



BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY BULLETIN

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Seeking your views on our Town Plan

Last month saw the launch of the Bridport and West Bay Town Plan, at a public meeting at the Town Hall on May 3rd.

Observations and input are welcomed from residents, surrounding parishes, local organisations and other authorities. Copies of the plan can be viewed at the Library and at the town council's Mountfield office.

Presenting the Town Plan, Councillor Tony Fifield, chair of the team that prepared the document, stressed that the intention was that it should be firmly rooted in practical and achievable objectives, in areas where the town council has direct control or substantial influence. The

Town Plan covers a three year rolling period, to be updated annually, and is expected to become the main input to each year's budget debate.

The first year's activity will set up two new working groups, one to review open spaces and recreation facilities and the other to look at the town council's inclusion policy.

Please take a look at the Town Plan and give us your views -

by letter to Ron Gregory, Town Clerk, Bridport Town Council Mountfield, Bridport DT6 3JP, or by e-mail to r.gregory@bridport-tc.gov.uk.



Sandra back as Town Mayor

Councillor Sandra Brown is Town Mayor for the municipal year 2005-6. Having served twice before, from 1999 to 2001, Sandra was unanimously elected as Mayor for the coming year by fellow councillors at the council meeting on 26 May. Geoffrey Ackerman, Town Mayor for the past two years, will serve as Deputy Mayor, and Charles Wild was re-elected Leader of Council for the third year.

Contact details as follows:

Town Mayor Cllr Miss Sandra Brown
Mayoral functions/engagements -
Mountfield Office, Bridport DT6 3JP;
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Bridport DT6 5DZ; tel. 01308
423078.

Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Geoffrey
Ackerman
Mayoral functions/engagements -
Mountfield Office, Bridport DT6 3JP;
tel. 01308 456722;
Constituent matters: 31 Crock Lane,
Bridport DT6 4DF; tel. 01308
458098.

Leader of Council Cllr Charles Wild
9g Station Road, West Bay, Bridport
DT6 4EW; tel. 01308 420808.

Bridport Town Hall preparing a new funding bid

Bridport Town Council is preparing to submit a new bid to upgrade and refurbish the Town Hall.

Members of the public will have an opportunity to look at the new plans and make observations on them.

The building is being used increasingly for various meetings and exhibitions.

We would like to be able to have more than the present 100 people in the building, but we desperately need proper access for disabled people.

Improving TV/radio reception—BTC and WEDBAG want your help -see pages 3&4

What is BLAP?

BLAP stands for the Bridport Local Area Partnership, established in 2004 to act as the authentic community voice for Bridport and surrounding parishes.

Membership of BLAP is free and open to groups, organisations and individuals in the Bridport area. The BLAP steering group, which meets quarterly, includes representatives from Bridport Town Council and seven neighbouring parishes, and from several other leading local organisations, including the Bridport and District Tourism Association, the Bridport Older People's Forum, the Western Area Transport Action Group (WATAG) and the Bridport Environment Group.

Matters currently being considered by the steering group include the need to establish a community-based forum on health issues, securing affordable housing for local people,



issues relating to the World Heritage Coast and planning matters.

For more information about BLAP or on how to join the partnership, contact Susan Anders, Bridport Community Partnership De-

velopment Officer, at the town council offices at Mountfield, Bridport; tel. 01308 456722; or e-mail s.anders@bridport-tc.gov.uk.

Bridport Town Council at the Melplash Show — Thursday 25 August

Everyone is welcome to visit the town council's marquee at the Melplash Show on Thursday 25 August.

A number of local organisations (including BLAP) will have stands in the Bridport marquee, and members and staff of the town council will be present all day to discuss residents' concerns and answer questions.

Hiring information

Bridport's historic Town Hall

Are you looking for a meeting venue in the town centre?

The Town Hall is a wonderful venue for small gatherings, club meetings, business meetings, seminars, AGMs etc.

There is a small committee room that comfortably sits about 10-12, while the main hall can accommodate up to 100.

Facilities include a good sized kitchen and toilets. A loop system and microphones can be supplied for larger meetings.

The Hall is available throughout the year except when needed for Council meetings or exhibitions.

The cost of the main hall for a morning, afternoon or evening session is £17, and for a whole day, £34.

The cost for the committee room is £6.50 per session, or £11.50 all day.

Access from East Street can present problems for the disabled but a Stannah chairlift is available.

Council Offices — Mountfield

Are you looking for a meeting venue near the town centre? The Town Council offices at Mountfield include the marriage room, which doubles as a meeting room.

Laid out as a committee room it is suitable for approximately 15-20 people and with the tables removed it could seat between 30-35 people. Facilities include toilets and a loop system. There is level approach, a wide entrance door and double doors into the marriage room, so disabled access is smooth. The marriage/meeting room is available throughout the year except when needed for Council meetings.

The cost of the marriage/meeting room for a morning, afternoon or evening session is £17, and for a whole day, £34.

Anyone interested in using the town hall, committee room, or the marriage/meeting room at Mountfield, should write to the Town Clerk at Mountfield, or telephone 456722 or e-mail: enquiries@bridport-tc.gov.uk.

Community website relaunched

The Bridport and West Bay community website has been relaunched at www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk. It provides the opportunity for local businesses, clubs and organisations to advertise at exceptionally reasonable rates. For further information contact Mrs Linda Bullock at Bridport Town Council, Mountfield, Bridport; tel. 01308-456722; e-mail l.bullock@bridport-tc.gov.uk.

Forthcoming Council meetings

Town Council

Tuesdays, 26 July and 27 September 2005, 7 p.m., Bridport Town Hall

Town Council Plans Committee

Mondays, 11 July, 8 August and 5 September 2005, 7 p.m., Mountfield

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Wednesdays, 6 July and 14 September 2005, 7 p.m., Mountfield

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings, and may ask to speak in the Public Forum at the start of the meetings.

Please note: The town council's annual report and annual accounts will be issued with the next edition of this newsletter in September 2005.