



BUCKFASTLEIGH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 12 APRIL 2017 - KEY MESSAGES

1. Halina Pasiecznik of Vivid Regeneration gave a progress report about the Town Council's new programme of youth activities – **'What's in it for the kids?'** which included undertaking a survey and a drop-in session at the Town Hall with children and parents from Buckfastleigh to establish what is available in the area, what young people do and what would they like to do. The results will be used to seek funding for a youth activities coordinator, equipment and materials.
2. Cllr Pam Barrett gave a **review of the year** including the **8 projects** identified by the Council to fund during 2017/18 and thanked the Councillors and staff for their work and support.
3. Under the Town Council meeting that followed, it was confirmed that **'Colourscape,'** an exciting interactive park-sized, air-supported structure, has been booked to coincide with the **sports festival weekend** that is being arranged for July.
4. The Council's projects are all progressing and it was noted that the newly refurbished **Victoria Park** is now open to the public and the **swimming pool** will open for the summer season on **Saturday 27th May**.
5. The Council has received a response to the letter sent to Mel Stride MP following the proposed Government **education spending cuts**. It was not felt that the questions asked by Members to our MP were addressed and that most children will be effected.
6. Members unanimously voted to ban the use of non-organic herbicides in the parks and open spaces around Buckfastleigh by the District Council or its contractors and, in particular, the use of glyphosates. **It was also agreed that the Council develops a Parish Policy on Green Space.**
7. The Council expressed disappointment that the National Park has taken the decision to introduce **parking charges** to their most popular car parks without any consultation with the Town and Parish Councils within their area.

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