

Town Development Manager Report
For Town Council Meeting 15th November 2022

Appendix 1

1. *Cost of Living Crisis*

Considering the cost-of-living crisis, the officers have been identifying local support for the community over the winter months. Research is ongoing and support is still being set-up, but we continue to update the Town Council website with information and links. To date we have identified chat groups to support mental health and loneliness, a warm space, food larders, children's clothes and toy swaps and signposting to advice towards cost of energy support, benefits and so on. I have identified further interest in setting up a warm space and potentially community fridges. Both Hampshire County Council (up to £5000) and New Forest District Council (up to £1000) now have funding for those looking to set up a warm space.

2. *Socially prescribed cookery courses*

Our socially prescribed cookery courses continue to be popular as we simultaneously run our 6th and 7th courses. Due to popularity, the courses are held both on a Wednesday morning and evening throughout November, allowing the classes to reach a larger number of people whilst providing greater option on timings and availability to the public. The classes are extending to one-off options, the first will be held on December 9th 10.30am – 1.30pm in which participants will learn how to prepare a low carb festive meal. It is very much hoped that funding can be obtained to continue beyond March 2023 when the current fund expires. We are waiting to hear on the submitted bid, on 16 September, to the SW Railway Customer and Communities Fund (CCIF) to win £15,000 that would enable us to extend the courses for a further year.

3. *Shared Prosperity Fund*

NFDC are waiting to hear on an application for the governments Shared Prosperity Fund, submitted earlier this year. The opportunity to bid for £1,000,000 funding over a three-year period would help to support communities, high street initiatives and opportunities for the deprived.

4. *The Lions Club Christmas window dressing competition*

I am delighted and honoured to be invited to help judge this year's Christmas window dressing competition with the Lions Club. It is an exciting opportunity and one that is very much up my street so thank you. This will also allow me to engage further with the community and business owners.

5. *Our previous TDM's retirement*

I would like to thank Suna King for supporting me over the past three months in handing over the role of Town Development Manager. I wish Suna well with her retirement at the end of this month.

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2023

Month & Year	Town Council	Amenities Committee	F & GP Committee	Planning Committee
	Monday	Monday	Monday	Alternate Thursdays
January 2023	3 (Tues)	16	30	19
February 2023	13	28	-	2 & 16
March 2023 Civic Service	27 20 Annual Towns	-	13	2, 16 & 30
April 2023 PURDAH PERIOD	-	-	-	13 & 27
May 2023 4 ELECTIONS	15 Annual Meeting	30 (Tues)	-	11 & 25
June 2023	26	-	12	8 & 22
July 2023 10 Indian Obelisk	-	11 (Tues)	24	6 & 20
August 2023 23 WWII - Clock	7	-	-	3, 17 & 31
September 2023	-	4	18	14 & 28
October 2023	2	16	30	12 & 26
November 2023 12 Remembrance	13	27	-	9 & 23
December 2023 Carol Service	-	-	12 (Tues)	7 & 21

**All meetings are normally held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, BH25 6AS
Members of the Public are welcome to attend any meeting and may speak as follows:**

- a) If time permits, Town Council meetings will be adjourned at the end for a '**DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**' during which members of the Public, with the approval of the Chairman, may initiate discussion on matters of community interest and which fall within the responsibility of the Town Council.
- b) Prior to the commencement of other meetings, and at the discretion of the Chairman, a short period of Public Participation may take place. Members of the public may speak on any item(s) appearing on the public agenda, or on any other matter that falls within the Committee's terms of reference.

Note: The Annual Town's Meeting is a public meeting normally required by statute to be held in the period between 1 March and 1 June (inclusive) each year (not 2020) at which any elector for the town area then present may speak at any time at the discretion of the Chairman, on matters arising or on matters of direct concern in the said area.

But it is not a Town Council meeting