



**NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT DCC OFFICES GREAT MOOR HOUSE, MON 25 SEPT 2023  
PAY AND DISPLAY FOR SALCOMBE**

Present;  
Chris Rook DCC  
Pippa Gray DCC  
Cty. Cllr R Gilbert DCC  
Cllr C Milton  
Cllr J Denny  
Cllr A Reed

The meeting was held as a fact finding exercise so that working group members could report back to Council and progress discussions with the working group regarding the DCC proposal to install pay and display meters in Salcombe.

Policy for installation has been agreed by DCC Cabinet. It was not called in for scrutiny and from an engineering point of view it is sensible and cost-effective. DCC, believe it is completely lawful to roll this out throughout Devon as planned. They do not need an academic study, it is well used tool exemplified in many towns. They would not do it if they felt it was harmful. Even if a community says no, it will go ahead. It will be implemented and there are not sufficient reasons to refuse. They want the best for Salcombe and want to work with the community to deliver this.

DCC see the benefits as;  
Better enforcement.  
Achieving availability of parking. They see a free period as important.  
Reduced congestion.  
Managing safety by enforcement.

If we agree to increasing spaces in additional areas, they accept that there should be some extra benefits for the community. It is unlikely that this would be financial as there is no policy in Devon to do this, but surplus funds could be used for short falls in funding occurring for;  
Maintenance adjacent to the highway e.g. grass cutting.  
Traffic management  
Speed limits.  
Public transport  
Potentially to supplement the park-and-ride service.

We have been asked to compose a letter to strike a deal for some degree of hypothecation (sharing of assets of value in one way or another.)

Some degree of recognition for providing opportunities of increased income will be put to the leader of DCC and the Cabinet leader. We will be backed by Rufus Gilbert, who will champion our bid.

DCC recognise parking in Salcombe is dire and so help may be considered in front of other towns.

There is no proposal for SHDC to take over enforcement on roads. It is "highly, highly unlikely". There are eight district councils in Devon, so Devon has a much larger say in this matter.



### Appendix 3

Extra revenue created out of pay-and-display will go towards keeping what is already going. E.g. buses because no additional funding is available to offset cuts and inflation. The first call is therefore to sustain what exists.

Enforcement will be resourced the same, but we would see more frequency but less time. Coverage will be quicker and much more efficient. They will be able to monitor complaints more efficiently and communities will be encouraged to complete web-based complaint forms online which will all be responded to.

Across Devon 50% of parking payments are made by RingGo (80% in student areas or city centres). It is likely that in five years' time there will be no physical meters. The aim is to have less street clutter.

Machineless from the outset could be entertained. A study of mobile telephone signals would have to be carried out. This would, of course save County money, not just for meters, but some build out pavement areas in narrow areas. Some further hypothecation could be looked into if Salcombe wanted this, especially in the conservation area.

There is still time to develop the final details of timings, seasonal changes, free periods and tariffs, but they would like to work with communities on this. Currently a like for like swap over is what is proposed.

Residents parking areas was discussed. These are looked at only by demand from residents. DCC are up to their eyeballs on this; demand exceeds budget and resources. It is unlikely to succeed in Salcombe because the whole town would need consideration and this is just not feasible. Currently residents permits are one per household (who pay council tax) and only for one vehicle registration number. Permits are paid for and there is no guarantee of a space. There is also a guest house permit available for properties taxed as a business.

Trade permits are available for residents parking bays and limited waiting areas. They will not be available for pay and display areas or yellow lines. This is a Devon wide scheme and contractors pay for each vehicle registered. They can park as long as long as they like while undertaking work.

Parking fines are in two tariff bands with charges set out nationally; The lower tariff is for areas such as over staying in pay-and-display bays or limited waiting bays. The fine is £50 reduced to £25 if paid in 14 days. The higher tariff is for infringements on double yellow lines or junctions which constitute a hazard to road safety. The fine is £70 reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days.

So far as our park-and-ride is concerned, DCC take 20% of income from tickets and all enforcement money. 20% is much lower than other car park agencies. There is scope for permits for school drop-offs and others. Currently there are no uptakes for permits for the pay-and-display carpark.

It should be recognised that changes subject to Traffic Order Changes cost about £3000-£5000. DCC find it difficult to fund such changes, and allocate resources. It is hard to get things changed. DCC stipulated that the cost of a TO would need to be met by STC if we wanted to change anything for our benefit. E.g. adding more permits for Bonfire Hill.

26 Sept 2023  
Report by Cllr A Reed