

Town Council Report April 7th , 2021

Future High Street Fund – Today (April 6th) TDC Executive resolved unanimously to confirm acceptance of the funding, £9.2m, offered to the town through the Future High Street Fund bid, and to undertake to provide further funds , together with DCC, and to deliver the proposals.

Executive also recommended that continued stakeholder engagement and public consultation take place, on the detailed design of the elements of the bid components.

The agenda can be found in link, plus the webcast of the meeting

<https://democracy.teignbridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=2719&Ver=4>

Appendix A contains the Grimsey Town Centre Review (June 2020 Build Back Better, Covid recovery), which is well worth a read, and includes a host of examples from other town centres around the country. The Grimsey Review provides further confirmation that the town's vision, formulated by it's residents, is the correct one to secure the best possible future for our town centre and town.

When I spoke at Executive I referred to Newton Abbot Community Plan of 2008, but it is difficult to find a copy of this online. John Pike recently sent me a copy which I have attached to this email. Many of the Plan's proposals I think most people would agree with still, some have been implemented and most are now contained in your and the town's Neighbourhood Plan of 2016. The Future High Street Proposals present an opportunity to implement many of the components of that shared vision for the town.

Creating Wildflower Verges Training Event

Town Cllrs may be interested in this event, April 14th , 7pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/life-on-the-edge-creating-and-managing-wildlife-friendly-verges-tickets-148023374899>

The two event speakers will be joined by Devon County Council ecologist Mike Waller who will outline the support that Devon County Council can offer community groups, parish and town councils, enabling them to transform their local verges into wildlife havens.

Wildlife Warden Scheme

A reminder that 3 Wards of Newton Abbot are still looking for people to volunteer as Wildlife Wardens. Current coverage is in linked map

<https://ww.actionclimateteignbridge.org/wildlife-warden-areas/>

Details here

<https://actionclimateteignbridge.org/index.php/2020/08/30/could-you-be-a-parish-wildlife-warden/>

Wildlife Warden March Newsletter

<https://ww.actionclimateteignbridge.org/march-2021-newsletter/>

Great examples of action in Ogwell, Kingsteignton, Bishopsteignton and other towns/parishes.

Traffic Speeds Implementation Working Group

A meeting was held on 24th March, where the 20mph Newton Abbot trial was the main agenda item. It was agreed that 3 working groups be set up, to meet monthly,

- Design
- Public Engagement and consultation
- Data Collection

Coordinating meetings would take place bi-monthly. Mike Joyce represents the Town Council at the meetings and provides the link between the Town Council and the Working Group. I don't believe minutes of this last meeting have yet been made available, but please direct enquiries to Mike.

Consultation Summary – Devon Carbon Plan

The initial Summary of the Consultation on the Interim Devon Carbon Plan has been published.

The responses give a clear message that there is strong public support for meaningful action on climate change in Devon and for implementing the Interim Devon Carbon Plan.

Summary is attached to email.