



TIVERTON TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13

JUNE 2013

MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Report from the Mayor of Tiverton, 2012-13, Councillor Tom Lindus

Councillor Tom Lindus informed the Annual Meeting that he was approaching the end of what had been a very busy year. He had enjoyed his year of office and would always be able to reflect back on the many people that he had met at the numerous events he had attended during the year.

He had been very pleasantly surprised at the great number of people in Tiverton who volunteer to help others. Without those people Tiverton would not be the wonderful place that it is. Despite the recession Tiverton's town centre continues to have a reasonable trade, although a number of shops have been lost over the last year.

We were all devastated to learn about the collapse of part of the Grand Western Canal towards the end of 2012, but of course delighted to learn that Devon County Council has managed to find the resources to implement the necessary repair work, which it is hoped will commence during the summer of 2013.

Councillor Lindus thanked the Councillors for their support during the year and highlighted the amount of work that some of the Councillors do for the good of the town. He also thanked the Town Clerk and his team for their support over the year.

He went on to state that finances are currently very tight, and that our speaker this evening from the Fire Service may need to inform us of unpleasant financial cuts that are going to have to be made to this essential blue light service. Our principle councils have also been forced to make cuts, whilst trying to maintain the essential services to the Council Tax payers. None of these decisions are easy to make; and he was sure that they had not been made without a great deal of thought.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The weather has not been that kind to allotment holders over the last twelve months but, hopefully, we will now see some improvements which will allow everyone to have a good season.

A number of plots have recently been let. I would like to remind everyone of the requirement to give 12 months notice if they wish to give up your plot. Recently people have just been letting us know that they do not want to renew when their annual rent payment is due. The allotment contract clearly states the notice period that is required.

After many years of trying to dispose of a redundant allotment site at Palmerston Park I am pleased to announce that it has been sold to MDDC for housing. The site was not really suitable for allotment gardens as it was very steep.

It is anticipated that a number of improvements will be made to several of the allotment sites during the next financial year.

After some discussion with tenants it was agreed that bonfires would be permitted on the first weekend of every month. This agreement will continue until further notice.

Tenants are warned not to leave valuables in their allotment sheds as they are very vulnerable. Sadly there were a number of sheds broken into last year. So please do be careful.

The Allotment Association has produced some guidance which can be seen on the Town Council's website.

The number of people on the waiting list has been reduced, this is partly due to there being more sites, but also because there appears to be a slight downturn in demand from what it was a few years ago.

Sadly our Grow and Share scheme did not really go as well as was expected, however, we hope to re-launch the scheme in the future in a slightly different way.

Gerald Luxton
Vice Chairman.

CIVIC AND CEREMONIAL COMMITTEE

Last year we had to adjust the Mayor's Parade because of the new regulations regarding road closures. We were lucky to have the services of some Axminster Town Councillors who came over to Tiverton to act as stewards to help ensure that we could march to the church. Sadly they had another booking in the afternoon so we were unable to march back to the town hall as we have done in previous years.

I am pleased to inform you that I now have the necessary qualification to be able to manage the road closures once the Town Council has obtained permission from the highway authority. We are required to provide them with three month's notice. The Town Clerk and I met with the local representative of the highway authority and have arranged the road closures for the Mayor's Parade and Proclamation of the Fair, so this year the parade will operate in both directions.

The Mayor Choosing ceremony this year will be on Tuesday 7th May at 11am. This is a short but very interesting ceremony, and if you have never witnessed it is well worth a visit. The following Sunday will be the Mayor's Parade and church service. The service will be held in St Peter's Church commencing at 11am.

We are sorry to learn that Frank Housam , our Town Crier is very ill. He has served the council well, and I am sure we all wish him well for the future.

Please look on the town council's website for details of civic events.

Councillor W Burke
Chairman

PLANNING

The Committee is made up of Councillors from the five town wards; Castle, Lowman, Cranmore, Westexe South and Westexe North.

Meetings are held at the Town Hall 1st & 3rd Monday of the month and members of the public are very welcome to attend and speak on any of the applications dealt with at that meeting.

Mid Devon District Council is the local planning authority and the Town Council is a statutory consultee. This means that the Committee can support an application or give reasons for objection but does not have the power to permit or refuse an application.

On some applications a site visit may be needed.

Over the last 12 months 224 applications were dealt with. This also includes licensing application for new premises, to sell alcohol at outside events or changes to opening hours.

The Committee also deals with street naming, suggestions for new street names are put forward and the committee, with its local knowledge, is able to submit names that are relevant to the area.

