

BRIDGWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Report of the Town Clerk to the meeting on 14 June 2018

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS and RECEIPTS:

The report recording all payments made during April and May 2018 (Months 1 & 2) itemising all cheques and DDRs paid is enclosed. In addition to the information listed above, these also show the receipts received during the relevant periods, provide cost centre reports and relevant period bank reconciliations. End of year reports have been completed for Audit purposes.

2. MATTERS ARISING from PREVIOUS MINUTES: Brief reports on the following from BTC of 12 April 2018:

Min. 83/17 i – **Forward Plan 2018/19 (Tracker):** Relevant items are referred elsewhere on agenda and in the papers (Copies to be circulated).

Min. 83/17 ii – **Report of the Staffing Sub-Committee – Position of Town Clerk and RFO:** As Members will be aware interviews were held and the position offered to one of the candidates, but subsequently declined. The Staffing Sub-Committee will be meeting shortly to consider the way forward.

Min. 86/17 6. - **Balloons and Sky Lantern Release Policy:** This policy has now been approved by the SDC Executive. This was agreed in principle to be extended to BTC owned land, in particular Cemeteries, and has been circulated to all members without adverse comment received. **Recommendation:** That the Policy be approved for application to all BTC open land.

And from the **Annual Town Meeting on the 10 May 2018:**

Min. 07. – **Bridgwater Post Office Eastover:** An update will be given following the decision of the SDC Development Committee to refuse planning consent for the Solarium proposal (Change of use from A1 to D2 – Application 08/18/39).

Min. 08. - **Road Scheme – Quantock Road Roundabout Improvements:** The scheme is being progressed with a stakeholder workshop planned for early July.

Min. 09. - **Trinity Hall – Future Plans – Consultation:** Consultation events are planned at the Trinity Hall on 19 June 2018 3pm to 5pm and 26 June 2018 5pm to 7pm.

Min. 12. - **Friends of Bridgwater Station: Recommendation:** That the representations in relation to increasing the number of stopping trains at the Station as highlighted by Mr Dave Chapple be supported and submitted in response to the Cross Country Trains consultation

3. AUDIT of ACCOUNTS 2017/18 – OUTTURN & GOVERNANCE: Submission of accounts and audit for the annual return will be brought forward for certification.

4. APPOINTMENTS to OUTSIDE BODIES: The provisional nominations for 2018/19 are listed as attached. There is a need to confirm the position with the Kingsdown Pavilion representation and the names for the Charity representations.

AGENDA ITEM 12. PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

For Decision

1. Community Impact Mitigation (CIM) bids – 1. Bridgwater Library and Blake Gardens – A further meeting has been held to resolve the extent of the bid particularly in relation to Blake Gardens and this is now being finalised. BTC have a separate budget for Blake Gardens enhancement but may be invited to contribute to the Library major part of the bid. A further report will be made to update.
2. Victoria Ward Bridgwater - Environmental Regeneration of Green spaces with potential enhancement of linear open space from Duke Street/Countess Avenue to Crowpill Lane, an area opposite the Crowpill Lane play area and the Meadowlands public open space, Victoria Park itself

and footpath and cycleway linkages to approved schemes. The Town Council support has been confirmed by letter. 3. Town Centre including Fore Street Enhancements – the planning application has been submitted and is awaiting approval. Completion of Grant agreement - to be advised if any further decisions are required.

2. Eastover Multi-Use Games Area – BTC support has been agreed for the application of RLT3 monies towards upgrading of surface and creation of a new access point. This will be confirmed via the Cluster arrangement.
3. Sedgemoor South West Parishes Cluster Group – meeting on 19 June 2018 - representation
4. SDC Gambling Policy – the revised policy is currently open for consultation.
5. Grant applications : Citizens Advice Bureau – Core funding (£2500.00) ; Bridgwater Arts Centre – Core funding (£15000.00) : and Ward Grant applications 2018/19 : Eastover, Fairfax, Victoria , Westover & Wyndham via Fuse for Quayside Festival Parade workshops (£500.00 each except Westover £270.00) : Youth Grant applications – closing date 15 June 2018

For Information

1. EDF/HPC – Look Ahead – May 2018
2. EDF Hinkley B – April & May monthly report
3. Bridgwater- Homberg Link Society – Minutes of 18 April
4. Bridgwater Town Team – Meeting of 29 May 2018
5. Bridgwater Cultural Partnership – meeting 08 June 2018 including presence of Arts Council officer and update on Quayside Festival preparations
6. Mercure Hotel Project – opening date expected shortly
7. SCC Finger post Restoration project
8. SCC Library Services Consultation – extended through to 13 June 2018
9. Exploration of Unitary Local Government model for Somerset – Announcement by Leader of SCC
10. Rural Crime survey
11. Launch of Bridgwater Sachools project to reduce ASB in the community
12. Somerset Rivers Authority - 2018/19 revenue plans
13. Bridgwater Heritage Regeneration Partnership – Meeting and AGM 26 June 2018
14. Admiral Blake Statue – clean up
15. Legal advice etc. scheme for T & PCs – reminder from SDC
16. Bridgwater Chamber of Commerce – Mins. of 13 April 2018 & 'Supply the Supplier' project & News
17. Website Report – March 2018
18. Somerset Waste Partnership – May 2018 and partner information
19. EDF/HPC Transport Forum – 03 May 2018
20. Meads Eco-Park Steering Group Meetings and updates on projects
21. Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival – 2017 procession de-brief & grant application to Community Fund
22. Compass Disability Services Drop-in event 10 May 2018
23. Museums in Somerset – Spring meeting 14 May 2018
24. Somerset Youth & Community Service – Rollercoaster 3 year grant (year 2)
25. Heart of South West (HotSW) Joint Committee – productivity & transport
26. Magazines, newsletters, press releases, conferences, seminars and product information

(Background documents to items listed in this section Agenda Item 12 are available in Town Clerk's Office and have mostly been circulated by e-mail)

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