

Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Town Council

Town Projects Committee

Minutes of meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 6th December 2017 in the Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea

Present: Cllrs: Michael Clarke (Chair), Peter Clayton, Martin Cox, Janet Keen, Kate Lawson, Nick Tolley and Victoria Weavell.

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

122/17/TPC Apologies and Declarations of Interest:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Phil Harvey (prior-engagement)

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations granted.

Public Speaking

There were no speakers registered

123/17/TPC Action List

The Clerk gave a verbal update to members on several ongoing actions:

Cash machine/phone box (82/17/TPC) – This had been superseded by events causing it to be totally destroyed. The structure has now been boarded up and will be removed completely

Victorian Quarter Street Sign (86/17/TPC) – Supplier was being chased for installation date.

Parking arrangements for lifeboat crew (116/17/TPC): A request had been submitted to Sedgemoor and would be chased.

Signage re: not feeding gulls (104/17/TPC): This would be actioned with the Litter Free Somerset group next year

124/17/TPC Old Portishead Radio Station Highbridge

Members received an interesting presentation from Larry Bennett and NOTED his report requesting this council to consider supporting a memorial structure.

ACTION: Cllr Keen and the Clerk to urgently investigate the £15,000 S106 pledged for the provision of a memorial by the **14th December 2017**.

The Chair thanked Mr Bennett on behalf of the committee and offered support to ensure that the station is suitably remembered.

125/17/TPC Railway Heritage Group – Signal Box

This item was deferred to the next agenda as Mrs Popham was not in attendance.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact Mrs Popham to ensure information was detailed in writing and that written quotes were presented.

126/17/TPC Town Council Signage in Burnham and Highbridge

Members considered the report from the Clerk. The Clerk gave an update informing members that suitable replacement signage could be sought at £1,750 per sign, ie considerably cheaper than the figures originally quoted.

After a discussion it was AGREED that the signs at Highbridge Station and outside Alpha House would remain and be replaced. The sign in Oxford Street Car Park would not be replaced. Consideration would be given to two new

potential locations: one on the corner of Morland Road and the other on the corner of B&M near the traffic lights.

ACTION: The Clerk to obtain final costings for replacing the two existing signs and investigate the two new locations

127/17/TPC Footfall Statistics

Members NOTED the report covering the period 20th November to 26th November and were encouraged to see a continued rising trend.

128/17/TPC Junior Awards

Cllr. Tolley asked members to consider a new annual Junior Award to honour and recognise the young people of the towns. He felt it would benefit the council by engaging more closely with the youth of the two towns. He also suggested that local companies may like to sponsor the award.

ACTION: Cllr. Clayton, Lawson and Tolley to form a working party to develop the suggestion and bring a detailed proposal back to the committee.

129/17/TPC Recent visit to the Burnham Food Bank

Members NOTED the verbal report from Cllr. Clayton who had recently visited the Food Bank with the Mayor. Cllr. Clayton would like to encourage all councillors to go along and see for themselves the excellent of the service provided for the people of the towns. By the end of the year 17,000 emergency food parcels would have been distributed in the Burnham & Highbridge area. Cllr. Keen informed members that because of the shortcomings of Universal Credit, the Scrutiny Committee at Sedgemoor were looking very closely into the provision of the area.

130/17/TPC Draft budget for 2018/19

Members considered the draft budget. It was suggested to add £2000 to the budget to help promote tourism.

131/17/TPC Review of the 2017 Firework event

Members NOTED the report and the future improvements and considerations for next year. They commented that Skyburst had been extremely professional.

132/17/TPC Coastal Communities Working Group for Burnham-on-Sea

Members NOTED the report. Cllr Clayton PROPOSED, seconded by Cllr Keen and AGREED as a **RECOMMENDATION** that funds up to £20,500 would be allocated and held in Ear Marked Reserves to fund Regeneration in Burnham to cover the cost of a consultant and public consultation exercise.

133/17/TPC Westland Classic Motorcycle Club

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135/17/TPC Speed Indicator Device Survey (SID)

Members NOTED the SID report taken at Marine Drive for the period: 12th - 27th September 2017

136/17/TPC Correspondence and items of information

Royal British Legion Newsletter: RBL Silent Soldier. The Royal British legion will be discussing potential support for this project with the council next year.

Christmas Light Competition: Cllrs Clayton and Weavell volunteered to judge the Christmas lights for residential properties in Burnham & Highbridge.

137/17/TPC Date of next meeting

Members NOTED the next meeting date for this committee: Wednesday 17th January 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:46 hours.