

Summary of Cullompton Town Team meeting

held on Thursday 17 May 2018 at 2pm in Cullompton Town Hall

Present Cllr Martin Smith (Chair), Jenny Radford, Judy Morris, Judy Smith, Roy Gould, Cllr Lisa Oxford-Booth, Ray Ursell , Cllr Eileen Andrews, John Bodley-Scott and Janet Johns .

Also in attendance: Tricia St John.

Apologies: Cllr Rosemary Berry (MDDC), Cllr John Berry (DCC), Jane Campbell and Janet Sutton-Webb.

Note taker: Judy Morris

- 1. Introductions and welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves to Tricia St John.
- 2. Public Questions:** None
- 3. Reuse and Recycling of Plastics:** Tricia St John discussed her concerns about single-use plastics and what can be done to eliminate their use. She reported that Parliament has recently voted to eliminate use from their operations by 2019. She handed round cups and take-way food containers made from plant based products and discussion ensued about cost.

AGREED: (Proposed Martin Smith, seconded Eileen Andrews)

1. That the Group writes to the local MP asking what central government is doing to encourage caterers to use recyclable products.
2. That caterers at festivals such as the SpringFest and October Food & Drink Festival are encouraged to use recyclable products this year and then insist that no single-use plastics are used by caterers at events organised by the Town Team from 2019.

It suggested that an initiative is set up with local caterers that they display a sticker in their window stating that "No single-use plastic is used here". Janet J offered to design a logo. Find out if there is a national sticker campaign.

The Chairman thanked Tricia St John for attending and she left the meeting.

- 4. Minutes** of the previous meeting held on 22 March 2018 were approved and signed.

ITEM	SUBJECT	NOTES & ACTIONS	FOR ACTION
5.	MATTERS ARISING	None	
6.	FUNDING & FINANCE	Income and Expenditure account was circulated with the agenda and noted.	

7.	REVIEW VACANT SEATS	L O-B reported that she had contact local schools to enquire whether someone would like to attend the Town Team meetings to represent the schools but no interest at present. Will try again later in the year.	LO-B
8.	WEBSITE	<p>Ray Ursell explained that he intended to use the Willand Matters website as a starting point to set up a website for the Town Team. He will circulate a link to all Town Team members for comment.</p> <p>It is intended to set up a page for each local venue to that they can update information themselves. Screens with lists of local events to be sited in a number of different venues across the town.</p>	RU
9.	SETTING UP A CONSTITUTED BODY	Martin Smith reported that he is collecting the information required to set up a bank account and then register as a charity.	MS
10.	TOURISM AND PROMOTION	<p>New residents' packs: JS reported that she had visited several local estates agents and most had used up the packs they had been given.</p> <p>Discussion about providing information for new residents on the website.</p> <p>AGREED: That the Team does not purchase any further folders for new residents' packs and instead concentrates on putting information onto the Town Team website which can be linked to the Town Council website. Proposed Liza Oxford-Booth, seconded Roy Gould.</p> <p>Festivals: SpringFest 14 April, very successful, footfall counts indicate more people visiting the two venues at the bottom end of the town i.e. Hayridge and Community Centre.</p> <p>Planning underway for October Food & Drink Festival.</p> <p>Eileen Andrews reported that arrangements for the Cullompton Festival Week are well underway, quite a few events happening during the week including 20th Anniversary Farmers Market in Forge Way car park on 30th June and Street Fayre on 7 July in Higher Bullring. Encouraging shops to do a promotion during Festival Week.</p> <p>Signs and Notice Boards: Licence from MDDC nearing completion, hope to erect board close to Culm Valley Leisure Centre on Monday 21 May.</p> <p>Unlikely that all the available funding will be needed, consider using some of what is left to erect sheep on roundabouts at M5 junction and Padbrook. It was suggested that sponsorship is found for sheep, cost about £200 each.</p> <p>Discussion ensued about erecting a 'brown' sign.</p> <p>AGREED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Team investigates installing sheep in strategic locations in Cullompton. 2. That the Team considers ways to improve the town signage e.g. sign stating 'Historic Market Town with Grade 1 Listed Buildings'. 	

		<p>Proposed Judy Smith, seconded Liza Oxford-Booth.</p> <p>Markets: JR reported that Farmers Market will be holding its usual market on 9 June in Higher Bullring, followed by special market to celebrate its 20th Birthday on 30th June in Forge Way car park. Invitations being sent out to encourage attendance at the birthday market.</p>	
11.	STREET SCENE	<p>Townscape Heritage Lottery bid: Should hear the outcome at the end of May 2018. If successful then there will be someone focussed on writing a 2nd phase bid for Cullompton.</p> <p>Shop Front grants: Coco's have recently received a small grant, stil money available for Alfies.</p> <p>It was noted that Streamers will be closing in June and that a new card shop will re-open on the opposite side of the road. It was suggested that the owner of the 'Streamers' property is encouraged to apply for a grant as the building is in poor condition.</p> <p>John Bodley-Scott reported that he will be recommending that MDDC top-up the shop-front grant fund schemes in Crediton and Cullompton as they have been successful.</p>	

12. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 26 July at 2pm at the Hayridge