One Ilfracombe Town Team

Meeting Notes

1030-1230

Wednesday 9th November 2022

The Ilfracombe Centre

Attendees: Neil Ingram (One Ilfracombe - Chair), Eric Haynes (Ilfracombe Access Group), Steve Trebble (Ilfracombe in Bloom), Gloria Satchwell (League of Friends Tyrell), Rich Rodd (ITC), Barbara Clarke (Events 4 Ilfracombe / IBTA), Rob Townsend (ITC), Netti Pearson (Earth Repair Shop/ITC/NDC), Alan Matthewman (ITC), Dan Turton (ITC), Terry Elliott (ITC)

Apologies: Harbourmaster, Bert Gear (ITC), Ilfracombe Police, Ilfracombe Fire, Mike Jones (NDC), Lena Hayden (NDC), Alex Bird (DCC)

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Neil Ingram

2. **Actions from last meeting** – Neil Ingram

- *Push to encourage Town Team participation from local groups and NDC/DCC representatives* – **Work will continue to improve the situation.**
- *"Have Your Say" reporting system* – **Take up is minimal but will continue to promote and review around Easter 23.**
- *Return of the Street Marshalls* – **No response from NDC**
- *Use of the Probation Service, Community Payback Team* – **Neil and Rob have meeting with Mark Andrews from Probation Service 16th November**
- *National Express Coach Drivers drop off* – **AM informed meeting that National Express Coaches can use Brookdale Car Park to turn around if required but it can not be used as a "terminal".**
- *NDC Street Cleaning Obligations* – **No response from NDC, passed to Netti Pearson to investigate, NP informed Rich Rodd and Rob Townsend that Mike Jones would be trailing the foam weed sprayer at 1130 10th Nov at Hillsborough Car Park.**

3. **Written updates**:

- Ilfracombe Police – Update from Insp Rich Preston in relation to potential protest over dispersed asylum seekers arrival at the Dilkusa Grand Hotel, Ilfracombe.

  The below is precis of the protest activity last night:

  The event was attended by approx.: 40-50 persons who were all pro and in support of the refugees placed at the DGH, displaying placards of love hearts and singing 'All you need is Love' for around 45 mins. There was a very small gathering approx. 10 persons who attended to the side of the growing pro supporters and tried to object and be verbally obstructive, but were eventually drowned out by the increasing chorus of the Lennon-McCartney classic.

All in all a positive and event free evening, which showed a brighter, supportive side of the current situation. I've no doubt there will be issues to contend with in the coming weeks/months (no time for complacency), but a reassuring start to some initial hostile concerns.

4. **Grot Spots Updates**

- Market Arches – Have been fully cleaned with the painting to be completed over the next few days and will be clear for use at Combe Christmas event as required. The theatre demolition continues to go ahead as planned. Money specifically obtained from The National Lottery Jubilee Fund for the creation of Art work in the arches will be used in due course once the dates for the demolition of DJ's and subsequent access to the area becomes clearer.
- The Lanes / Cow Lane /Market Street / Oxford Grove – Neil and Rob have a walk around meeting with Mark Andrews from the Probation Service 16th November
- Rich Rodd also stated that 2 of the benches in the area next to Jeffries have been rebuilt and replaced. Another one has been removed and not replaced due to it being vandalised.

5. **ITC Out & About Update - Rob Townsend**

- War Memorial ahead of Remembrance Sunday – area will be ready and in tip top condition thanks to additional assistance from the Green Team volunteers and Peter Joyce.
- Large Poppy Badge Bed at Mullacott is being sponsored by the Lions
- Benches made up from the "spare parts" purchased via the WBF are being used in the shelter by Cheyne Beach.
- Provision of bulbs, as agreed at last meeting, have been received from Mike Jones.
- Boat, for use as a flower bed, has been received courtesy of the Harbourmaster

6. **AOB**

- Steve Trebble updated the group on the plans for Ilfracombe in Bloom to re-landscape the Mullacott roundabout. Questions over approval from DCC Highways were raised – NI to pass Alex Bird (DCC) details to Steve T. Potential for Community Payback Team to be involved was also raised.
- Alan Matthewman reminded the meeting of the access for cash project and encouraged people to spread the word of the online survey within their networks.
- Netti covered the ongoing application for the Coca Cola sponsored recycle bins for the harbour, that the Welcome to Ilfracombe signs could do with a clean, Earth Repair Shop still looking to increase the opportunity to plant edibles around the town and are working with Ilfracombe in Bloom, Salvation Army and Delta. Any initiative would need maintaining and ownership taken of them.
- Gloria informed all that the League of Friend for the Tyrell charity shop remains busy. The Tyrell and it's equipment remains under utilised but the group continue to pressure the authorities. The Tyrell also remains open as a walk in Covid vaccination centre each Thursday.

- Terry Elliott requested that some form of Spring Clean event returns to the calendar for 2023 with the possibility of incorporating a week of events in various locations across the town. **NI to include this in the future projects plan**.

- Rob T asked the group whether they knew if the Sea Shark was still in operation. Netti informed the meeting that it was.

- NI informed the group of the upcoming Defib Awareness Session. Dan Turton asked the question as to whether a defib map of Ilfracombe could be created identifying all of the defib locations and their availability. **NI to research and report back at the next meeting.**

- Gloria said that the open stream that runs along Wilder Road just before Brookdale Avenue was becoming increasingly overgrown. The group agreed that clearing this area would also have potential to turn the stream into a more appealing "water feature". **NI will take some photographs and report on the NDC or DCC or Environment Agency website as whose responsibility it would be is unclear.**

7. **Date of next meetings**:

- 7th December 1030 The Ilfracombe Centre
- 2023 dates to be confirmed at ITC programme meeting on 16th November