

BRIDGWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Report of the Town Clerk to the Meeting on 02 August 2018

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS and RECEIPTS:

The report recording all payments made during July 2018 (Month 4) itemising all cheques and DDRs paid will be circulated at the meeting. Reports for June (Month 3) were circulated for the Finance Committee and available on request. In addition to the information listed above, reports also show the receipts received during the relevant periods, provide cost centre reports and relevant period bank reconciliations.

2. MATTERS ARISING from PREVIOUS MINUTES: Brief reports on the following from BTC of 14 June 2018:

Min. 08/18 i – **Forward Plan 2018/19 (Tracker):** Relevant items are referred elsewhere on agenda and in the papers including follow-up to meeting with SDC Chief Executive (Copies to be circulated).

Min. 08/18 ii – **Report of the Staffing Sub-Committee – Position of Town Clerk and RFO:** Given relevant timescales the Sub-Committee Report was submitted to the Finance Committee and is referred with that report below – the post was accordingly re-advertised and the process put in place with interviews due on Wednesday 01 August 2018.

Min. 09/18 i. – **Bridgwater Post Office Eastover:** An update will be given following further communication with the Post Office and contact with the owners of the premises.

Min. 09/18 ii. - **Road Scheme – Quantock Road Roundabout Improvements:** The scheme is being progressed and due to commence in October 2018, and completed in 3 phases with phase 1 completed by Christmas and phases 2 & 3 in the early part of 2019. Traffic disruption will be minimised as far as possible to enable constant flows through the scheme works.

AGENDA ITEM 15. PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

For Decision

1. Bridgwater Town Team – Meeting of 10 July 2018 – Any issues requiring decision will be reported (Copy Minutes available). Also follow-up of SDC Community Scrutiny Task and Finish Working Group : Rejuvenation of Town Centres initial meeting.
2. CIM Bid – Town Centre – Grant of planning permission for public realm enhancement works in Fore Street and adjoining areas and update on Town Bridge lighting scheme
3. Rollercoaster Youth Club – confirmation of affiliation to S Y & C S April 2018 – March 2020 and renewal of grant. Certificate and Plaque to be presented to the Club.
4. Tidal Barrier – Opportunities and Enhancements Sub-Group Meeting 09 March 2018 - update
5. Sedgemoor South West Parishes Cluster Group – meeting on 19 June 2018 – To report issues.
6. SDC Gambling Policy – Completion of consultation – no representations made.
7. Grant applications : Sydenham Community Centre – Core funding (£15000) ; Hamp Community Association – Core funding (£15000) & Project funding – refurbishment and renewal of changing accommodation at Mansfield Park (£5000) ; Love Musgrove – MRI Scanner appeal (£500 – as recommended by Finance Ctte. : and Ward Grant applications 2018/19 : Fairfax – Bower Ponds Play Area refurbishment and new equipment (£2000).

For Information

1. Quayside Festival – success (impact & evaluation and report being prepared by Fuse) and contribution from BCP and Cultural Passport scheme.
2. EDF/HPC – Look Ahead – June & July 2018
3. EDF Hinkley B – June & July monthly reports 2018
4. Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group – 29 June 2018

5. Hinkley Point A : Waste importation update
6. Wessex Water sewer Works – Wills Road
7. Improving Lives Strategy for Somerset
8. Bridgwater Town Council Submission to Cross Country Trains franchise consultation
9. Friends of Wembdon Road - Commemoration of the end of First World War – 07 September 2018
10. B & D Civic Society correspondence to C & RT on Bridgwater Docks: condition of lock-gates
11. Somerset Rivers Authority – Year end report 2017/18
12. Bridgwater Heritage Regeneration Partnership – Meeting and AGM 26 June 2018
13. Bridgwater Chamber of Commerce – July News
14. Somerset Waste Partnership – June and July 2018 and partner information
15. Meads Eco-Park Steering Group Meeting 04 July 2018 and updates on projects
16. Bridgwater Town entry road signs and Robert Blake and street naming – responses from SDC
17. Polden Street, Devonshire Street and Wellington Road further follow up on Small Improvement Scheme bids promoted by County Cllr Loveridge
18. SDC Conference – Building Homes for our Future 26 October 2018
19. Grants for Health Projects
20. Magazines, newsletters, press releases, conferences, seminars and product information

(Background documents to items listed in this section Agenda Item 15 are available in Town Clerk's Office and have mostly been circulated by e-mail)

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26 July 2018