

COUNCIL - 7th MARCH 2022

UPDATE AND INFORMATION

Councillor updates, conferences and events

Chamber of Commerce Meeting – Town Mayor, Cllr L Rea and Town Clerk – 25th January 2022

PL:21 Trustees Meeting – Cllr Lannin – 9th February 2021

DALC Larger Councils committee – Cllr Dredge and the Town Clerk – 10th February 2022

Community College presentation of certificates to the police cadets – Town Mayor with Cllr Dredge – 10th February 2022

SHDC Mayors and Clerks Meeting – Town Mayor and Town Clerk – 18th February 2022

DALC County committee – Cllr Dredge – 28th February 2022

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 of the next agenda being issued.

Forthcoming training/conferences/representation

Thriving Ivybridge – Various Councillors – 2nd April 2022

Crescent Gardens Defibrillator Official Unveiling – Town Mayor – 17th March 2022

SHDC Regeneration Drop-in Event – TBC – 23rd March 2022

South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership – Mayor and Town Clerk – 23rd March 2022

General Information

IHAG Site at Stowford Mill

The Town Clerk accompanied the Ivybridge Heritage and Archives Group (IHAG) on an invited visit from the developers of Stowford Mill as they had identified a site suitable for the Heritage Centre. The proposed location seems suitable and is close to the entrance to the site from Harford Road. Discussions are ongoing but it is possible the space could be occupied by IHAG in 2 years' time.

#MyPlace Campaign

SHDC produced promotional activity before Christmas to support the 5 South Hams Towns. They have some funding to use on a spring campaign and are working with the Town Clerk to implement this as soon as possible. The money will be spent on some cross street bunting fitting for the Jubilee for Fore Street and Glanville's Mill. It is hoped the bunting can also be up all summer. There will also be some temporary aesthetic improvement to the sides of the planters in Fore Street.

In Bloom Group Meeting

The Town Clerk attended the Ivybridge In Bloom group meeting. It is hoped the group is going to firm up its structure to enable a clearer plan and portfolio of their activity to be developed for partners, including the Council, to understand how they can support it. Volunteers are being sought for the non-gardening elements of the project, such as admin, obtaining fundraising & sponsorship, and working on the plan.

Community Connector

The current occupant of the Community Connector role is leaving at the end of March 2022. As this is part funded by a grant from the Council, and delivered by South Hams CVS, a meeting is being sought to discuss the future of the role. The role to date has helped deliver the Covid 19 response, as well as supported community events, social groups and delivered support to isolated individuals. The Town Clerk would suggest that thanks should be given to the current occupant, Jessica Shipp, for her work supporting the Town, having worked with Jessica on various projects including the Christmas Hampers, he has seen how she has positively contributed to our community.

Sport Coordination

Before Covid sport was regularly discussed by a meeting convened by the Town Clerk that included representatives from the sports clubs and organisations around the Town. This helped the clubs keep up with each other's projects and consider how funding can be shared across the Town, as well as feed into any SHDC plans for S106 and Open Spaces, Sports and Recreation plans. This group should now include Skate South Devon and a meeting will be convened including them.

Thriving Ivybridge

The community led event 'Thriving Ivybridge' is taking place on the 1st and 2nd April 2022. Members were invited to attend the 'Meet the Councillors' event as part of this and this will be taking place 10am-12pm in The Watermark on the 2nd April. This will be an open drop-in session for the public to meet Councillors from all levels of local government.

PL:21

The Watermark have been working with PL:21 to deliver the three Big Bike Revival events, the final one is on the 27th March). There will also be a river clean on 20th March 2022. Active travel is still an important issue and the group are still lobbying for a fair share of investment and grants to improve infrastructure between Lee Mill and Bittaford. Work continues on the River Erme Projects. The group are currently looking for a secretary.

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Town Clerk