

## **Williton, Watchet & Quantocks Area Panel**

### **Notes of Meeting held on 4 March 2014**

**at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton, at 7.00 pm**

#### **Present**

E May (WSC); D Talling (East Quantoxhead PC); P Gill (Kilve PC); V Boxall (Stogursey PC); S de Renzy-Martin (Watchet TC); J Sansom and G Tizzard (West Quantoxhead PC); J Koch (Williton PC); PC D Masters (Avon and Somerset Police); S Goss (WSC); D Westcott (WSC); P Murphy (WSC); A Knight (WSC); H J W Davies (WSC and SCC); A Dyer (WSC); B Cleere (WSC/TDBC)

#### **1. Have Your Say – Community Issues/Concerns**

- Broadband connection was raised as an issue. Holford and Kilve would not be connected due to economics, although it may be included in the second tranche of funding.
- In response to the question as to whether building control fees and charges were available for public inspection, it was confirmed that yes they were detailed in the fees and charges report.
- Councillor H J W Davies would investigate the question raised regarding why were paper payslips still being issued by SCC to their pensioners?
- A meeting would be held with Watchet Town Council, SCC Highways and the Police to discuss traffic problems and road closures. Action: the Police to arrange.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from D Peake (SCC Highways); J Richards (WACET); L Whetlor (Watchet TC); G S Dowding and C Morgan (WSC).

#### **3. Notes of the Meeting held on 3 December 2013 and Matters Arising**

The notes of the meeting held on 3 December 2013 were confirmed as a correct record.

In response to a question from the last meeting the police representative confirmed that instances of crime were forwarded to the local newspapers.

#### **4. Police Report**

A verbal report was received from PC Masters on the following:

- School engagement with Year 8 at Danesfield School about the dangers of the internet and bullying.
- Meetings to be held with parish councils in April to look at communications issues the police have.
- The Police Commissioner will be available at the Beach Hotel in April for a Have Your Say session.

- The police will be raising awareness of rogue traders.
- The Shell garage was broken into and subsequent arrests were made.

## 5. Highways Report

In the absence of David Peake, SCC Highways, Adrian Dyer read out the Highways report on completed, on-going and future works in the Panel area, which is attached at Appendix A.

An issue was raised concerning potholes in the roads, as an example those outside Danesfield School. The question was asked why had some appeared to have been repaired and others not? Although no one from SCC Highways was present, an answer was given from the meeting that only those in excess of 40mm deep were repaired even though there might be others less deep nearby. Action: SCC Highways to confirm.

Administrator's Note: Following the meeting the Chairman sent a list of potholes to the Highways department and subsequently some had been inspected and repaired.

## 6. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service

No representative was present at the meeting.

## 7. West Somerset Council

Adrian Dyer reported on the following:

**East Wharf** An update was provided.

**Kilve public convenience and car park** The East Quantoxhead Estate had requested to take back responsibility for these facilities with effect from 1 April 2014.

**Car parking, Williton** Two free 15 minute car parking spaces were now available in Williton car park. It was pointed out that there appeared to be very little published of this availability and it was requested whether a sign could be erected in the car park to identify these spaces.

**Flooding** An update was provided on the response to recent flooding issues during which it was explained that the joint working between the West Somerset Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council had contributed to providing additional capacity to enable flooding issues to be dealt with as promptly as possible.

It was pointed out that the wave attenuation posts at the bottom of West Street beach were bent and needed repairing. Action for WSC

## 8. Somerset Minerals Plan: Consultation Details

A question was raised at the meeting that because no drop in sessions were scheduled to be held in West Somerset could it be confirmed that the Somerset Minerals Plan would have no impact in West Somerset. Action for WSC

**9. Note taker for next meeting**

Adrian Dyer recommended Brendan Cleere.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

10 June 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton

The Chairman, endorsed by the meeting, thanked Adrian Dyer for his role over the past years in attending the Panel. In response, Adrian Dyer thanked the Chairman for his promptness in concluding every meeting thus allowing him to get to the pub to watch the football!