

Minehead Town Council Report for the Minehead Area Panel Meeting

to be held on 13 March 2019

Jenny Bashford joined Minehead Town Council full time from 1 January 2019 as the New Town Clerk, Andy Giles (Finance) and Bryan Howe (Clerk) continue to work part time to support effective, efficient delivery of activities.

Work has begun on renovating and improving Public Conveniences at Summerland Place and Blenheim Gardens. Cllr Maureen Smith hosted a well-attended 'open morning' on Saturday 16 February for Minehead residents to see proposals for future improvements to the Public Conveniences. It is hoped that Minehead Town Council will provide more such opportunities for residents to have their say in planning the town's future.

Minehead Town Council approved, on the 27 November 2018, a budget of £900,000 (including over £600,000 grant funding) for Minehead's new Community Hall and community sports changing rooms at the Recreation Ground. Building begins in April and you may notice preparation works going on in that area for the build. It is estimated that the build by 'Qube' construction will take nine months and be overseen by a Steering Group of community interests.

On the 22 January 2019 Full Council approved a balanced budget and a precept rise that allows Minehead Town Council to do more for the residents of Minehead.

The temporary cleaning contract for Minehead's Public Toilets ends 30 March 2019 and a new three-year tender from 1 April 2019 has been recently advertised by Minehead Town Council. Several companies have expressed an interest in delivering this important service.

Currently Minehead Town Council are working on developing the Blenheim Gardens Summer Band Concert programme, Tree Management at the Cemetery, and working with BID for an enhanced summer floral display around the Town. Arrangements are also in hand to make this the best Christmas programme yet, following last year's infrastructure investment by Minehead Town Council and others to provide a welcoming display and programme of events.

Finally, we have a Minehead Town Council Facebook site keeping you up to date with Minehead Town Council's practical delivery – apologies in advance – we don't have enough resources to answer questions and queries posted on this platform, so it will be for information only; but if you do want more information or have a question pop into the office on Summerland Road we are open Monday Tuesday and Thursday 10 – 2. We don't bite!