

**Minutes of the Town Projects Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7pm in the Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea.**

Present: Cllr Ms Lawson (Deputy -Chairman), Cllr Burridge-Clayton, Cllr Cox, Cllr Tolley, Mrs D Emery – Town Clerk, Mrs L Williams – Deputy Town Clerk,

18/16TPC Apologies and Declarations of Interest: Cllr Young (work), Cllr Mrs Ripley (unwell), Cllr Parkes (unwell)  
There were no declarations of interest

The Chairman invited Becky Hewlitt to present to members a proposal for an Arts Project:

- A voluntary organisation engaging local residents in Street Art
- Project name – Burnham-on-Sea Spray
- Art, Music & Drama festival on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> August
- 30+ artists to create & display work in Marine gardens, Tuckers garage hoardings, and/or along the seafront
- stage & live music – promoted through Heart FM & social media
- workshops in schools
- require £2,000 from the Town Council to enable the group to purchase boards (8'x4) and cover insurance costs
- aim to make it an annual event by applying to Arts Council
- Art boards used would be needed in following years

The Clerk informed members that this was the sort of Project that the Committee could consider for the town and financially support, and advised that there was money in £10K in Earmarked Reserves that could be used but would have to go as a recommendation to Council.

**RECOMMENDATION** - Cllr Burridge-Clayton PROPOSED, Cllr Tolley seconded and all agreed that £2,000 should be used from Earmarked Reserves to support this exciting project

Public speaking Time

Members NOTED the comments from Mr Alex Turco, who spoke as newly elected Vice-Chairman of the Burnham Chamber of Trade

- He thanked members on three counts:
  - For their lobbying on the parking charges
  - Their continued efforts in trying to sort the dangerous ATM in the High St.
  - Arranging for the re-painting of the tree guards & planter in the High St.
- Would like to see the following matters that had previously been identified, addressed:
  - LED lights at the junction of Victoria St. and Manor Road & outside Chatterbox are still not working
  - Banner Stands – to get the problem fixed as soon as possible to enhance the overall planned effect to the High St.
  - Pavement gratings – some are very loose or have large gaps
- There are 3 problem sites in the Town:
  - Tuckers garage site – planning permission expires in 18 months
  - Job Centre – lease expires in 2 years
  - Morrisons

The Chamber of Trade would sincerely like to work with the Town Council to alleviate the negativity of these sites.

The Clerk informed members that the ATM was due to be repaired next week and that she had managed to obtain the contact details for Cardtronics and that with the support of Sedgemoor the matter should be resolved.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was to contact Andrew Turner – SCC Highways to discuss a way forward regarding the metal grills in the High St. The Clerk suggested that there was money available in the Tesco budget for this work to be done. Photos are to be taken of the offending grills.

19/16/TPC Welcome Signs

Members received the report from the Clerk and considered replacing the art work on the sign in Highbridge.

There was discussion regarding what graphics should be used to depict Highbridge's heritage.

**ACTION:** Members asked the Clerk to prepare a report for the next meeting, including suggestions and costs for this sign

20/16/TPC Floral Displays

Members considered the Clerks report. Members were reminded that there was money in budget for floral enhancements for both Towns.

**ACTION:** The Clerk was asked to coordinate with Sedgemoor to see what else could be provided e.g. additional grass cuts

21/16/TPC Loading bays on the Esplanade

Members considered the email from County Roads regarding loading bays on the Esplanade.

Cllr Burridge-Clayton asked the Chamber of Trade their views on this matter and both agreed that the only consideration would be to have a loading bay on the Esplanade seaside, but this would create more issues than it would solve therefore would defer to the recommendations of SCC Highways.

**ACTION:** Members suggested a site visit before submitting a response to the traffic Engineer – to be arranged between Cllr Burridge- Clayton & Cllr Ms Lawson.

22/16/TPC Date of next meeting

Members NOTED the date of the next meeting of the Committee would be Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:10 hrs