



BUCKFASTLEIGH ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 21 JUNE 2017 - KEY MESSAGES

1. We were pleased to present a grant for **£300** to South Devon Rail and Road Services towards the running of the popular **Vintage Bus** service during the summer season.

2. Members will be requesting a statement from Dartmoor National Park Authority to establish whether harmful chemicals are being used to control the growth of bracken on the Moor and their policy for the protection and enhancement of biodiversity in this special area.

3. Projects Update –

The Council has received news that a bid for funding towards the **free children's activities** during the school holidays was successful – further news to follow.

We would like to welcome **Matthew McLeod** our new **Town Ranger** who will shortly be seen around the town helping to make a difference to our community.

The progress of the **Devon Air Ambulance helipad** project is still being delayed due to restrictions from Teignbridge District Council.

The **CAB weekly outreach service** has already helped local residents receive nearly £49,000 in successful benefit and tax credit applications.

The **Community Development Fund** is up and running and applications will be considered by the Town Council in the autumn.

The Town Hall and swimming pool have been very busy during the first weeks of the summer season, both hosting a wide variety of bookings and activities for residents and visitors.

4. A **community budget planning workshop will be held in St. Luke's Church Hall on Monday 10th July from 7.30pm to 9.30pm** to look at how the Council is spending your money, what are your priorities and what should we do next?

5. A huge range of **FREE** activities have been arranged for the **Buckfastleigh Festival of Sport weekend on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July at the Football Club and Victoria Park** and will include the amazing **Colourscape** experience – a sculpture of colour and light that you can go inside!

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