

Minutes of the Town Improvements Committee meeting held on Thursday 10 January 2013 at 7pm in the Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham on Sea.

Present Cllr Clarke (Chairman), Cllr Davey, Cllr Jones, Cllr Ms Lawson, Cllr Young and Cllr Smout.
Mrs E Shaw – Town Clerk, Mrs L Brewer – Admin Assistant

01/13/TIC Apologies and Declarations of Interest
Apologies were received accepted from:

- Cllr Miller (Work)
- Cllr Mrs Burge (unwell)
- Cllr Nicholls (unwell)

There were no declarations of interest.

02/13/TIC Testing of Lighting Columns on the South Esplanade

- The Clerk reported that the testing of the columns to take the decorative lighting on the South Esplanade would cost £1,750.00. There were currently no plans to re-install the decorative lighting on the North Esplanade because of unresolved problems with the foundations on these columns (the responsibility of Somerset County Council).
- Sedgemoor District Council had now decided to trial the new LED lighting on the South Esplanade without the colour RED, which could confuse shipping. The Head of Somerset County Council Highways lighting had agreed that if and when a trial took place, he would arrange for this to be inspected to ascertain whether similar lighting would be suitable for the North Esplanade.
- Sedgemoor District Council had confirmed that to trial LED light bulbs on 3 columns would cost £420. If this was successful the cost of installing this on all the columns on the South Esplanade would be £3,150.
- Cllr Young was concerned that this cost was rather high and offered to find a cheaper option. Cllr Smout suggested he contacted both Tom Dougall at Sedgemoor District Council and the harbourmaster to ascertain which would be the most suitable colours to use, and also give his suggestions as to how this trial could be undertaken at a lower cost.
- In the interim Cllr Clarke proposed that £3,500.00 be put into budget for this project for 2013/14, and that any underspend for 2012/13 be carried forward in earmarked reserves. This was seconded by Cllr Davey, and agreed unanimously.

03/13/TIC Dog Bins
A resident of Highbridge had requested two new dog waste bins to be located at each end of the footpath, which runs alongside the river at Highbridge Quay. Members considered this, on top of the cost of providing the bin, each bin would cost £300 per year to be serviced.

Cllr Davey proposed one bin be located in the middle of the footpath, seconded by Cllr Ms Lawson. Members voted 5 in favour with one abstention.

04/13/TIC Speed Indicator Devices

Members were pleased that the "SID"s no longer had to be funded by the Town Council and were happy for the three locations to be retained, Stoddens Road, Marine Drive and Berrow Road. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to Inspector Tolley to ask is felt that these were the best locations for these, or if he knew of any locations where they would be better utilised.

05/13/TIC Draft Budget for this Committee for 2013/14

Members considered the budget and NOTED the following:

- The Sea Swim moved to a grants budget in Policy & Finance Committee.
- The running of Highbridge Clock moved to Property Committee budget.
- £1,500 for Burnham History Trail.
- Vehicle Insurance had been paid for in advance.

Members AGREED the draft budget be accepted, and that the proposed figures be included in the first whole budget draft to be presented to the Policy & finance Committee at its meeting on 21 January 2013.

06/13/TIC Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will be held on Wednesday 27 January 2013.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.55hrs.