

# Full Council Meeting – 7 February 2023

## Portfolio Holder Report for Community – Cllr Chris Booth

### Community Employment Support

- Micro providers virtual event via Eventbrite: Two events to be held on 7th Feb 2023 1st at 11:30am – 12:30pm and second at 6:30pm – 7:30pm.
- HPC drop ins are currently happening at the hubs in Taunton/Wellington, Minehead and Williton -advertised on Facebook and through normal forums. .
- Jobs Fair: Somerset Cricket Ground 23rd February 2023 10:30 – 3:30pm in the Colin Atkinson pavilion over 50 exhibitors.
- Minehead jobs Fair and cost of living combined event: MINEHEAD Eye 23rd March 2023 10am – 1;30pm.

### CCTV

The Taunton town centre cameras are currently being replaced and will be finished by mid-February.

### One Team Reports Back

**Wellington** - Wacky Wednesday took place at Wellington Sports Centre and was aimed at 0-5s and their parents as it took place during Term time.

It was very well attended with numerous agencies involved with lots of Xmas related activities available. We are in the process of planning our Wacky Wednesday programme for 2023 with events planned for Easter, May bank holiday, 2 in the Summer, October half term and of course Xmas. Further details will be available once dates and venues have been finalised.

### North Taunton

- Whilst youth issues are ongoing in consultation with myself and taking onboard a couple of comments the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) have decided to install one knife amnesty box outside the police station at Deane House in the town centre and not install one in Priorswood at this time, as originally planned.
- The main contractor delivering the NTWP continues to deliver on their community value targets which directly benefit the area. During March they will be delivering Health & Safety Talks in our 3 primary schools again and Selworthy Special School.

- Green Days Day Care Centre continue to support our estate walkabouts by bringing their service users and carers to litter pick. We have the next one planned for January. The North Taunton Development Group has themed meetings which are well supported now by a range of partners, recently they have discussed C&YP and The Cost of Living Crisis.
- Children living in tenanted or temporary accommodation affected by the NTWP received Xmas gifts thanks to The Sparkle Charity and delivered by SWT staff.
- Priorswood Community Centre ran a successful Xmas Market.
- Aware that one of our primary schools is noticing an increase in pupils with English as an Additional Language (EAL), for example in their current Reception Year (aged 4-5yrs) 54% have EAL.

### **Beneficiaries of Somerset West Lottery Funding for 2022**

Case examples:

- The Watchet Phoenix Centre provide meals and social activities for the elderly and those rurally isolated, who are often referred by GPs. The Somerset West Lottery funding provided additional dining & kitchen equipment to enable facilities for increased numbers. The service has been running for 17 years.
- The Somerset West Lottery enabled Open Door to provide 150 meals per week for homeless people in Taunton. Volunteers prepared and served 15 breakfast meals and 15 lunches per day making a total of 7,800 meals over a 12-month period.

### **Somerset West Lottery Local Community Fund 2022 List:**

- Somerset Playing Fields Association: Community parks advice - £1,000.00
- Metal Heads WS: Reuse of waste materials - £1,000.00
- NTP-Priorswood CC: Health & WB sessions - £1,000.00
- Minehead Eye: Youth provision - £1,000.00
- Taunton Area Debt Advice: Core funding - £1,000.00
- North Curry Sport: Maintenance equipment - £1,000.00
- Homestart West Somerset: SEND sessions £ 1,000.00
- YMCA Taunton: Youth provision - £1,000.00
- Crafty Crocs WS: Outreach work in West Somerset - £ 1,000.00
- Watchet Phoenix: Dining equipment and activities - £1,000.00
- Secret World: SWT Volunteer training - £1,000.00
- Fuse: Youth provision - £1,000.00
- Open Door: Meals for the homeless - £1,000.00
- Wellington Counselling: Family counselling - £1,000.00
- Escape Support group: Special needs support - £1,000.00

- Somerset Sight: Staff & volunteer training - £1,000.00
- Engage WS: IT equip replacement - £1,000.00
- Wiveliscombe AP:Contrib adapted car - £1,000.00
- Reminiscence Learning: Dementia awareness core - £ 1,000.00
- Conquest: Contrib subsidised family support - £1000.00
- Escapeline: Drug/exploitation awareness - £1000.00

Total

21,000.00