



**TIVERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016  
JULY 2016**

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## MAYORS ANNUAL REPORT

Cllr D Knowles said he had attended many events and met many people in his year of office. 400 language students had visited the Town Hall along with local school children and he gave them a talk on the history of Tiverton and shown them the Civic Regalia. One of the highlights for him and Pauline had been riding the dodgems and swirling in a teacup at the Barnstaple Fair which took them back to their childhood. He had especially enjoyed his many visits to the High School and had seen a performance of the Lion King. He thanked Cllr S Griggs and the Christmas Lights Committee for the wonderful lights display last year and said that he is still being questioned about sparkly green pants now. The Mayors charity had raised £1225 thanks to the tireless work put in by Pauline in supporting the many fundraising events held over the year. Cllr Knowles thanked the Town Clerk and the office staff for the efficient way they had run the council and supported him over his term of office. He gave thanks to the Beadle, Mace Bearers and the Chaplain

## TOWN CLERKS ANNUAL REPORT

Last year was the first full year of responsibility for the public toilets in the town. It is surprising how much work is involved in the management of this vital facility, which includes two toilets in the town and two that are located in the parks. The toilets in the parks are open during British Summer Time. Sadly our toilets are not always respected by a small number of people who seem to want to either try or burn them down or vandalise them. We also have a drug user problem in the town toilets which is most unpleasant to our toilet attendants.

Part of my role involves keeping up with changes in Government legislation to ensure that the Council operates in a lawful manner. Both of my administration team are working towards gaining their qualifications in Council administration. I was part of the team that looked at the change from an examination style pass to the more flexible National Vocational Qualification, and this is proving to be far more relevant to staff undertaking this qualification because it requires them to undertake a number of case studies and provide examples of good practice.

Whilst the pressure is on to take over more responsibilities from the principle councils we have been able to, with the aid of good housekeeping, to keep the general expenditure down; and therefore the general tax demand lower. The Government grant however provided in conjunction with changes to benefits is being cut each year and does not help the cause, but there is little that we can do about it.

One thing that is annoying is the fact that we are required to pay business rates on the two public toilets in the town. The National Association of Local Councils has campaigned to Government Ministers to either reduce or cut out this rather stupid requirement. It is interesting, but slightly illogical to note that Business Rates are not required on the two toilets in the parks.

We have a full complement of councillors at present and provided training to them last year after the election. We have agreed to provide further training opportunities for the elected members after the May meeting.

John Vanderwolfe FILCM Chartered MCIPD

Town Clerk

## ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

I would like to thank members of the Allotments committee for their practical support over the year.

I am pleased to announce that here are 200 allotments allocated and as of today there are 2 empty plots.

Also in the past year:

- 1 Ecotoilet has been fitted at Beech Road and is working well.
- A further one is to be fitted at Tomswell this week.
- A new path has been laid at King Street and a new water trough installed.
- The long hedge at Pinnex has been trimmed back.

Cllr P Young

Chairman Allotments Committee

## TIVERTON IN BLOOM COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

2015 was a very good year for Tiverton in Bloom, the traders and the public all helped us with the lovely flowers for our South West in Bloom competition. We were lucky to be awarded our Second Gold Award.

I hope you will all support us again this year as it is our 50<sup>th</sup> year in the South West in Bloom competition.

I would like to thank all the traders, the public, the office staff and the Tiverton in Bloom Committee for all their support last year.

Cllr W Burke

Chairman Tiverton in Bloom

## PLANNING ANNUAL REPORT

This 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 each month.

## CIVIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

There have been five meetings of the Civic and Ceremonial committee this year which has helped Tiverton maintain its civic traditions.

During the year, one mace has been repaired and the other has had a temporary repair. The casket is also in the process of being mended.

It was agreed that the Town Crier competition had been a very enjoyable event which had seen a record of 13 town criers taking part.

A perambulation subcommittee was formed from the members of the City and Ceremonial

committee. The team is now actively engaged in organising the event for 9 September 2017. They have started liaising with the relevant landowners and other interested parties. They will also organise refreshments, musical entertainment and marquee hire together with the necessary return transport.

After the mayor's choosing on 9th May the mayor's church service will be on 15th May. The Mayor's Banquet is set for the 9th of July at the Tiverton Hotel. Similar to last year, tickets for this event will be purchased. Lastly, the proclamation of the fair will be held on 16 June.

Cllr Steve Flaws  
Chairman Civic & Ceremonial Committee

## FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The committee meets on the second Monday in the month and examines all income and expenditure for the previous month. The committee has also had to look at the task of taking on additional responsibilities from the district council following their reduction in grant from Central Government. This has included, for the new financial year commencing the 1st April 2016, contributions towards grass cutting and the upkeep of playing fields.

