



BUCKFASTLEIGH ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

9 MAY 2018 - KEY MESSAGES

1. At the Annual Meeting **Cllr Andy Stokes** was elected as the new **Chair and Town Mayor** with **Cllr Janet Jones** as **Deputy Chair and Mayor**. Andy expressed his thanks to Cllr Pam Barrett as the outgoing Chair and Mayor who has worked tirelessly on behalf of Buckfastleigh for the past two and a half years.

2. **Grants Review** – we are currently undertaking a review of our grants process which includes the introduction of a new **Perennial Grant**. The Town Council recognises that there are charitable, voluntary and not-for-profit making organisations that provide front line services to the community which are not capable of covering their full annual running costs and depend on the security of regular funding rather than unsustainable ad hoc grants. Perennial funding will be available for up to four years, but successful applications will need to satisfy a strict set of criteria and applicants will be required to provide an annual report to the Council.

3. **Heart of Buckfastleigh** – we agreed to ring-fence a provisional budget of £850.00 to meet the cost of this new community event scheduled for **Saturday 16th June** in the Town Hall. This will be funded from the new Culture and Events budget for 2018/19.

4. **Community Participatory Budgeting Event** – we agreed that the July full Council meeting will be held as a consultation event to seek the views and opinions of our residents as to how we should spend your money within the community for 2019/20. Andy also highlighted the need to review the Standing Orders to encourage greater public participation and encourage residents to join the Environment and Tourism Committees.

5. **Councillors Surgery** – Councillors Janet Jones and Huw Cox held an informal surgery on Fore Street which was well received and was of particular interest to people who have recently moved into the town.

6. **Parking and Speeding Reviews** – we are pursuing the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed zone within the parish and continue to seek the views of residents. A petition is to be organised shortly which will also include a request to reduce the speed limit along Strode Road to 30mph.

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