



Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Town Council

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Town Projects Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea

Present: Cllrs: Michael Clarke (Chair), Peter Clayton, Phil Harvey, Janet Keen, Nick Tolley and Victoria Weavell

In attendance: Tatiana Cant: Town Clerk, Lorna Williams: Deputy Clerk, 2 members of the public, 1 representative from the press

33/18/TPC Apologies and Declarations of Interest:
Apologies were received and accepted from:

- Cllr Martin Cox (health)

Cllr Lawson was not present at the meeting.

34/18/TPC Action List
Members NOTED the progress on the Action List.

Action 14/18/TPC – *Request consultation with SDC re designation of town centre areas.* This action has been superseded as the maps have been included in the Neighbourhood Plan (pages 13 and 35)

Cllr Clayton tabled a detailed High Street Faults report. The Clerk will pass the listed items onto the appropriate council – either District or County.

The Clerk informed members that she had had a meeting with neighbouring clerks the previous week and had discussed the possibility of other parishes providing support to ensure that the Highbridge Library remains open. The Brent Knoll Clerk would include this on the next meeting's agenda. Unfortunately, clerks from East and West Huntspill had not attended the meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk to ask East Huntspill and West Huntspill if they would like to make a financial contribution to maintaining the Highbridge Library.

35/18/TPC Junior Civic Awards

Cllr Nick Tolley delivered a detailed proposal on introducing these awards to the Towns, including:

- 4 award winners, with 1 overall winner
- Sponsorship had been secured from businesses to pay for the event, awards and prizes. The Town Council would not need to make any financial contribution.

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- It was important to establish the event on a sound footing to ensure future continuity
- The pre-event panel would include the main sponsor, councillors and others
- Each winner would receive a badge, certificate and a prize appropriate to their age
- The criteria for those nominated; they must live in Burnham or Highbridge and aged between 4 and 16
- Application forms would be available very soon and would be published on the web site and various places around the towns, including the Council Office
- Suggest a wooden board of honour be installed in the Council building

The first event would be held in King Alfred School Theatre and Hall one Sunday in December – date to be confirmed.

Members all agreed that they thought this was an excellent proposal and a positive way to recognise community achievements by our young people.

36/18/TPC 2018 Firework Display

Members AGREED that this event should take place this year.

37/18/TPC Footfall Statistics

Members NOTED the statistics for the period 25th June to 1st July 2018 and were pleased to see an increase during this period.

38/18/TPC Town Centre WIFI

Members considered the report from the Clerk. Members felt that there was less requirement for this facility now as there was excellent 4G coverage in Burnham, and they did not wish to make the significant financial investment which would be needed. Members AGREED not to progress this any further.

39/18/TPC Legacy for a Town Clock in Burnham

Members considered the report by the Clerk on the design and location for a town clock or similar street furniture. There were a number of other ideas suggested:

- A railway station clock - mounted near the other railway memorabilia in Station Approach
- A maritime style clock mounted on an archway across the jetty (without obstructing rescue craft)
- A sundial type piece incorporated as a feature on the Esplanade and implemented through the Burnham Evolution Project – possibly with additional funding from the project and public consultation to choose a design

ACTION: Clerk to investigate the cost of such clocks along with installation costs and any location implications.

40/18/TPC Correspondence received

Members AGREED that they had no objection to the request for extended road closure until 10pm for the BoSFest event.

Members NOTED the communication between Barclays Bank regarding its closure and the Clerk's response which underlined the town's disappointment with the bank's plans which would result in further inconvenience for local residents.

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The Clerk tabled an email from Transporting Somerset asking the Council's view on the removal of a bus stop that had recently been installed outside a property on Burnham Road. Members had no objections to the removal of the bus stop as there were others within 200m of this stop.

ACTION: The Clerk to reply to Transporting Somerset to explain

41/18/TPC Date of next meeting

The next meeting of this Committee was scheduled for Monday 20th August. The meeting may be postponed if there are only a limited number of agenda items.

The following being confidential Town Council business, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Keen, seconded by Cllr Harvey and unanimously agreed that members of the Press and Public be asked to leave in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

42/18/TPC Nominations for Civic Awards for 2018

Members considered the list of nominations for this year's Civic Awards. There were 22 nominations for 15 candidates. Members AGREED to recommend the names of four residents to receive awards.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:45

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