



NEWSFLASH: Due to the ongoing building works at Pierremont Hall, all Town Council meetings will be held in the Crampton Tower Hall from the 1st July 2019 until further notice.

Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council Newsletter

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Firstly, where do I start?!

This has been the busiest and hardest three months I have had working at the Town Council. But, at the same time, it has been exciting seeing the projects that we have all worked so hard to get up and running come to fruition and progress being made. There is still so much more in the pipeline, that I am not sure we have reached the pinnacle yet.

I can definitely guarantee that the Town Council will continue striving to deliver the very best it can for its residents.

Danielle Dunn, Town Clerk

Local Elections

May the 2nd saw Thanet turn out for local Elections. Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council has fifteen elected Councillors covering five wards; Beacon Road, Bradstowe, Kingsgate, St. Peter's and Viking. We knew that there were going to be a number of

changes, because some of the previous Councillor's had decided to step down or retire.

In the end, there was a good electorate turn-out for all of the Wards and the Councillors that have been elected for the forthcoming term are: Beacon Road: Cllrs. Rosalind Binks, John Buckley and Aram Rawf.

Bradstowe: Cllrs. Jill Bayford, Wendy Moore and David Parsons. Kingsgate: Cllr. Bob Bayford. St. Peter's: Cllrs. Roy Dexter, Mike Garner, Paul Moore and Jason Savage.

Viking: Cllrs. Ruth Bailey, Roger Binks, David Saunders and Mave Saunders.

Further details can be found on our website

https://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Town_Councillors_11295.aspx

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our former Councillors; Bill Hayton, Charlie Leys, Jenny Matterface, Peter Shaw and Vic Todd for their knowledge and support during the previous term of office and we wish them all the best for the future.

Annual Council Meeting

The Annual Council meeting was held on the 20th May and saw Cllr Paul Moore elected as Mayor for a second term. Cllr Paul Moore, named Cllr Wendy Moore as his Mayoress. Cllr Roy Dexter was elected as Deputy Mayor and he named Cllr Brenda Rogers as his Deputy Mayoress.

On the evening, the Mayoress Cup was awarded to the Library Bank and Gardening Group, led by Mike Clark for their efforts in undertaking the Broadstairs Library Bank Project, turning an eyesore into something that the town can have some civic pride in. The Millennium Cup was awarded to Peter Lorenzo, Sue Wall and Laura Scotney for their commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee and the creation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.





During the evening, the Mayor thanked and presented gifts to the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Jan Durrans in acknowledgment of her help and support during his term in office. He also thanked and gave gifts to the staff from the Town Council, for their hard work over the year.

It was announced on the evening, that during the 2018- 2019 Civic year, the Mayor had raised over £3000 for charity, supporting Prostate Cancer UK, the Pilgrims Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support.



Over the coming year, the Mayor will be supporting the following charities; the Zone Youth Club, Pancreatic Cancer UK and the Broadstairs Town Shed raise the roof project.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The examination into the Neighbourhood Development Plan took place in early April. The examination was undertaken through written representation and an examiner site visit, but no formal hearing sessions were required. The Town Council is still awaiting the final examiner's report. Any updates on this will be posted on the Town Council's social media pages.

Pierremont Hall and Buildings

The last few weeks has seen the removal of the scaffolding around Pierremont Hall. Although the external painting works haven't quite finished yet, it has been really great to see the scaffolding come down and the building really start to take shape and look her best.

The re-provision of the flagpole on the roof and the installation of the town crest onto the front elevation have also really made a difference to what will soon be a building all residents can be proud of. A big thank you must be made to John Couzens Roofing, who

gifted the hand-crafted crest to the town.



We haven't just been working on the main building, the ground works following the demolition of the Community Hall and Park Hall, is also nearing completion. The Town Council took the opportunity to provide additional parking spaces, which will be of great benefit in the future when the Council Chamber and the area of green space where the Community Hall once stood is available for hire (think marquee hire!).

Over the coming months, residents will start to see the old Park Hall and Community Hall site take shape even further as planting and new street furniture is provided and the grass seed starts to grow.

Finally, the mix of community uses and commercial space at Pierremont is fundamental to making the whole project work and ensuring that the building can be retained for future generations of the Town. Therefore, it is with great happiness that I can confirm we have our first tenants on site! Folk Week has moved from the main building into the Music Room, this will enable the internal works on Pierremont Hall to start, and a commercial tenant has



taken The Cottage (the former DVLA building). They will be making announcements over the coming weeks regarding their new relocation.

It is expected that the internal refurbishment of Pierremont Hall will begin shortly.

