



BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY BULLETIN

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Annual Report

The Town Council's Annual Report for 2008/9 was produced earlier this summer and was available at events attended by the Town Council, including the Melplash show. It is now being delivered to all households, along with this bulletin, which updates some of the items in the Annual Report. Regular bulletins are issued during the year and are posted on the Town Council's notice boards, on the web site and made available in the library.

Climate Change Strategy

The Town Council is seeking comments on its draft Climate Change Strategy, which is now out for public consultation.

In July 2008, the Town Council signed the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change, which committed it to "*develop plans with our partners and local communities to progressively address the causes and the impacts of climate change, according to our local priorities, securing maximum benefit for our communities.*"

By adopting a Strategy, the Town Council is looking to reduce the carbon footprint of its own activities and services and also work with others in the town and the surrounding area to reduce the carbon footprint of the area. Once the Strategy is finalised, the Town Council will then draw up an action plan of initiatives to meet the objectives in the Strategy. Comments are welcome, both on the Strategy and on any

initiatives that could be included in the Action Plan. The deadline for comments to be received by the Town Council (contact details below) has been extended to the end of December 2009. Copies of the Strategy are available from the Town Council Offices or on our web site www.bridport-tc.gov.uk

West Bay Play Area

The Town Council, working with the Summentor Mentoring Programme and Bridport Young Persons Action Trust, and with the support of the District Council, has been successful in obtaining further funding from the County Council's Play Finder Programme to support the provision of a new play area in West Bay. The young people involved have also been successful in a bid to the Youth Capital Fund and have secured an additional £9000 for the project.

The site for the play area is between the main car park and the cycleway footway (the old railway line) just north of the station. This land is to be transferred from West Dorset District Council to the Town Council. The designs for the play area have been drawn up in consultation with young people and will be on display at the site on Saturday 14 November (12-3pm). It is hoped that the play area will be open in Spring 2010.

West Bay Methodist Chapel

The Town Council is represented on a Steering Group convened by the District Council to look at options for this building, in line

with the aim to establish a wet weather visitor attraction, or associated public use. A feasibility study has been produced and the options are to be considered by the Town Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee in November.

Bridport Democracy Day

This month the Town Council was pleased to welcome students from Year 10 of Sir John Colfox School to the Town Hall, for the second Bridport Democracy Day. They heard about local government in the town and presented their ideas for policies that they would like to see introduced. Issues identified by the students included more facilities and meeting places for young people, especially a bowling alley, more shopping options, affordable housing and increased employment opportunities for younger people in the area. These issues will all be looked at by the Town Council as part of its review of the Town Plan.

Grants

Bridport Town Council has this year (2009/10) given grants totalling £22,000 to local groups working in the town. This includes support for the larger organisations - the Arts Centre, Leisure Centre, Museum, Citizens Advice Bureau - as well as providing smaller grants to groups for specific projects that benefit people in the town.

Market

It has been a good summer for the market, with the number of stalls keeping up with previous years. This is very encouraging, bearing in mind the current economic conditions.

There will be also be an extension to the market as part of the annual Christmas late night shopping festival, to be held in the town on Wednesday 9 December.

Town Hall

The Town Council has now submitted the second stage application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to support the project to make the Town Hall fully accessible with a new ground floor community space and a lift to the first floor. The proposals mean that the existing Town Hall toilets will be relocated elsewhere in the town centre, with the preferred location being South Street Car Park. This is a major project for the town, which could also see the Tourist Information Centre relocating to the Town Hall. It will mean that this important building will be permanently open to the public and become an important attraction for local people and visitors.

The outcome of the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund will be known this December. If successful, work could start next summer.

More information on the project can be viewed on the Town Council's web site or at the Town Council's offices.

Plottingham Bridge

The Town Council has been successful in obtaining funding from the County Council and the West Dorset District Council Section 106 funds to enable a replacement bridge to be provided at Plottingham. It is hoped that the new bridge will be in place over the winter.

It is then intended that the bridge will be adopted by the County Council.

Flaxhayes

The work on the new Magna affordable housing scheme at Flaxhayes is to begin this year. This will see over 50 new affordable housing units being provided.

South Ward

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P.J. Colfox	1, Mill Lane, Symondsburry	07918 188497
K.A. Day	Delapre Lodge, St Andrews Road	425465
J.D. Hunt	8, Meadow Court, Folly Mill Lane	422719
D.G. Rickard	Rydens, Westown, Bothenhampton	420908
D.R. Tett	1, De Legh Grove, West Allington	425070
K.G. Wallace	The George 43 Main St, Bothenhampton	456454
C.D. Wild	Flat 3, Montrose, 91, Crock Lane	420808
Ms S.J. Williams	88A, South Street.	459433

North Ward

Miss S.A. Brown	67, North Allington	423078
N.K. Cast	217, St Andrews Road	456861
Ms R.C. Kayes	Honeylands, Long Bredy	482276
P.J. Lathey	5, Allington Mead	458125
Ms F.K. McKenzie	204, Orchard Avenue	425068
M.P. Parsons	3, Sparacre Gardens	456697
C.M. Ray	9, St Andrews Road	459095
Mrs M.J. Ray	9, St Andrews Road	459095
R.J. Stoodley	Rogers Cottage, 88 St Andrews Road	456797

The Town Council has been represented on the Steering Group which has developed the project, which will also see a new river bridge to allow improved access for pedestrians and cyclists in that part of town.

Forthcoming Meetings

All Town Council meetings are open to the public.

Finance & General Purposes Committee 11 November 2009 at 7.00 pm (Mountfield)

Town Council
24 November 2009 at 7.00 pm (Town Hall) including a presentation on the Bridport Area Development Trust from Tim Crabtree, Chairman of the Trust.

Plans Committee 30 November 2009 at 7.00 pm (Mountfield)

Your Town Councillors