Committee Members during 2012-13 were:

Elaine Trump: Chairman

Wally Burke: Vice Chairman

Tony Hendy

Janet Smith

Steve Flaws

Gerald Luxton

Jeff Rawlings

Caroline Rutley-Frayne

Neal Davey

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2013

INCOME

General administration	4063.16
Allotment receipts	2180.64
Capital receipts	70000.00
Cemetery grant	180.00
Christmas lights	10339.06
Community Garden	149.93
Civic & Ceremonial	41.66
Mayor's Charity Fund	4223.02
New Hall	28518.44
Precept	230516.00
Tiverton in Bloom	4455.75
Street cleaning	6000.00
Town Hall	3586.92
Grants holding fund	6350.00
	<u>370604.58</u>

EXPENDITURE

General administration	70,740.92
Allotments	4,389.54
Christmas Lights	21,775.86
Civic & Ceremonial	8,288.88
Community Garden	164.50
Grants	25,530.00
New Hall	45,193.52
Mayor's Charity	5,700.00
Parish Footpaths	260.00
Street Cleaning	12,536.44
Projects	19,919.89
Public Works Board Loan repayment	9,669.88
Town & Parish Grants Fund	5,998.84
Tiverton in Bloom	14,569.45
Town Hall	17481.74
	<u>262219.46</u>

Balance carried forward from 2011/12	137147.00
Add total income	370604.58
	<u>507751.58</u>
Less total expenditure	262219.46
Balance carried forward	<u>245532.12</u>

DURING 2012-13 THE FOLLOWING GRANTS WERE AGREED FOR DISTRIBUTION:

Tiverton Community Arts Theatre	500
Involve	500
Tiverton Swimming Club	500
Diamond Twirlers Majorettes	500
Old Heathcoat Community Centre	500
Friends of Bolham School	100
Tiverton Town Majorettes	250
Tiverton Sea Cadets	750
Tiverton Museum	1750
CHAT	4000
Relate	500
Tiverton Adventure Playground	1500
Tourist Information Centre	2000
Citizen's Advice Bureau	3100
Life Education Wessex	200
	16650

IN ADDITION FUNDS WERE SET ASIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Retention of two public toilets	7500
Town CCTV System	5000
Skateboard Project	5000
Canal	1000
	18500

COUNCILLORS 2012-13

WARD	COUNCILLOR	Tiverton Town Council	TELEPHONE
Cranmore	Laina Howe	20 Sideling Fields, Canal Hill, Tiverton, EX16 4HG	01884 252536
Cranmore	Lewis Clarke	37 Temple Crescent ,Tiverton EX16 4AY	07985615030
Cranmore	Susan Griggs	Old Vicarage St Andrew Street Tiverton EX16 6PH	07850375895
Cranmore	Tony Hendy	54 Bampton Street Tiverton EX16 6AH	01884 242001
Cranmore	Janet Smith	10 Irene Way Tiverton EX16 6TH	01884 242713
Cranmore	Kevin Wilson	23 Besley Close, Canal Hill Tiverton EX16 4JF	01884 255559
Castle	Janet Rendle Deputy Mayor	Lower Mellguards, Park Road Tiverton EX16 6AU	01884 254914
Castle	Elaine Trump	Sallows, 13 Park Hill Tiverton EX16 6RP	01884 252366
Castle	Tim Bridger	45 Oak Fields Tiverton EX16 6XE	07710143564
Castle	Jeff Rawlings	73 Belmont Road Tiverton EX16 6EQ	07753361836
Castle	Steve Flaws	11 Mayfair, Tiverton, EX16 4NQ	01884 798557
Lowman	Colin Slade	8 Blackthorn Avenue Tiverton EX16 6TY	01884 252301 07948432942
Lowman	Neal Davey	7 Amory Road, Tiverton EX165ES	01884 257734
Lowman	Dennis Knowles	43 Greenway Gardens Tiverton EX16 5JL	01884 254775
Lowman	Paul Graham	10 Trickey Close, Tiverton EX16 6HF	07794114785
Lowman	Simon Nott	16 Fairby Close Tiverton EX16 6AB	07813034616
Lowman	Caroline Rutley-Frayne	14 Uplowman Road, Tiverton EX16 4LU	01883 242346
Westexe South	Wallace Burke	108 Lower Cotteylands Tiverton EX16 5BJ	01884 256402
Westexe South	Alan Griffiths	9 Prideaux Crescent Tiverton EX16 6JY	01884 242477
Westexe South	Mary Turner	Hobsons Choice Westexe South Tiverton EX16 5DT	01884 254750
Westexe South	Elizabeth Slade	8 Blackthorn Avenue Tiverton EX16 6TY	01884 252301
Westexe North	Tom Lindus Mayor	Hensleigh Cottage Annex Hensleigh, Tiverton EX16 5NH	07968215123
Westexe North	Gerald Luxton	Palm Tree Cottage 11 Patches Road Tiverton EX16 5AH	01884 252671
Westexe North	Philippa Grainger	107 Palmerston Park Tiverton EX16 5PG	01884 258080

