



BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY BULLETIN

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For the Community Fair*

Town Plan Projects Update

In the past year, the Town Council has:

- Supported and funded the new Trust established to manage the Bridport Youth and Community Centre, which had been under threat of closure in 2016. This includes support for the Youth Club.
- Obtained funding and delivered the project to extend the West Bay Play Area, providing new fully accessible facilities, in partnership with Bridport Young Persons' Action Trust.
- Supported the Coastal Community Team to adopt a Coastal Community Economic Plan and supported funding bids for the West Bay Chapel Visitor Centre and other projects in West Bay.
- Agreed to take on the management of the Tourist Information Centre, ensuring its future in Bridport
- Supported work to review options for new community bus schemes in Bridport.
- Commissioned Dorset County Council to undertake a town centre traffic feasibility study, including options for South Street for future consultation.
- Launched a new community web site for the town.
- Supported the establishment of a community-led Steering Group, to consider the options for the Skate Park.
- Taken on the management of land at St Cecilia's Fields, Pymore Road to enable new allotments to be provided in 2017.
- Continued to look at options for additional Car Parking Provision.
- Continued to work with Allington, Bothenhampton & Walditch, Bradpole and Symondsburry parish councils, in supporting the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan - "Vision 2030".

These projects are in addition to provision of the Town Council's core services—managing the street market, cemetery, buildings (Town Hall, Mountfield, Salt House), play and recreation areas and maintenance of most of the public open spaces in the town and West Bay.

The Town Council has also:

- Continued to deliver additional services on behalf of other councils, including highway verge cutting.
- Continued to support the Bridport Local Area Partnership (BLAP).
- Provided ongoing grant support for key organisations in the town - Leisure Centre, Citizens' Advice Bureau, Museum and Arts Centre, as well as providing one off funding for smaller community projects, through its annual grants scheme.

Information overleaf of projects in 2017.

Projects in the Coming Year

In the early part of 2017 the Town Council will :

- Review its Town Plan and its key projects.
- Set its budget for 2017/18.
- Prepare for future local government reorganisation, which could lead to new unitary councils with options for increased devolution of local services. The Town Council will discuss with the District and County Councils the future provision and funding for local services and assets, that those councils currently manage, and that could potentially be considered for delegation to the Town Council.
- Undertake consultation on the management and provision of the Town Council’s play and recreation facilities, including the skate park.
- Participate in the District Council’s audit of car park facilities in Bridport and West Bay.
- Respond to key consultations affecting the area, including the NHS consultation “Improving Dorset’s Health Care.”
- Consider the feasibility report/consultation options on Town Centre Traffic including South Street.
- Issue a new Town Guide.
- Provide new car parking spaces at Plottingham ready for the Summer 2017.
- Consider the options that come out of the Community Bus Schemes Feasibility Study.
- Set out its proposals to manage the Tourist Information Centre, following its transfer to the Town Council and the increased opportunities that this brings to promote Bridport and West Bay.
- Continue its support for the Neighbourhood Plan, BLAP and the Coastal Community Team.

Other projects will be prioritised through the review of its Town Plan.

Council Meetings

All Town Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held in Mountfield (unless stated otherwise). The full Town Council meeting has a Public Open Forum at the start (45 minutes for comments on an issue of interest) and all committees have time set aside for public comments in a Public Forum.

Agendas for meetings are displayed on Council notice boards and published on the Council web site.

Forthcoming Town Council Meetings:

Planning Committee Monday 27 February at 7pm

Best Value, Scrutiny and Town Plan Sub Committee Tuesday 28 February at 11am

Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee Wednesday 15 March at 7pm

Finance and General Purposes Committee Wednesday 22 March at 7pm

Full Council Tuesday 28 March at 7pm (Town Hall)

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4 April at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall.

This is an opportunity for everyone in Bridport and West Bay to hear about the work of the Town Council and also to raise issues that you may wish to discuss. All electors in the Bridport parish are welcome to attend.