

BURNHAM-ON-SEA & HIGHBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Projects Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7pm in the Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea.

Present: Cllr Young (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Keen
Cllr Tolley,
Mrs D Emery – Town Clerk, Mrs L Brewer – Admin Assistant

54/16/TPC Apologies and Declarations of Interest:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cox (unwell)
Cllrs Ms Lawson, Weavell and Burridge-Clayton were not present

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Speaking Time – The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public who had registered to speak in accordance with Minute nos. 14/96/TC and 49/97/TC.

Members considered the comments from:

John Strickland on the Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust

- Preservation of memorabilia of the Steam Railways
- Restoration of Victorian Coaches
- Over 3,500 items of archived material at the Somerset Heritage Centre
- Seven projects were required to meet Lottery conditions
- Planned installation of a display panel on the green area at the end of Lynton Road Car Park by the water feature
- Design, Manufacture and Installation was covered
- Requesting approval from the Town Council who would take on the responsibility of the panel for FIVE years after installation
- Working alongside the Burnham Heritage Group who were also installing a display panel
- The two Display panels would complement each other informing people of the History and Story of the Railway in Burnham-on-Sea

Members considered the following:

- An exciting and interesting project
- Educational
- The Railway Trust would complete the forms for planning permission and licenses
- Town Council approval took care of the legal side of the project
- No funding would be needed

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Keen and seconded by Cllr Tolley that the Town Council support this project. This would be a **RECOMMENDATION** to the next Full Council meeting.

55/16/TPC 3.Tesco 106 Project and CCT

The Clerk updated members on the items still outstanding at the end of the Tesco 106 Project. These were:

- Metal Victorian Quarter Sign
- Frostival Events
- Banners
- Destination Leaflets
- Cycle Racks installation – The contractor installing the cycle racks had to be changed to one licenced to work on highways and this had meant an

overspend on the initial budget of approx. £3k. However the work was now complete, with spare cycle racks for future repairs and additions. It was estimated that approximately £5,500 would be remaining in budget at the end of the project.

The Clerk had met with the consultant to review the work on the economic plan for Burnham. The work identified for the initial 6 months was on track and the first payment of £2,500 had been made, from the £10k being held for this. Members NOTED this.

56/16/TPC Sedgemoor Business Excellence Awards

Members considered the request to sponsor the awards:

- The cost of £600 was quite high, it included 2 tickets for the VIP drinks reception, this was not something members thought the Town Council should pay for.
- The awards were not confined to retail businesses
- Led by Bridgwater Chamber of Trade
- Approximately 12 awards were given
- Not appropriate for the Town Council to sponsor
- Not a direct benefit to residents (mainly businesses)
- Could this be something the Town Council could work with the Chamber of Trade on.

Members AGREED that this was not something they felt the Town Council could sponsor but that in future if BOS Chamber of Trade wished to set up an award process for all businesses in the parish, the Town Council may consider working with them on such an initiative..

57/16/TPC Highway Issues

The Clerk reported to members that she had met with Gary Warren the officer for Somerset Highways and the following had been discussed:

- Parking issues at Cross Street and by Lloyds Bank
- Stoddens Road – the van parked on the road
- Newtown Road, Highbridge parking issues
- Margaret Crescent, double yellow lines on the bend
- Priory Gardens, currently being dealt with

Members thanked the Clerk for the update.

58/16/TPC Current Items On-going for this Committee

The Clerk reported on the following items:

- Bins and Waste in Technical Street – a letter had been sent to the S & D, to be followed up with SDC and SWP
 - Cllr Tolley reported that recently a fridge has been left on the pavement alongside the barrels and bins. The Clerk suggested the best way to deal with an issue of concern such as this was to report it directly and as soon as possible to SDC.
 - The tarmac was lifting due to cooking oil and fat spillage
 - Harriett Yates-Smith was working on raising awareness to improve waste disposal and Do Not Feed Seagull signage
 - Alex Turco, Burnham-on-Sea COT informed members that a 'Lower Tier Waste Carriers Licence' could be purchased from the Environment Agency, to allow waste to be taken to the local Waste and Recycling Centre.

ACTION

The Clerk would contact Adrian Gardner, to discuss incidents such as the fridge and oil spillage to see if anything could be done.

- Rotary sign on Esplanade – the Clerk would meet with Rotary to discuss this in detail
- Lions Anniversary Project – Still in discussion
- Pedestrian Crossing request near the junction of Ash Tree Road – Cllr BurrIDGE-Clayton applying for the ‘Small Improvement Scheme’
- Dogs on the Beach – a letter had been sent to SDC opposing the change in the byelaw
- Burnham Railway Heritage Group – have installed Road sign, Map, Signal, Weathervane and there will be another display panel
- Christmas Light Competition – a cup would be purchased for Highbridge Businesses as Burnham-on-Sea COT would be judging businesses in Burnham. Cllrs Ms Weavell and BurrIDGE-Clayton would be judging residential entries for Burnham and Highbridge. Cllrs Mrs Keen and Tolley would judge businesses in Highbridge. Judging would take place week commencing Monday 12 December 2016. Prizes awarded at the next meeting of this committee in January 2017.

59/16/TPC Town Projects Committee – Budget 2017/18

Members considered the Draft Budget:

- Could the Carnival Club be asked if they could assist with Cleaning the bus shelters?, as they had water carrying equipment for their van.
- The possibility of a ‘Living Christmas Tree’ for Highbridge.
- The possible re-location for the Christmas Tree for Burnham-on-sea.

Members were happy with the budget as presented.

Cllr Tolley PROPOSED the budget, as presented, be a **RECOMMENDATION** to the Policy & Finance committee, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Keen, and AGREED.

60/16/TPC Date of Next Meeting

Members NOTED the next meeting of this committee was to be held on Wednesday 25th January 2017.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:22hrs.