Retort House

Since the last newsletter, a significant amount of work has been undertaken on the Retort House building. The roof has been completely waterproofed and following a full formal tender process, we have selected the firm that will be undertaking the building works on the site.

Later this year, the electricity supply for the building will be upgraded to ensure that the supply is efficient to feed the new high-end energy efficient heating system.

Although we had initially hoped the building would be available to hire by now, unfortunately unforeseen circumstances have meant that this hasn't been possible. However, I know the commercial escape rooms will be opening very shortly and this will at least give some life to the building whilst we crack on with the community side.

Working with Community Payback

The Town Council has continued to work with the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Rehabilitation Company on community projects in the Town. The current major project is the renovation of the Clock Tower. The Clock Tower had been in a really sorry state for some time, and with the Town Council's support purchasing the materials and our new 'odd job person', the Clock Tower is finally getting some much needed TLC. A big thank you has to go to Cllr Mave Saunders who undertook

the liaison with the different parties to get this project started.



The Great Broadstairs Toilet Survey

One of our community projects set out in the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was to undertake a survey and assessment of the public toilet provision in the Broadstairs & St. Peter's area, and to this end consultants, <https://publicconvenience.org/> were chosen to lead the project.



They have been tasked with looking at the following issues:

Part A: What costs would be involved for a Town Council taking over the toilets? What issues could we face?

Part B: Assessment of the current provision, what requirements and upgrades would be necessary if

the Town Council ever takes over the toilets.

Over the coming weeks the final survey work will be undertaken, and a snapshot survey will try and establish usage of each of the facilities. Please support the community champions who have kindly offered their time to undertake this task.

Culmer's Amenity Land

Our new grounds maintenance contract started at the beginning of April, and the contractors have been hard at work on the Culmer's Amenity Land. This year will see it being cut more frequently and some of the overgrown areas around the edge being looked at.

We have also erected some very smart estate fencing along the boundary with The Pathway. This has replaced the willow fedge that was knocked down last year. We also plan to re-erect the Town Trail sign on the Culmer's Amenity Land which has been loitering in the basement of Pierremont Hall for about 5 years, after it was accidentally driven over!



Odd Job Person

For the first time this year the Town Council has taken on a self-employed 'odd-job-person' to help make small but vital changes and improvements to the Town. Following a formal tender, we welcome Mohammed Vahdati to

the team and he is already making great changes. Since the beginning of April, Mohammed has repaired all of the woodwork on the Clock Tower, fully renovated the Chandos Square Phonebox, repaired and painted numerous notice boards and removed graffiti. There is still a large to-do-list that will keep him busy for many months to come!

If anyone has any ideas for small scale projects that you would like us to take a look at, please email them to:
town.clerk@broadstairs.gov.uk

Gardening Grants

This year saw the second year of the Community Gardening Project grants, which falls under the wider Broadstairs in Bloom banner. We had some really great applications, and I personally can't wait to see the floral displays pop up throughout the town. I can confirm that the following schools, nurseries and community groups were successful in obtaining a garden grant:

The Zone Youth Club, The Broadstairs Library Bank Project, Bromstone Primary School, Charles Dickens School, The Dickens Fellowship and Culmer's Allotment Society.



Here is a picture of Nuckell's Garden, following last year's gardening grants. The Dickens Fellowship spent the money on trimming the trees in this area to improve sight lines and also to purchase some more colourful plants.

Defibrillators

Great news, the Chandos Square

Defibrillator has been ordered and it will be installed next month by the Community Heartbeat Trust.



Planning permission has also been granted to attach a defibrillator to the rear elevation of Pierremont Hall. We already have this defibrillator ready and waiting to be installed, we just need the grass to grow on the former Community Hall site, so that the defibrillator can be accessed safely.



Council Staffing

Since the last newsletter, I have qualified my Certificate in Local Council Administration (CilCA). This qualification has meant that the Town Council now qualifies for the General Power of Competence, giving the Council great power and flexibility to deliver the community projects for the town. Christine Chappell the Deputy Town Clerk has also now started her training for the CilCA qualification.



The National Training Strategy for Town & Parish Councils

2019 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th July Mayor's Garden Party, please contact mayor@broadstairs.gov.uk for further details

7th October, 7pm Town Forum - for Community Groups and Organisations,

5th November Fireworks, Viking Bay

Over the coming months, I will be taking some leave from The Council, but Christine will be the acting Town Clerk in my absence and I will leave you in her capable hands whilst I am off.

Blue Plaques

Two blue plaques have been ordered for important Broadstairs buildings. One for Pierremont Hall to mark and celebrate its links with Princess Victoria and one for Thomas Russell Crampton, the celebrated engineer who was not only born in, but built numerous Broadstairs buildings.

