

COUNCIL - 13th DECEMBER 2021

UPDATE AND INFORMATION

Councillor updates, conferences and events

IDALC AGM and Ordinary Meeting – 2 November – Cllr Dredge

If any Councillors wish to update Council on activities that they have undertaken on behalf of the Town Council, then these please submit these in advance.

Forthcoming training/conferences/representation

None scheduled.

General Information

SHDC Regeneration

Members will be aware that SHDC agreed to pay for the free weekend parking in December following this Council's letter to them. This has been covered by the Regeneration Project team, as they are now considering how to plan for the disruption during the development and recognised that parking may be disrupted during the 2022 Christmas period.

A stakeholders meeting should be taking place early in the new year to discuss the project further with the officers progressing the plans. SHDC now have their main design and build contractor in place and they are working on more detailed drawings for discussion, planning and delivery of the project.

The SHDC Project Officer team are ready to engage with Council and other stakeholders as soon as more information is available from the contractors to inform the discussion. They are keen to find positive solutions to any concerns that stakeholders have.

Active Travel

A meeting was called by PL:21's Graham Wilson to discuss the Sustrans, and other, proposals with our MP, relevant local authorities, and stakeholders. Unfortunately, no officers or portfolio holders from DCC were able to attend, however Cllr Croad was able to attend near the end.

Funding is needed to achieve projects already assessed as being beneficial. SHDC's Better Lives for All document mentions cycling but no further detail was available from those present. Sir Gary was able to illustrate the money available from Central

Government and Graham Wilson is working with him and others to highlight how these funds could deliver significant improvements around Ivybridge.

SH Childrens Centres

A meeting was held with members of the SH Childrens Centres team, Cllr Hladkij, Cllr T Rea and the Town Clerk.

The team set out the service they are currently delivering which is specified by Devon County Council. The reality of this is that it is a reactionary and self referral service. When self-referring, often service users will directed to online material to support them rather than 1:1 or face to face support.

The Holidays and Food Programme was highlighted as something that could be delivered in Ivybridge by a suitable organisation:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme>

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