

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting

July 18th 2017.

No meeting in August.

Next meeting September 12th

For more information see our website
<http://www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/>

Your 9 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Ian Trenaman, Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Keith Kingstone, Ben Bailey, Andrea Kimber.

WE STILL HAVE ONE VACANCY!

Hatherleigh Bus to Sunday Train day!

A Community Minibus is booked for Sunday 20th August to take passengers to Okehampton to link with the Sunday Train to Exeter. See elsewhere in the Pump for full details. The bus will depart Hatherleigh Co-op bus stop at 09.00 to meet the train departing Okehampton for Exeter Central Station at 09.55.

Return journey will leave Exeter Central Station at 16.29 and the bus will have you safely back in Hatherleigh at around 18.00.

Seats need to be booked and paid for in advance. Visit the Paper Shop to get your name down. The return minibus fare will be £3.00 per adult and £2.00 per child under 12 years. Sorry no bus passes. Children under primary school age will need to bring their own car/booster seat. The return train fare is £5.20 payable on the train.

The cost of the minibus is being subsidised by the Town Council to show support for the OkeRail campaign which aims to promote the use of the train to show our Government that there is huge local support for a regular weekly train service to Exeter.

If you have any questions about the minibus trip please contact Andrea Kimber 01837 810057.

Island Park seating is finally installed! In time for the school summer holidays you will be pleased to see new picnic benches and seating at Island Park. The quality of these items has been achievable entirely from fantastic financial support of the Moor Management Committee.

Further discussion was had following feedback from Devon County Council and West Devon Borough Council. Highways officers were impressed with the level of detail in our traffic map submission; we now await their response to our requests. Details are on the Town Council website. Another working group meeting is planned to look in detail at the latest financial figures and implications of taking on the car park.

An article and photographs on Hatherleigh has been sent to the Visit Dartmoor promotional group to help support tourism to the area.

Quite a few planning applications were looked at this month, the most controversial being the Runnon Moor proposal for 80 houses. Members of the public were present to hear our discussion and comment was offered in the public session. By majority the Council objected to the proposal and a response will be submitted listing several reasons against it. To view the application visit WDBC planning website and use reference no. 1885/17/OPA.

The shabby condition of the railings in Bridge St was raised and it was agreed that rather than undertake a repaint to allow the more fun way of revamping them by use of colourful crochet street art – contributions welcome!

Everyone will now be well aware of the charges being brought in for garden compost. It was suggested that a community composting scheme be started however this is not as straightforward as first appears and many schemes fail due to lack of quality control. We would encourage residents to consider simple home composting, information is available on the West Devon Borough Council website.

District Councillor Kimber's report included news that WDBC and South Hams are considering merging their authorities in order to meet funding gaps. He also explained the reason for the can recycling bank removal – due to the length of time it takes to fill this container up the acid from the alcoholic cans deposited deteriorates the base over time risking collapse during lifting and transportation.

Space is short here. A full account of the meetings are available in the minutes, these are available on the notice board at Millennium Square or on the Town Council website at <http://www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/>

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