

Council Report for September full council meeting

July

Met with Cllr Val Mawhood to look at the Manor Play Park. I spoke to Teignbridge and have been informed that the Play Park is in the system for an update in about 2 years' time, but any maintenance issues would be looked at. They are looking at a safety issue with some maintenance that Cllr Mawhood pointed out to me.

Dawlish and Teignmouth Working Group

Attended a meeting with the Town Clerk, Cllr Prowse, myself and the Teignmouth Town Clerk to discuss the way forward with the ending of the CIC, and the start-up of another group to enable Dawlish and Teignmouth Town Councils to work together. Cllr Prowse is involved in the closure of the CIC. We are hoping to bring an update on the way forward with the Dawlish and Teignmouth working group to the October meeting. We had another meeting in August, where it was decided that maybe a formal joint Committee of the two Town Council's would be beneficial for both. It was agreed that terms of reference would be put together and that we would hopefully take it back to October's Town Council Meetings. The Events, Projects and Tourism Officer explained the current marketing channels for Dawlish and showed us which ones were covered by Dawlish Town Council, which had been covered by the CIC and which was covered by the Chamber of Commerce. This needs some work before bringing it back to the council for ratification.

Lawn Working Group

At the first meeting of the LWG it was decided that, me, the Town Clerk and Cllr Woods would meet with the Head of Green Spaces, Lorraine Montgomery, to discuss the possibility of a play park near the Tourist Information Centre. Lorraine was extremely helpful - we left copies of all the information we had with her and she said she would investigate for us. We received an observational report from her within 2 weeks which we took back to the LWG. It has been decided by the LWG that the full council should have a look at the report and all the options should be discussed and debated at full council in September. Whatever the Full Council decide, the LWG will carry out their mandate. The papers are being sent in plenty of time for all councillors to read and digest.

Community Transport

I have attended a meeting with Sally and Valerie to talk about how I can support them as Council Rep. I have been helping by writing some fundraising letters, asking fellow councillors for support, and looking at grants for new Vehicles. All of the trustees and staff work so hard to try to deliver this amazing service. The biggest costs are for vehicle repairs and they are constant. To train one driver is £200 for the test alone. I know myself; Cllr J. Petherick and Cllr Goodman-Bradbury are all giving £250 from our District Council funds to support Community Transport; if any of the other Teignbridge Councillor would like to contribute from their fund please let me know.

DAY – Coastal Youth Network

Coastal Youth Network was set up a few months ago to enable youth organisations to meet up and discuss the issues that concern the young people of Teignbridge. I attended the first meeting as a DAY representative; it was a very informative and useful meeting. One thing that came out of it was a lack of support for the youth with mental health issues. I was asked to speak to Dr Fox, as he had said that this was something the CQC were looking into. Dr Fox was delighted that this was being looked at and that awareness of Mental Health Issues were being looked at; he wanted it to be fed into the Coastal Youth Network, so at the next meeting Dr Cowen came from Barton Surgery. Dr Cowen gave a talk on the increasing burden on young people with mental health issues. She talked about what triggers mental health which can be drugs, social media or family situation. They are concerned that there is nowhere to send young people. CAMHS has such a big waiting list. The question was asked is this a new problem, or are we just more aware of the problem. It was fantastic to hear that Dawlish and surrounding areas are raising awareness of Mental Health Issues and this kind of forum is proving to be very useful as a platform for sharing information, good practice and that supporting young people is high on the agenda for all these organisations.

Attended various meetings at Teignbridge.

Cllr Linda Petherick