



## BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 8 MARCH 2017 - KEY MESSAGES

1. The Town Council took great pleasure in awarding grants of £250 to the **Wigram Community Association** (the community news sheet), the **Bungalow Youth Project, Sharing Buckfastleigh, The Friendship Group** and **Smooth Space**.

2. Three major plans have been released for consideration, all of which will have a significant impact on the Buckfastleigh community:

- **The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan**
- **Newton Abbott Draft Development Framework Plan**
- **The South Hams Special Area of Conservation and Mitigation Strategy for the Heart of Teignbridge and Bovey Tracey**

Disappointment was expressed that County and District Councillors and officials failed to inform the Council earlier in this process. To this end, we have requested a meeting with Cllrs Barker, Dennis and Nutley to discuss these proposals, and how they could affect Buckfastleigh, in greater detail.

3. Members of the public highlighted the town's ongoing **parking issues** and alleged heavy-handed tactics employed by enforcement officers, which the Council will respond to. A meeting of the Council's Parking Working Party will be called to identify parking problems as a whole within the parish.

4. Following recent cuts to the **X38 bus service**, the council are seeking further information from the service providers to establish the current position.

5. All the projects identified by the Council and the community are moving along swiftly. An advertisement for the new position of a **Town Ranger** is now live, and a **youth activities consultation event** is arranged for **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the Town Hall from 3.00 to 6.00pm**

6. We have held meetings with local schools following the announcement to cut funding. Members agreed to send letters to our MP and the Secretary of State to establish the facts so we can bring it to the attention of our community at large.

Full minutes will be available on the website after the next Town Council Meeting.