

ACTION LOG – Updated for February 2018

Minute Number	Detail	Action Taken	Target Date/ Completion Date
5 12/7	NT Directory Reprinting	Ongoing – good progress being made.	Ongoing
6a 12/7	Memorial Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting arranged with Geoff Cawse and Estates Committee on 30th January 2018, 7pm. Updated quotes to be obtained. 	Ongoing
	Tree Survey Report	The most urgent works have been completed, the contractor has advised that there remains some work to 3 or 4 lime trees in the cemetery.	Ongoing
4/3/17 Part II	NTTC Website	Good progress being made, basic design in place, still working on content.	Ongoing
4/4/17 10	Bathway Fields – change of planned road surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Await WDBC planning decision. 	Ongoing
4/4/17	Section 106 Bathway Fields -- 50% Arts contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting of Working Group to be convened in the New Year. Further appeal in February Roundabout, several further volunteers have come forward Date to be set for initial meeting Quotation due from contractor – to be discussed at January meeting, Part II 	Ongoing
1/8/17	Footpath from mini roundabout to De Bathe Cross – cutting back overgrowth to edge of path Street lighting between mini roundabout and Bathway Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded complaint to DCC re overgrown vegetation obscuring light on left hand side below mini roundabout. DCC have written to landowners requesting pruning of trees – if no response DCC will carry out work and recharge landowners. WDBC Section 106 monitoring officer contacted 10/1/18 	Ongoing
7/11/17 Part II - 1	External Light at Orchard Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter sent to Chair of Orchard Court Management Committee confirming the light is to be rewired to the car park circuit for which the Council is responsible. The Council's contractor has been instructed accordingly. Still chasing this issue 	Ongoing
7/11/17 Part II – 3	Cemetery Extension Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council's contractor has now completed the necessary works of clearing this ground. 	Ongoing
5/12/17 12	Cemetery Regulations – minor revisions agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter and copies of main regulations and regulations for members of the public sent to 7 local funeral directors for distribution as required. 	Closed
9/1/18 7	Request for dog waste bin at Bathway Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request has been sent to Wain Homes to ask if they would cover the cost of installing a dog waste bin – reply awaited. 	Ongoing
9/1/18 9	Highways issues at Bathway Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk was requested to email the WDBC S106 Monitoring officer, and ask that an alternative site for a bus stop be pursued. Email sent to monitoring officer re bus stop and other S106 issues. 	Ongoing

Nominations for this year's Mayoral Awards are now open.

The Mayoral Awards are given out each year to an individual, firm or organisation who:

- has done something particularly noteworthy in the Borough, or
- has enhanced the reputation of the Borough on the national stage, or
- made a significant contribution to the conservation and protection of the natural environment of West Devon.

An individual can include a person temporarily living away from the Borough but whose main place of residence remains in West Devon.

What Awards are Presented?

The Award Categories are:

- The West Devon Mayoral Award (Under 18)
- The West Devon Mayoral Award (Over 18/Organisation)
- The Mayor's Green Award

The West Devon Mayoral Award (Under 18)

The nominee for this award should be a person under the age of 18 at the time of nomination and who you think has

- done something particularly noteworthy within the borough, or
- enhanced the reputation of the Borough on the national stage

The West Devon Mayoral Award (Over 18/Organisation)

The nominee for this award should be a person over 18 or an organisation who you think has

- done something particularly noteworthy within the borough, or
- enhanced the reputation of the Borough on the national stage

The Mayor's Green Award

This award was created to recognise and highlight the work done by individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution to the conservation and protection of the natural environment of West Devon. This includes work on carbon reduction schemes, environmental projects, recycling, sustainable energy projects, green transport project and community work promoting, carrying out or highlighting any of the above. If you know of a real 'green go-getter' (individual or organisation) then please do nominate them.

How can I nominate someone?

