

Agenda Item 4

CCE 13.7.26

Annual Parish Meeting Focus Group Responses



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Transcript of Group /Community Focus Group Sessions

Question 1 - Increased traffic and speed of traffic is a problem throughout the town. What needs to be in place to encourage walking or cycling instead of driving?

What are you prepared to do?

- *Speed limit 20mph & road markings*
- *Traffic Control*
- *Gateway into Town*
- *Improved Cycle path awareness*
- *Pavement Parking*
- *Speed Watch*
- *High Street One Way*
- *Priority Lanes*
- *Paths*
- *Greenway Lane*
- *Double Yellows on Junctions*
- *Speed Bumps*
- *Connect Beach to Town with a Path by the Buddleigh Club*
- *Cycle Track from Exmouth / Crossing and Marking*



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Question 2 a - The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is paid by Developers to offset the demand brought by extra residents.

BSTC currently has £52,000 that must be used by 2028.

What ideas do you have for using it?

b - BSTC has received a legacy of £2,000 what ideas do you have for using it?

- CCTV
- Signage
- Appearance of the Public Hall
- Solar Panels on Public Hall (eco type use of energy)
- Christmas Lights
- Buddleigh in Bloom Hanging Baskets
- Library project
- Toddler Group
- Bike sheds
- Seachange - paving to access garden
- Playpark - equipment for Norman Crescent + Garden / seating area
- Refurbishment of Benches
- More investment in Buddleigh in Bloom - flowers, bulbs etc
- External Market on The Green / Seafront
- Lights
- Weeding - Alec
- Trees on The Green and everywhere
- Outside Gym
- Local businesses
- Fund Toilets
- Railings



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- *Signage Lime Kiln to High Street*
 - *Update Signage / Direction to High Street*
 - *Cycling*
- *Diving Platform*
- *Christmas Lights along the Seafront*
- *Hanging Baskets*



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Question 3 - BSTC might be asked to take on the remaining toilets in the town (Esplanade and Steamer Steps). Currently the Station Road toilets cost around £25K to run, plus considerable staff time.

What are your views on taking on the others?

- *Town Council should have all Toilets & Beach Huts, very important to keep them open*
- *All 3 sets to be kept open (repeated)*
- *Clear signs where Toilets are located*
- *If toilets go, people will abuse the public areas*
- *Funding should be transferred from current owners*
- *Charge for Toilets*
- *Keep all Toilets*



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Question 4 - The costs of the Public Hall need to be offset somehow, after deducting income, it is currently costing at least £40,000 annually, paid through the precept. Ideas please.

- *Diary online to check availability*
- *Online Booking System*
- *Badminton*
- *Pickle Ball*
- *Short Tennis*
- *Table Tennis*
- *Martial Arts*
- *Dances*
- *Better visibility of current activities*
- *Business - networking, job seekers*
- *Annual Fairs e.g. Craft (repeated)*
- *U3A*
- *Fund Raising - 100 Club / Arnold Clark / Comm Funds*
- *Sponsorship*
- *Buddleigh Marathon*
- *Notice Boards - monthly calendar / rates*
- *Membership / Subscription - package benefits*
- *"Public Hall" signage*
- *Targeting*
- *Rates morning / afternoon*
- *Set Up / Take Down is a selling point*
- *Weddings*
- *Children's Party with inflatables*



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- *Tea Dances*
- *Marketing - "One Mag"*
- *Increase rates*
- *Film Society*
- *Culture Map (Nick H) PH get on the map*

Question 5 - The other assets currently held by EDDC to transfer either to BSTC or whoever is the new Unitary Authority are; Workshops, cafes, beach huts, playgrounds and greenspaces. What would you like to see happen?

- *Consultation with all local residents needed*
- *Funding is a must*
- *Keep greenspaces*
- *All of the above would be very useful to be held by BSTC because of the local knowledge*
- *Everyone can see what's going on in the town*
- *What would be the benchmark for standards of these assets?*
- *Income generation would help "balance the books"*
- *We don't want them to disappear*
- *New Cafe at Steamer Steps?*
- *Some produce revenue, some don't*
- *Locally managed - Waiting lists for Beach Huts - make it more for locals, manage it differently, more accountable*
- *Increase revenue*
- *Happy for BSTC to manage Workshops*
- *Local rental of Beach Huts*
- *Playparks needed locally*
- *BSTC understands the town*



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- *Local people should control local assets*
- *Public use of Beach Huts*
- *Does the Budleigh Information Centre report to BSTC?*
- *BSTC should have control of local assets*
- *Expertise from EDDC to still be available*
- *Could there be more Beach Huts?*

Agenda Item 5

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Bicycle Racks

Purpose

To consider the merits of installing additional bicycle racks within the town and to discuss:

- Whether there is a need for further bicycle parking provision.
- Potential locations for any new cycle racks.

Background

Members are reminded that the installation of cycle racks was previously identified as a potential Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) project (Minute 25.412).

The Clerk has sought information and advice from neighbouring councils via the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), East Devon District Council (EDDC), and the Budleigh Information Centre (BIC). The enquiry focused on lessons learned, recommended suppliers, and the siting of racks to maximise usage.

Responses Received

Five local Town and Parish Council responded as follows

#1: reported that four modular, expandable cycle racks were installed approximately five years ago as part of an active travel initiative. The racks are securely bolted into concrete. Usage has been limited, which may reflect the town's relatively poor cycling connectivity and limited opportunities for onward cycling.

#2: advised that the success of cycle parking depends heavily on location. Their experience suggests that racks should be positioned as close as possible to popular destinations, as cyclists are unlikely to park at a distance and walk. Observing where bicycles are currently secured can help identify suitable locations. They noted that surface-mounted racks can be susceptible to damage and that cemented-in "U-bend" racks provide a more durable solution. Funding through CIL or developer contributions may be appropriate.

#3: 'We managed to get a couple free from DCC a couple of years ago'

#4: ' Whilst I have no experience of installing bike Racks one of my Councillors did share a story of losing parts off of his bike whilst in a bike rack in a nearby town . Based on his experience I would recommend consideration of putting it in view of CCTV (and adding CCTV signage as a deterrent). If no CCTV coverage available then place where overlooked by neighbouring properties rather than an isolated spot in a car park.'

#5: 'We have installed a number of sets of bike racks around our parish.I think the most used are the ones by the Co-op, tennis courts and cafe. We bought them from 'Shelters for Less' - we bought individual ones but they only seem to do the 'toast rack' version now. We added high vis tape to some of them as people were reversing into them. We applied for funding from a local solar farm to pay for them.'

Budleigh Information Centre expressed support for additional provision, noting that visitors have enquired about places to leave bicycles temporarily, including while arranging repairs or

using public transport. Suggested locations include the car park behind the Public Hall near the bus stop, areas close to the town car park, and the vicinity of Steamer Steps and the Jubilee Shelter. The regular use of railings at Steamer Steps for securing bicycles was cited as evidence of demand.

East Devon District Council has been asked to provide information on the existing provision of cycle racks within the town and any considerations regarding the siting of additional facilities. A response is awaited.

Decision: Whether Members consider that there is a demonstrable need for additional bicycle parking within the town and wish to pursue the provision of further cycle racks. If so, Members are invited to agree the next steps, including the identification of suitable locations, the assessment of installation and maintenance costs, consideration of insurance and other legal or operational implications, and the exploration of appropriate funding sources, with a view to bringing a formal recommendation to the Town Council for approval.