



Minehead Town Council Update Report

for Minehead Area Panel Meeting 11 September 2019

- **Blenheim Gardens:** Is owned by the District Council but MTC own the toilets and organise the Summer Band Concert programme. The District Council concessions licence (for refreshments, deckchairs and golf) is being Operated by 'Gateway Events' to the end of January 2020 and a survey is currently open for residents about the long-term future of the Café and concessions in the park. MTC are in ongoing negotiations with SWT regarding future use of Blenheim Gardens.
- **Blenheim Garden Band Concert Programme:** Has been well received. Special thanks go to Cllrs Oliver Harvey and Anne Lawton who have repeatedly given up time at weekends ensuring delivery of the programme.
- **Bus Ticket Office Summerland Road car park:** This has been taken back in hand by MTC and revamped for use as a community office and information window. Bookings being taken at MTC.
- **Community Building on land at Irnham Road:** The garages have been demolished and work has started.
- **Floral displays:** MTC are working with Minehead BID. The flowers are in situ and have been very well received. Numerous comments, and communication have been received by MTC about how good they look and how well the displays are being looked after.
- **Fun Fair:** MTC Council have approved a Fun fair coming to Minehead from 4 to 7 September at Alcombe Marsh Common.
- **Meetings with Somerset West and Taunton Council:** Numerous meetings have been held with relevant staff at SWT, including the Chief Executive Officer and Leader of the Council to progress matters of mutual interest.
- **Partnership Meeting:** Including Christmas 2019 and the upgrade of signage, notice boards and street furniture. This is an ongoing programme

- **Public Toilets:** Refurbishment programme Ongoing. Blenheim Gardens unisex toilets complete and opened. Usage survey Report of Summerland Road facilities recently received by MTC, which will now be analysed by MTC's Public Conveniences Advisory Group.
- **Skateboard Half Pipe:** an advisory Group has been set up to look into the feasibility of taking up the offer from Carhampton Parish Council of a Skate Board Half Pipe. A public Consultation will be available soon seeking residents' views.
- **Sure Start Children's Centre.** MTC have acted as 'broker', getting use of this important building for Minehead residents back on track. Negotiations currently taking place with individual tenants and potential tenants and the District Council (owners of the building) to ensure continued community use.
- **Unauthorised Parking on the Sea Front.** This issue has been raised with SWT by MTC.