis Greenacre Alan Tasker
Anthony Brown Tom Hood
Davis Marsh Peter Rilett

Dear Member,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Downs Committee to be held at 4.30 pm on Monday 31st January 2011 at The Council House, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR.

Please note that the Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge will be exhibiting their work for half an hour before and after the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf and the supporting documents are attached.

Yours sincerely,



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PUBLIC INFORMATION SHEET

The attention of the public is drawn to the sheet at the back of the agenda giving information on the emergency evacuation procedures, attending meetings and inspecting reports and background papers.

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd NOVEMBER 2010

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- to be confirmed as a correct record.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

- to consider items of public forum sent to the Downs Committee. Interested parties can submit a written statement of approximately one side of A4 to the Downs Committee by sending it to the Democratic Services Officer no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 28th January 2011 on the contact information below.

4. REPORT OF THE DOWNS RANGER *(Page 19)*

- to update the committee on works and developments carried out since the last meeting.

5. AVON GORGE AND DOWNS WILDLIFE PROJECT (AGDWP) - FUNDING OF EDUCATION PROGRAMME *(Page 25)*

- to approve funding of £5,924 for the employment of a part-time seasonal education officer for summer 2011.

6. DELEGATED AND UPCOMING EVENTS PROPOSED ON THE DOWNS *(Page 41)*

- to note the events and filming that have taken place between Committee meetings under Delegated Powers

- to note proposed future events between Committee meetings

7. GREATER BRISTOL BUS NETWORK (GBBN) PROPOSALS FOR BLACKBOY HILL (Page 47)

- to approve the submission of the proposed exchange of common land paperwork for Secretary of State approval (net gain of 620m² Downs/common land)

8. FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2010/11 (Page 67)

- to note the likely financial position for 2010/11

9. PROPOSED GIFTING OF ASSETS OF CLIFTON DOWN CHARITABLE TRUST (Page 73)

- to note the current position with regards to the proposal by Clifton Down Charitable Trust to gift two areas of land on the edge of Clifton Down bordering the Portway to Bristol City Council.

10. DOWNS 150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS (Page 77)

- to receive an update on plans for celebrating 150 years of the Downs Act

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is 11th April 2011 at 4.30pm at the Council House

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Public Information Sheet

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Public Forum

Members of the public may submit a **statement** provided that it is arrives with the Democratic Services Officer no later than **12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting starts**. If the meeting is on a Monday then your submission will need to be with us by 12.00 noon latest on the preceding Friday.

The Chair of the meeting has discretion to consider statements in an appropriate order (ie not necessarily in order of receipt). The meeting may enter a dialogue with members of the public **during the public forum** if appropriate.

Please note that by participating in public forum business, it will be assumed that your consent is given to the recording in the minutes of the meeting of your name and the details of your submission. A copy of your full written submission will also be included with the agenda papers for the meeting which are placed in the official minute book (the public record) and will also be included on the Council's web site with the other documents for the meeting concerned.

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