Nominations need to be submitted in writing, using the nomination forms which can be downloaded on the right hand side of the page. The forms should be returned to:

The Mayor's PA, West Devon Borough Council, Kilworthy Park, Drake Road, Tavistock PL19 0BZ

Alternatively, you can complete the form digitally and email it to Kathy.Hoare@swdevon.gov.uk

The closing date for nominations is the 28 February 2018. The judging will take place no later than the 9 March 2018 and the winners will be notified shortly afterwards.

Annex D

Okehampton Town Council

Notes from Councils Together Meeting held on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Okehampton Town Council

Present: Councillor Mrs J Goffey – Mayor, Okehampton Town Council
Mrs E James – Clerk, Okehampton Town Council
Councillor A Sampson – Chairman, South Tawton Parish Council
Councillor D Moore – Vice-Chairman, Sticklepath Parish Council
Councillor M Ash – Chairman, Belstone Parish Council
Councillor Ms C Tyson, Hatherleigh Town Council
Councillor Mrs C Mott – Chairman, Bridestow Parish Council

Apologies: Councillor D Webber – Chairman, Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council
Mrs J Gillard - Clerk, Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council
Councillor C Coleman – Chairman, Sampford Courtney Parish Council
Councillor Ms J Wilson – Chairman, Northlew Parish Council
Mr P Daniels – Clerk, Bridestowe Parish Council

Cllr Goffey welcomed those present to an informal gathering of councils local to Okehampton.

Highways

S.Tawton PC reported that unusually Highways had contacted them requesting them to advise of any road within their parish that required complete refurbishment.

Traffic

Cllr Goffey reported that some headway was being made with traffic issues in the town following a visit to a council meeting by a Highways senior member, at which it had been promised that options would be investigated and a traffic survey undertaken.

Repairs to the crossings in the centre of the town by the traffic lights were due to take place during February.

Police Station

It had been confirmed by the local Inspector that the Police Station would be relocating rather than closing and there would still be a police presence in Okehampton.

Precept Requests

The precept requests being made for 2018/19 varied widely by the councils present. Cllr's were reminded of the need to be able to justify the reason for increases, especially those above 5%.

New School

The new primary school would be run by the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust.

Bank Closures

The Okehampton Branches of the Natwest and Barclays banks would be closing in May 2018.

Okehampton Hospital

Cllr Goffey reported that it was expected an announcement would be made regarding ACO's taking over the hospital.

National Health Property Services stated that in the near future there was no intention to sell off Community Hospitals, the RD&E would be announcing which areas would be surplus to their requirements and possibly available for lease. ACO's or contracts for various Hospital services are a strong possibility soon, which would open these to private as well as NHS tenders.

Some good news, Force would be making cancer treatment available to some patients at Okehampton hospital.

Raising the Profile of Local Councils

Cllr Moore tabled a suggestion for consideration of the group. Often the smaller councils had ongoing vacancies for members that they struggled to fill, thought to be because members of the public were not aware of what they did, and had a 'what's the point' attitude.

It was suggested that as 2019 was the next election year, it would be a good time to raise awareness of the work of local councils by way of a combined campaign, possibly in the form of a coffee morning or similar in the Charter Hall, Okehampton on 23rd May. All local councils to be invited to have a table, local MP's to be invited etc.

Cllr Moore to email Councils with further thoughts and a draft plan for the event for discussion by each Council. Any helpers with regards planning the event etc would be welcomed.

GWR Rail Consultation

OTC to circulate their response to group members once finalised.

Hatherleigh Market

Cllr Tyson advised that although the animal auctions were ceasing at the end of February 2018, the rest of the market was not closing and would continue to run as usual, including the Fur and Feathers Auctions.

Simmons Park

A suggestion of holding of nature days in the school holidays was further discussed. Cllr Sampson to make enquiries with an acquaintance regarding the possibility of him attending.

Future of the Meetings

It was hoped that the group would continue to meet following the Mayor elections in May. The next meeting to take place in April 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm