



BUCKFASTLEIGH ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 10 MAY 2017 - KEY MESSAGES

1. At the Annual Meeting Cllr Pam Barrett was elected as the Chair and Town Mayor with Cllr Janet Jones as Deputy Chair and Mayor. Pam and Janet were both thanked by Members for their hard work and commitment to the town over the past 12 months.

2. A discussion took place regarding the provision of **allotments** within the parish and that this is an initiative that the Council is keen to support and facilitate.

3. **Projects Update** - An exciting programme of activities for the **school summer holidays** is currently being devised based on the evidence from the recent **'What's in it for the kids'** survey commissioned by the Council.

The **Town Ranger** vacancy has now been re-advertised and the Council welcomes applications from anyone who is interested in helping improve the appearance of the town.

The progress of the **Devon Air Ambulance helipad** project has been delayed due to queries from Teignbridge District Council.

Quotes for the installation of the **solar panels** to community buildings are actively being sought.

The **swimming pool** will be open for the summer season on Saturday 27th May.

A progress report for the **CAB outreach service** will be provided later in the year and the **Community Development Fund** is now open for new applications.

4. The annual grant for **£1,800** was agreed towards the grass cutting programme at **Holy Trinity Church** together with **£300** to support the running of the **Vintage Bus** during the summer. The Council also agreed to support the **'Purple Crocus'** polio project championed by Ashburton and Buckfastleigh Rotary Club and the **Mayor's annual £500 'Good Causes Fund'** was awarded to **Cycle South Dartmoor** to undertake a feasibility study for a cycle route from Plymouth from Ashburton. The Council is keen to promote Buckfastleigh as a cycling centre of excellence.

5. A letter has been received from the **Minister of State for School Standards** which will be published on the Town Council website regarding the Government's response to the proposed cuts to school funding.

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