One Ilfracombe – Town Team

Meeting Notes

1030 - Weds 25th January 2023

Present: Neil Ingram (One Ilfracombe), Sgt Malcolm Kirk (D&CP), PCSO Ade Drury (D&CP), Netti Pearson (ITC, NDC & Earth Repair Shop), Terry Eliott (ITC & Friends of Tyrell Hospital), Barbara Clarke (Events4Ilfracombe, IBTA, Ilfracombe in Bloom), Rich Rodd (ITC), Rob Townsend (ITC)

1. NI welcomed the group to the first meeting of 2023 and reiterated the role of the Town Team.

2. Sgt Malc Kirk (MK) (Neighbourhood Team Leader for Ilfracombe and Braunton) introduced himself to the group stating that he was looking forward to working with One Ilfracombe, the Town Council and the community as a whole to address those issues most prevalent on the public agenda.

Terry Elliott stated that there remains a communication issue as to whole the public reported those instances where individuals were seen to be accessing or using the abandoned building sites across the town, in particular the Devon Bay.

MK stressed that although 101 is by far a perfect system that members of the public should still be encouraged to use this to report instances of potential criminal activity or to contact the Neighbourhood Team via their **website**

NI pointed out that the Have Your Say cards in both hard copy and as online version are still in operation (being reviewed at Easter) and that the routes of communication for the Police and all three councils are regularly posted to social media and remain available on the One Ilfracombe **website.**

3. Actions from last meeting:

- Spring Clean Event – This will take place week commencing 20th March. The OI Project Team will be publishing more details in due course.
- Belgrave Parade Ownership – This can still not be established so the cleaning responsibility remain unclear. Fly tipping should continue to be reported to **NDC**
- IRB have been informed of the situation in relation to abandoned buildings and an update has again been requested.

4. Written Updates:

Harbourmaster

Watersports Hub – as can be seen the seawall is in progress of being built and the slipway is due to be transported down next week. This will then enable the last of the landscaping and ground works to be completed. Opening date is yet to be confirmed but am confident it will be in time for this coming season.

Coca Cola / HubBub Bin Bid – No update or news yet.

DCC Highways (Alex Bird)

It would be interesting to get some feedback at the meeting regarding the WWU works, from what I've seen when out around Ilfracombe traffic seems to be flowing well.

With regards to potholes, if you could encourage people to continue to report them on the Devon Report a problem website - this way they go straight through to our contractor for an assessment. If you get any particular locations for potholes that come up at the meeting let me know and I'll be happy to go out and assess them.

Post meeting notes – NI has used ITC social media to continue to promote the message of Report! Report! Report! Via the DCC **website**

5. Grot Spots Update – It was agreed that this does no longer need to be a standing agenda item as all the "usual suspects" are known with any updates being identified in the ITC Out & About section.

6. ITC Out & About Update – Nothing new to report work continues around the town. NI and RT to liaise in relation to replacing the Prom planters at Hele with a Fiberglass Boat.

7. AOB

TE stated that there was still an issue with refuse collection in so much as the current open bin recycling system continued to create a problem with open top bins unable to retain their contents in windy conditions. An example being Highfield Road where content often ended up in the gutters collecting near, in or over drains which in turn created further issues when raining.

Continuing on the refuse theme, TE stated that many of the towns bins were no longer fit for purpose and required replacing, this was most evident, but not restricted to the bins on the High Street.

Post Meeting Note – NI has written a report relating to this issue for consideration at the next Full Council meeting on Monday 16th February

8. Date of Next Meetings:

Weds 8th March

Weds 26th April

Weds 7th June

Weds 19th July

Weds 6th September

Weds 18th October

Weds 29th November