Town Team

Meeting Notes

1030-1230 - Wednesday 7th December 2022

The Ilfracombe Centre

Present: Neil Ingram (One Ilfracombe) Barbara Clarke (Events4Ilfracombe/IBTA) Terry Elliott (ITC/Friends of Tyrell Hospital/Belles Place) Eric Hayes (Ilfracombe Access Group) PCSO Ade Drury (D&CP), PC Matt Reed, (D&CP), Mike Jones (NDC Parks) Steve Trebble (Ilfracombe in Bloom) Suse Rolfe (NDC Community Officer) Rob Townsend (ITC) Rich Rodd (ITC)

1. NI welcomed the group to the last meeting of 2022 and thanked all in attendance for their support over the past year.

2. NI proposed that following a discussion with the Town Clerk and the Programme Manager the following areas relating to the Town Team be open for review and discussion:

- *Meeting frequency* – It was proposed that the Town team meeting frequency be moved from monthly to 6 weekly. This was agreed. NI to implement into ITC/OI 2023 diary. **Action: Neil Ingram**
- *Meeting attendance* – All present were content for their organisation(s) to continue to be represented. RT suggested that Peter Joyce be invited to attend when the agenda contained an element of street cleaning. BC requested that a representative from a High Street business would be useful. No suggestions were forthcoming in the meeting so NI will put out a request via social media. **Action: Neil Ingram**
- *Town Team Direction* – NI reiterated that the role of the Town Team was to rectify identified issues that were within the remit of the individuals and organisations present. The primary focus being on self-help, local knowledge and partnership working that results in quick wins and fixes to get the job done. Anything requiring strategic or further approval will be passed onto the relevant group, board or Council for action.

3. Actions from last meeting:

- *Use of Probation Service, Community Payback Team* – NI and RT met with Mark Andrews (Probation Service) to identify areas for the team to work on. Cow Lane,

Oxford Grove and The Lanes were duly identified with the former having already been cleared by the team. NI also informed ST that the team would also be able to assist Ilfracombe in Bloom with stanchion painting and work on their Mullacott project(s).

- *NDC Street Cleaning Obligations* – AM as the Town Clerk has so far not had any response from NDC in identifying these obligations. NI was ask Netti Pearson as an Ilfracombe representative at North Devon Council to follow up on this. **Action: Neil Ingram / Netti Pearson**
- *Spring Clean Event* –TE had previously suggested that this be a series of events across town and not just a one off event on a single day. NI informed the group that these events would form part of the ITC/OI project planning programme for 2023 and that it was hoped to include North Devon Homes in these plans. **Action: ITC/OI Programme & Project Team**

4. Written updates

- *Harbourmaster* – DCC have awarded the RYA training centre funding to train instructors as part of the 'quick win' project. Working towards RYA recognition now, should be in place by end Feb/Begin March 2023. Harbour has been successful in gaining MMO & NDC funding for further infrastructure upgrades, works to commence this winter period. Marine drive is to remain closed to cars for duration until new seawall and slipway are completed due to storage areas needed for the blocks and the fishermen's pots. Major components for slipway and seawall are being delivered for storage at Hillsborough Road Car Park until they can be put in place after the early 2023 Spring Tides approx 9th Jan 23. Coca Cola bin application (as discussed at previous meeting) has been submitted.

5. Grot Spots Updates

- *Market Arches* – Majority of painting work complete. RR reported that public were very supportive during this process. NI echoed this in relation to the drop in negative social media comments whilst the work has been ongoing. Next move is to sort the artwork. NI to speak to Dan and Hayley at Silk Crystal about getting this sorted in early 2023. Funding is also ready held to undertake this project (PCC & National Lottery Jubilee Grants). **Action: Neil Ingram**
- *The Lanes/Cow Lane /Oxford Grove* – These areas are being addressed with the ongoing partnership working with the Probation Service and the ITC team.
- Other areas were identified such as Belgrave Parade (one for IRB) and the lane next to the opticians / Link Centre. NI and RT will investigate the latter and where necessary inform NDH/NDC of their findings to establish a way ahead. **Action: Neil Ingram & Rob Townsend**
- TE identified Wilder Road Garden as a favoured fly tipping spot which is in part due to the large domestic bins which people leave items up against. ITC staff will keep an eye on the area and report any fly tipping to NDC.

6. ITC Out & About Update – Rob Townsend

- Combe Christmas event went very well. (Follow up report being submitted to ITC Full Council meeting 12th December) There are and have been a few outages but these are being sorted on an ad hoc basis.
- The ITC Team have been out informing residents at certain premises of potential threats as advised by the Environment Agency.
- Rock Salt has been delivered to the yellow tubs as part of the Road Warden Scheme.
- The ITC team will fill pot holes as they are reported however they will only fix the very worse of these and they do have limited facilities and time allocated to undertake these tasks.
- Cheyne Beach's new bench (provided by the harbourmaster) will be relocated soon.
- Planting has taken place at Mullacott as plants are moved from the Remembrance bed to along the road into Ilfracombe

7. AOB

- TE reported that pot holes at Slade Valley (by Vision Centre). RT and RR will investigate what can be done.
- TE requested that IRB issues a progress report on those issues, such as vacant insecure buildings, that have been reported as such by the Town Team.
- Ilfracombe Police reported that there had been no reported incidents during the Combe Christmas event. It was agreed that although the responses using the "Have Your Say" cards and online options were minimal it was worth maintaining the processes until Easter 2023 when they would then be reviewed.
- MJ had nothing to report other than his pending early retirement next March. The Town team thanked Mike for his support and looked forward to seeing him and his replacement in 2023.
- Steve Trebble:

  Is there anything that can be done about the many private moveable bins that are left by Ropery Road car park? RT stated that this is an ongoing problem which has been reported to NDC as the property is owned by ITC with letters having been sent to households and businesses in the area. However, without further enforcement the situation is unlikely to change.

  Ilfracombe in Bloom now have 3 x quotes for the landscaping of Mullacott Roundabout. Currently establishing the requirement for Chapter 8 and any partial road closures that may be required for this work to be undertaken.

  From February Ilfracombe in Bloom will be running a Sunday Club where people can get involved with "Green Pursuits". NI offered to assist in the promotion of this via ITC & OI media.

Ilfracombe in Bloom will also be growing their own plants next year to keep down costs.

8. Date of next meeting:

- 1030 Weds 18th January 2023 – The Ilfracombe Centre