



HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Notes from February meeting
Next meeting **March 14th**

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<http://www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/>

Your 7 Councillors are: Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Ian Trenaman, Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back
New Councillor Keith Kingstone is welcomed.
Ross Wolverson is expected to join us next month.

**THERE ARE TWO MORE VACANCIES AVAILABLE;
APPLY TO THE CLERK FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

We would like to encourage anyone who has an interest in helping with the practical aspects of managing the town, or who sees opportunities to develop projects or ideas, or who simply wants to represent the views of their generation or interest group. The minimum time commitment is to attend a meeting once a month, of course there are other roles to get stuck into if your time allows. This is a voluntary role but it is very rewarding and interesting engaging with different aspects and people within the community of Hatherleigh. This engagement extends to other communities and different levels of councils. Visit the website to read through past minutes to gain more insight.

Prior to Council meeting, Councillors attended a short presentation by IJP Planning for information purposes only on their intention to seek planning advice with WDBC for Runnon Moor.

Cycle Parking: The Council are pleased to announce that 12 cycle racks have been installed in 3 locations: outside Co-op, school entrance and Millennium Corner. It is hoped this will bring benefit to the centre of town by encouraging more cycle use and be of service to the many cycling visitors who pass through town using the National cycling networks. Devon County Councillor James McInnes' Locality Grant will pay half the costs, we hope to secure the remaining costs using the TAP fund.

A Larger Community notice board is now in place next to the defibrillator on the Co-op wall. We have replaced the old Hatherleigh Project information board. This will be kept as an archive piece. The smaller noticeboard will be adopted by the Community Centre to promote its facilities and events.

It was agreed to purchase a small brass plaque to provide information about the creation of the mosaic and time capsule in the flowerbed.

Maintenance: We are getting a quote for works to resurface the path and repair the fence in the new

burial ground. The works to thin, prune and remove the dead trees in Island Park are continuing. You'll notice the thin hedge along the path has been laid, this will improve and thicken it and create a better sight line through to the area. Concern was noted on the deterioration of the wooden bridge, if anyone can offer their help with this please get in touch.

Air Ambulance night landing site: Councillors met with air ambulance officials and members of the Cricket Club to discuss options. Other sites have been considered but they felt this was the most suitable pending electric cables buried underground. A quote is being sought. Updates on this will continue.

Parking: We still await news from WDBC on its Asset Review and decision on the car park, though we reiterated to WDBC Cllr Kimber the need for a long-term lease. The Council feel very strongly that any short term trial will simply not work as it is difficult to change people's habits unless they are forced to do so. Creating the provision of a free car park must go in hand with any parking restrictions. The clerk having chased Devon County Council's promise of assigning us with a Highways Officer to investigate what type of restrictions are viable, has now been told we may not be assigned one until after April 2017!

Toilet cleaner post: Following our advert inviting expressions of interest we had a number of enquiries. We will update on this again next month. We have still not being informed by West Devon Council whether the toilet block is considered worthy of a revamp.

County and District Councillors were present at meeting and both gave updates on funding gaps. Cllr McInnes reported an increase to the fund for pothole repairs, and Cllr Kimber that the Joint Local Plan is progressing.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO LONDON March 18th: The OkeRail group have organised a one-off *Okehampton to Paddington* special to promote the campaign for a regular passenger rail service. Tickets are on sale now. Details on the Town Council website.

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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