



BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY BULLETIN

June 2013

the official newsletter of Bridport Town Council

New Leadership for 2013/14

Bridport Town Council has a new Council leadership team in post for 2013/14. Councillor Maggie Ray was elected as Town Mayor, Councillor Sandra Brown as Deputy Town Mayor and Councillor Sarah Williams as the new Leader of the Town Council.

These positions were elected at the Annual Town Council in May, which also appointed the committee memberships for the year.

The New Town Mayor

I am very pleased to accept the office of Town Mayor for the municipal year 2013/2014. It is a great honour and a privilege. This will once again be a busy year for the town and I will be supporting the very many and varied events that showcase Bridport and West Bay. I also look forward to representing the town at civic and ceremonial events throughout the region.

During the year, I would particularly like to highlight the work of the young people in the town and hope to continue the work of my predecessor in supporting the Bridport Area Youth Council and further developing the Rights Respecting agenda throughout all the town's activities.

Cllr Maggie Ray
Town Mayor



Town Mayor Councillor Maggie Ray

Park and Ride 2013

The Town Council, in partnership with West Dorset District Council, will once again be running a Park and Ride bus service from West Bay into Bridport this summer. The service will run on market days from July 13 to 7 September inclusive.

Open Spaces

The Town Council is working with local residents and other interested stakeholders, to establish a Steering Group to manage Asker Meadows and New Zealand Open spaces.

The Town Council is also working with a newly established community group to refurbish the Borough Gardens and make them more attractive for local people and visitors to enjoy.

Youth Council

The Bridport Area Youth Council is made up of students from The Sir John Colfox School, primary schools in the area and representatives from the Youth Centre. The Youth Council has started to meet over the past year and is looking at how to publicise its activities and involve other young people.

The Youth Council is working to develop its own web pages on the local community web site, hoping to have regular articles on its work in a local paper and is prioritising projects from the Town Council's Town Plan, that it would like to be involved with. It is also beginning to develop its own projects that it would like to take forward.

Ongoing Town Plan Projects

The Town Council receives regular reports on progress of projects within its Town Plan. Two of the projects prioritised in the Plan for this year are:

Provision of a Multi-Use Games Area in St Mary's: the outcome of funding applications is awaited.

New Water Sports Centre, West Bay: planning permission has been granted and it is hoped that the conversion works, of the former toilets on Fisherman's Green, will commence later this year.

Grants

The Town Council's annual community grants scheme will be open for applications from 20 June until 19 August 2013.

Application forms will be available from the Town Council and also on the Council's web site.

New Play Equipment

Thanks to funding obtained by the local Community First Panel, the Town Council was able to provide some new play equipment in St Mary's play area.

The funding of £2,500 from Community First was matched by the Town Council, to enable the equipment to be provided.

Love Your Local Market

In May, the Town Council supported the Love Your Local Market Campaign. This was a national campaign, aiming to provide a national spotlight on markets.

The Town Council, which manages the street market in the town, supported the campaign with Love Your Local Market flags and banners.

The market continues to thrive with a large number of stall holders in town on Saturdays and Wednesdays and it remains a very important attraction for the town. The Town Council continues to look at ways to promote and support the market, particularly on Wednesdays.

Craft Fairs in The Town Hall

Monthly Art and Craft Fairs are being held in the grand setting of the recently restored Town Hall. The Fairs run from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and include a wide range of work for sale from local artists, crafts people and artisans. Products include art, jewellery, photography, ceramics, wood crafts, glassware, cards and gifts.

The next events are due to be held on 29 June and 27 July.

Skate Park

The Town Council is working with young people and users on options to redesign the skate park. It is hoped that, subject to funding, the work will take place in 2013.

Forthcoming Meetings

All Town Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held in Mountfield and the Town Hall. There is a Public Forum at the start of each meeting. Agendas for meetings are displayed on Council Notice boards and published on the Council web site.

Meetings coming up:

Council
25 June at 7.00pm (Town Hall)

Plans Committee
1 July at 7.00pm (Mountfield)

Environment & Social Wellbeing
Committee 3 July at 7.00pm
(Mountfield)

Your Town Councillors

South Ward

G.J. Ackerman	31, Crock Lane	458098
Miss S.A. Brown	67, North Allington	423078
E.T. Colfox	North End Farm, North Chideock	07768 646434
D.G. Rickard	Rydens, Westown, Bothenhampton	420908
Ms G.E. Summers	31, Victoria Grove	421966
D.R. Tett	1, De Legh Grove, West Allington	425070
Ms A-M Vincent	96, South Street	459308
K.G. Wallace	The George, 43 Main St, Bothenhampton	456454
Ms S.J. Williams	88A, South Street	459433

North Ward

P.J. Colfox	1, Mill Lane, Symondsburry	07918 188497
Ms L.L. Glover	8, St. Swithins Avenue	427091
Ms R.C. Kayes	4 Gore Terrace, Bradpole	427902
P.J. Lathey	83 Orchard Crescent	456776
Ms G.E. Massey	The Retreat, 15 Rax Lane	423817
J.T. May	3, The Sidings, St. Andrews Road,	07748 682810
C.O. Michell	8, The Buildings Symondsburry	423833
C.M. Ray	9, St Andrews Road	459095
Mrs M.J. Ray	9, St Andrews Road	459095

Town Clerk: Bob Gillis 456722 (r.gillis@bridport-tc.gov.uk)