



**Minehead Town Council Report for the Minehead Area Panel Meeting
to be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2018**

The Town Council did not have a Clerk from May 2018 to July 2018 following the resignation of Sue Saunders. In July Andy Giles (Finance) and Bryan Howe (Clerk) were appointed on a temporary basis.

Since then the committee structure of the Council has changed and internal controls have been reviewed. The Council has agreed to a modernisation plan and is in the process of appointing a new Clerk.

The transfer of public toilets from West Somerset District Council to the town Council took place on 1 October, with the freehold of Summerland Toilets and Blenheim Gardens passing to the Town Council; the Quay West and Warren Road Toilets are now on a lease with the District Council. The cleaning contract has been changed on a temporary basis whilst the Town Council decide on renovation and improvement plans.

The community hall and community sports changing rooms on Minehead recreation ground has received planning permission and £600,000 has been promised in grants to fund the project and the Town Council will be deciding at its full Council meeting on 27 November 2018 on the budget and the building company.

This Christmas a new power supply will be installed in The Avenue which will facilitate a new lighting display. There will also be rewiring in Friday Street and Parks Street for the trees and lights above the shops. Wellington Square and The Old Hospital will have Christmas trees with decorations and festive events are being organised around the town with sponsorship from the Town Council.