

Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr Derrick

"That Whitby Town Council adds its support to the initiative of a Whitby Aire at a specially designated parking area on the Council Abbey Headland carpark, during the period November to March, when parking is free"

Background

The support would be in the form of a letter to SBC who are due to discuss the matter themselves.

I think the idea shows that we are willing to take on creative ideas to support local business in these Covid times as well as a willing to take on a collaborative approach with SBC and local campaigners for the good of the town.

The initial idea was first raised by former Borough and Town Councillor Sandra Turner. Also in a recent press release SBC's Conservative Opposition Group offered its support

The Conservative Group on Scarborough Borough Council today call for support for a proposal put forward by former Councillor Sandra Turner to extend the season in Whitby by allowing motor homes to use the Abbey Headland car park during the winter months. There are toilet and water facilities on the site already and a nominal charge could be levied. There are at least 250,000 motor homes registered in the UK and they are an important part of the tourism industry with disposable income that could be usefully spent in Whitby. Leader of the Conservative Group on Scarborough Borough Council Cllr Derek Bastiman said:

"We welcome good ideas wherever they come from in the spirit of cooperation and in the best interest of all the businesses in Whitby and the surrounding areas. We would hope that other similar initiatives could be explored throughout the Borough to extend the season and promote the local economy and employment which has suffered drastically in this crisis. If our economy is to recover we need the skills of all local business and community leaders to be recognised and used by the current administration in the Town Hall."