One Ilfracombe Town Team

1030 - 19th October 2023

The Ilfracombe Centre & Online Teams

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Neil Ingram (One Ilfracombe) Chair	Bert Gear (ITC Cllr)
Laura Donovan (ITC Proper Officer)	Rob Townsend (ITC Maintenance)
Gavin Pennington-Ellis (ITC Facilities Manager)	Barbara Clarke (TIC)
Eric Hayes (Ilfracombe Access Group)	Marc Newland (ITC Cllr)
Naomi Laurenson (NDC Places Project Officer)	

Apologies:

Suse Rolfe (NDC), Ilfracombe Police, ITC Cllrs Elliott, Coates and Williams, Alex Bird (DCC Highways)

1. The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. Last meeting actions

    a. Storage Facility at Police station – actions complete
    b. Bin Audit – The physical audit has been completed and the report will be submitted to ITC FC in due course.
    c. Lee Bay bin collections – awaiting update from NDC
    d. Brookdale Coach Park bins – awaiting update from NDC
    e. Tarry lane residents – NDC Officer visits / Bin Stickers – awaiting update from NDC. Stickers are good to go.
    f. MIU Signage – with DCC. *Post meeting update – DCC willing to discuss process but do not have funds for this. NI spoken to Cllr Elliott who will arrange for League of the Friends of the Tyrrell Hospital to speak directly with DCC.*
    g. NDC Street Cleaning Programme – awaiting update from NDC
    h. Use of Community Payback Team – *Post meeting update – NI has spoken to the Team Manager and they will be in attendance to assist pre-remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial. Details passed to ITC Main Team. A list of grot spot locations has also been passed to them to programme in regular visits.*

3. Written update from Inspector Rich Preston (D&CP) – extracts from which are:
    a. 2 x Street Marshalls are now on the streets of Ilfracombe 2 days a week. They are linked in with the Police Neighbourhood Team and have been appraised of the ASB locations and individuals to assist addressing certain behaviours. Their physical presence is welcomed and hopefully will be a reassuring sight for businesses and the community as a whole.

b. The team have been taking part in Safer Business Awareness Week and as such have been advising and supporting local businesses with aspects of crime such as retail crime, cyber-crime and general business security.
c. Post the summer season, local crime and incident data showed a decrease in reported crime in a year on year comparison with 2022. The police are still aware that crime exists sadly and that ASB aspects are happening within the town and therefore these aspects still remain a focus for their teams to address.

4. AOB
   a. Ropery Road Car Park (Ship and Pilot end) – could a bin storage similar to the one at the other end or alternatively an area for trade waste bins be established? – Action - ITC Facilities Manager.
   b. Telescopes removal – this has now been put on hold following a request from NDC.
   c. Rob Townsend reported that:
      i. ITC Maint staff and Cllr D Williams have passed their Chapter 8 qualification
      ii. Christmas tree for War Memorial sorted just awaiting electrical sign off for the tree lights.
      iii. Remembrance Day microphone junction box sorted
      iv. Request for spare Christmas lights passed to F&GP for approval
      v. All Combe Christmas lights have been repaired and are good to go.
      vi. Springfield Road bench (lower end) being removed as broken. Replacement decision with F&GP.
   d. Barbara Clarke stated that the baskets on the High Street will remain as they will be used for both poppies (remembrance week) and lights (Combe Christmas)
   e. Laura Donovan stated that the Street Wardens would use the Ilfracombe Centre as their base for any first aid requirements etc.
   f. Cllr Gear enquired about the flag pole holders along the High Street. The Chair informed him that these were in a various state of repair but that it was a project that although currently parked would be looked into again in the new year.
   g. Marc Newland expressed concern over the mass of household bins at Hillsborough Terrace. The chair said that these would be “stickered’ and monitored a per those at Tarry Lane.
   h. Marc Newland enquired as to whether Gypsy Lane could be cleared of vegetation as it is overgrown and becoming very slippery with fallen leaves etc. The Chair has already identified this area and it has been included in the programme of work by the Community Payback Team and ITC Main Team.
   i. A question was raised as to the intention in relation to the old Laston Green Community Garden & Allotments. Marc Newland had heard that the land had been sold with the intention to clear for the potential use of temporary “yurt style” dwellings.

5. Date of next meeting : Weds 29th November