

Mayor's Report

March 2020

25 th February 10am	Met with Stuart Halsey ESC for catch up regarding progress on Good Neighbour Scheme
1pm	Community Partnership Scheme meeting with representatives from Beccles – Graham Elliott, Halesworth – Emma Healey, ourselves (SC and BP) and ESC Stuart Halsey, putting forward suggestions for the £10,000 available to the Division only until end of March 2020. Target criteria – supporting people to improve their physical and mental well being
2pm	Meeting with Assistant Chief Constable Cutter, JB and BP. A productive meeting with BTC able to clearly identify all significant concerns regarding police presence in the town, escalation of ASB incidents, flaws in reporting mechanisms leading to under reporting and artificially low crime figures and the needs of the community to improve trust in local police and develop a greater sense of safety by increasing police visibility in the town and closer working partnership between local police and BTC.
26 th February 12.30 – 3.30pm	Informal meeting with landowner. Following the deferment of planning application DC/18/4429/ARM. Along with Deputy Mayor we covered some of the main issues that had contributed to the ESC planning committee not approving the application for the 150 homes on the site next to the swimming pool. Suggestions were made of how a resubmission of the application with certain changes may help achieve Approval.
27 th February 11 -1pm	Invited to meet the new company CareTech who have taken over the All Hallows 'hospital'. A presentation was given by the CEO and all present were given a guided tour of the building. A fuller account of this has previously been circulated.
7pm – 9.23pm	Attended Governance, Employment and Finance Committee meeting
2 nd March 1.30 – 2.30	Asked by Emma Healy (Managing Halesworth's established GNS and supporting development of Bungay scheme) and Jane Arkley-Crouch ESC to review progress of establishing independent run Bungay Good Neighbour Scheme. BP also attended. Currently some funding to support scheme has come from the Harris Fund but more is needed to cover hours for Bungay. Emma raised the concept of a Wellbeing Neighbourhood Watch which could provide an informal referral and advice service. It was suggested that this could run alongside a revived Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the town. It was agreed that there is a need to find more volunteers in Bungay therefore oversight to continue for time being from Halesworth. More forms need to be circulated to identify more volunteers.
3 rd March 11.00 – 12.30pm	JB and I met with Emma Ratzer CEO of Access Community Trust and fellow worker Rob Fawcett. (Presentation scheduled for Full Council)

5 th March 12 – 5pm	Out on patrol with PC Steve Fisher (Bob Prior also out on patrol following evening)
7-8.50pm	Attended Planning, Environment and Highways
6 th March 4.30 – 6.00	Attended a meeting between local members of community who wish to address the issue of young people who are involved in ASB and to look at support/provision for young people in the town with staff from ACT youth workers Keith and Gary both of whom have experience in supporting and working with troubled young people. Agreed to work together. Keith to come back with suggested plan. (ref ACT presentation to full council scheduled for 19 th)
10 th March 10-11am	JB and I met with owners of property that will have a CCTV camera placed on their building in phase 2. Discussed concerns and queries which led to documents being signed.
11 th March 2-3.30pm	Walkabout on the old 6 th Form School site with Joy Stodart. See separate report circulated previously.
12 th March 10-11am	Meeting of the Broad Street working party to identify next steps
7-8.30pm	Attended Premises, Grounds and Amenities committee
15 th March	Represented Bungay at the High Sheriff's Justice Service at Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral
17 th March 2-3pm	Scheduled to attend Coronavirus Emergency Planning Meeting
19 th March 7-9pm	Scheduled to chair full council meeting

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