

Minutes of the Town Improvements Committee meeting held on Wednesday 27 February 2013 at 7pm in the Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham on Sea.

Present Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Davey, Cllr Jones, Cllr Ms Lawson, Cllr Mrs Burge and Cllr Smout.
Mrs E Shaw – Town Clerk, Mrs L Brewer – Admin Assistant

07/13/TIC Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received accepted from:

- Cllr Clarke (Work)

There were no declarations of interest.

Cllrs Miller and Young were not present at the meeting.

08/13/TIC Presentation from Ian Jefferies on 'Bike Nights'

Ian Jefferies reported to members that a group of 'Bikers' approx. 30, which currently met on a Tuesday evening at TA8's café, Pier Street would be arranging a meeting on a much larger scale – approx. 200 – 300 motorbikes.

- They had asked about riding along the Esplanade as there would be no parking regulations in force between 6-9pm.
- Ian had however encouraged them instead to park in the car park at Morrisons store, so as not to disturb residents on the Esplanade. It was anticipated that they would arrive in twos and threes, not all at once.
- If the bikers wanted to have stalls on bike nights, they would pay a fee to Sedgemoor District Council to do so.
- The Lions Club would be marshalling the events, and making an entrance fee of £1 per bike, with 70% of the proceeds being distributed to local charities.
- The balance (30%) would be given to the Dylan Cecil Trust fund, being set up to provide holidays for disadvantaged families from Kettering.
- The Police had been informed, they were not concerned as long as the law was not broken and the meetings were held in a controlled manner.
- If complaints were received, these could be dealt with by the Environmental Health team at SDC if it related to noise nuisance, or the police did have powers to issue a dispersal order in the case of serious complaints.
- The Meetings would be held every Tuesday evening from May 7 to August 27 2013.

Members agreed that they had no objections to these events, but that the Clerk should keep the committee informed about any complaints received. In the first instance Town Council staff would be advised to forward complaints to Sgt Kennett.

Mr Jefferies also presented to members a calendar of events he had produced for the 2013 season on the seafront and throughout the towns. Also a coach driver map/guide of Burnham-on-Sea to show where the drivers could be served a free meal, to encourage coaches into the town.

Members thanked Ian for the information he had provided and for the work he was doing to promote the towns, through his employment at BiARS.

09/13/TIC Town Centre Improvements (Tesco 106 funding)

The Chairman of Council reported that he had presented the town centre improvement recommendations for the Tesco 106 funding to Sedgemoor District Council's Executive on Wednesday 27 February 2013.

In principle Sedgemoor District Council had AGREED the suggestions and Mr Bamsey would arrange a meeting with Teresa Harvey and Chairman of Council to clarify points raised by Cllr Smout. (details to be provided to all members at full Council meeting on 4 March). In essence it seemed that SDC was expecting the Town Council to take all the projects forward, and would make payment against a monthly invoice for work undertaken.

10/13/TIC

Town Centre Parking

Cllr Smout reported that he had a successful meeting with Chris Betty from Somerset Highways on the afternoon of 26 February in order to look at finalising the recommendations from the Town Improvements Committee regarding town centre parking arrangements, with a view to advertising a Traffic Regulation Order to implement these. This included re-looking at loading bays and disabled parking to ensure that signage was clear. It was anticipated that once the TRO had been advertised, and provided that no objections were received, it was likely that there would be an additional 8/10 parking bays for one hour only to enable residents to park for a short time in order to shop in the town centre, thereby increasing the footfall in the town centre.

11/13/TIC

You Are Here Boards

Arien signs would be providing the alterations for the sign to be turned around on the Esplanade (next to the Pavilion) and for the new sign to be situated on the BiARS building. £750 was in budget for this. Judith Champion had given permission for the art work to be used again. Cllr Nicholls proposed this be done, seconded by Cllr Davey all members AGREED that the Clerk should have delegated authority to progress this.

Welcome Boards

The Welcome boards at Queen's Drive and the Huntspill Road would be replaced with the new art work with an additional sign at the Berrow Triangle on the grass verge by the triangle car park. The Clerk would need to apply for a 'street furniture' licence for this one. The Clerk would obtain estimates for this and report back to a future meeting.

Coloured Lighting for the South Esplanade

No progress had taken place on the investigation of a cheaper/alternative option. Cllr Smout therefore proposed the Clerk go ahead to instruct Sedgemoor District Council to progress the trial of three coloured lights on the South Esplanade as previously planned, seconded by Cllr Mrs Burge, members AGREED.

12/13/TIC

Matters for next meeting

- Dog Bins/Wardens
- Christmas Light Competition
- Civic Awards Nominations (Closing date 28 March 2013)

13/13/TIC

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will be held on Wednesday 17 April 2013.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30hrs.