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee we received a detailed report from the town clerk regarding the possible change of ownership of this Town Hall from Mid Devon District Council to the Town Council. The committee endorsed the recommendation from the town clerk that this council would proceed with negotiation with MDDC with a view of the change of ownership being the 1st April 2017. This recommendation will now go before the full council in May.

Part of the remit of this committee is to prepare, in association with the Responsible Financial Officer, the budget. Despite the increasing pressures being placed on the council we were able to maintain a reasonable D rate contribution, with a small increase to you of only £3.49 a year. The D rate for 2016/17 is £40.29; which is about half of the rate set by Cullompton Town Council.

The committee also makes recommendations of the Town & Parishes Together Fund, which is a fund set up by Devon County Council in which the County pays £1, and the district pays 10p per elector into a fund that provides small grants to local schemes to improve life in Tiverton and the surrounding area. We have also maintained our general grant scheme to local organisations, although we have reduced the total amount of funding available.

I would like to thank the town clerk and his staff for maintaining the accounts and to my fellow councillors for their support.

Cllr Colin Slade  
Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

As Chairman of the Christmas Lights committee I would like to report another very successful switching on of the lights event 2015. The committee had chosen a new lighting display which forms a new 3 years contract. The committee all worked very well together in the lead up to the event with fundraising ideas and the production of the Christmas leaflet and ideas for games on the day. The day itself was well attended and we worked with the Tiverton High School to have an afternoon of

entertainment prior to the schools wonderful lantern parade. This preceded the lights being switched on by the mayor of Tiverton and we were not disappointed by the wonderful lights display that was new for 2015. There was plenty of extra exposure for Tiverton thanks to some of the display resembling 'Green Sparkly Pants, but the display was certainly not pants!

I would like to thank the committee members and also the town council officers for all their hard work once again.

Cllr Sue Griggs

Chairman Christmas Lights Committee

## COUNCILLORS LIST 2015-2016

### FULL COUNCILLOR LIST JANUARY 2016

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
**YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016**

<b>Income</b>	
<b>Administration income</b>	£ 1,308.22
<b>Allotment Receipts</b>	£ 4,107.11
<b>Christmas Lights</b>	£ 9,620.38
<b>Civic &amp; Ceremonial'</b>	£ 1,717.29
<b>DCLG Grant</b>	£ 22,168.72
<b>Grants Income</b>	£ 2,430.00
<b>Holding Fund for Grants</b>	£ 4,553.34
<b>Miscellaneous receipts</b>	£ 337.55
<b>New Hall'</b>	£ 25,304.07
<b>Precept</b>	£ 245,418.00
<b>Street Cleaning.</b>	£ 6,000.00
<b>Tiverton In Bloom Income</b>	£ 4,676.53
<b>Town Hall'</b>	£ 395.00
<b>Town Hall Letting Income</b>	£ 4,986.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 333,022.71</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Administration</b>	£ 91,236.27
<b>Adverse Weather Conditions</b>	£ 2,002.47
<b>Allotments</b>	£ 6,363.62
<b>Christmas Lights.</b>	£ 23,696.41
<b>Civic &amp; Ceremonial</b>	£ 12,432.27
<b>Grants</b>	£ 19,053.34
<b>New Hall</b>	£ 47,211.00
<b>P3 Footpaths</b>	£ 232.00
<b>Payments from Mayor's Charity</b>	£ 1,900.00
<b>Projects</b>	£ 20,855.21
<b>Public Conveniences</b>	£ 43,952.91
<b>Tiverton In Bloom</b>	£ 18,655.46
<b>Town Hall</b>	£ 15,761.38
<b>Town Hall Letting</b>	£ 3,219.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>£ 306,571.84</b>



## 2015-2016 GRANTS AGREED FOR DISTRIBUTION

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Tiverton VIP Club	£ 300.00
Tiverton Tourist Information Centre	£ 1,000.00
Tiverton Museum	£ 1,000.00
Age UK	£ 1,000.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 2,500.00
Tiverton & District Community Transport	£ 1,000.00
Tiverton Market Centre	£ 1,000.00
Tiverton Town Majorettes	£ 100.00
CHAT'	£ 3,000.00
Old Heathcoat School Community Centre	£ 500.00
Sunningmead Community Centre	£ 500.00
Mid Devon Show	£ 500.00
Tiverton Town Junior Football Club	£ 200.00
Tiverton Sea Cadets	£ 200.00
Relate Exeter & District	£ 300.00
STAC	£ 2,683.84
Tiverton Town Band	£ 1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 16,783.84</b>