Notes of the meeting held on **Thursday November 30th 2017**

**Rundle Room, Tavistock Town Hall, Tavistock** at **7.00 pm**

**PRESENT:**

Town & Parish Councils

Bere Ferres – Cllr R Lethall, Cllr M Page Bailey, Cllr B Lamb

Brentor – Cllr T Pearce & WDBC

Buckland Monachorum – Cllr D Butland ,

Burrator Grouped – Cllr T Aves (Southern Links Chairman)

Dartmoor Forest *– not represented*

Gulworthy –, Cllr J Chalcraft

Horrabridge – Cllr S Roche

Kelly – *not represented*

Lamerton –,Cllr J Evans, Cllr J Edgar

Lewdown Grouped – *not represented*

Lifton – Cllr C Edmonds & WDBC

Lydford – Cllr B Cook

Mary Tavy – Cllr G Hill

Milton Abbot Grouped – Cllr R Brewer,

Peter Tavy – Cllr J Jeffery, Cllr B Lane

Plasterdown Grouped - Cllr G Antcliffe

Stowford - *not represented*

Sydenham Damerel – *not represented*

Tavistock – *not represented*

Richard Easthope (WDBC Officer)

Cllr C Mott (WDBC)

Cllr P Sanders (WDBC)

Mrs J Gillard (Links Administrator)

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Simon Kitchen (DCC), Insp Mark Sloman (D&C Police), Cllr H Smith (Tavistock), Jo Rumble (DNPA)

1. **Agreement of Notes of Last Meeting**

The notes of the meeting held on 5th October 2017 were agreed.

1. **Matters Arising**

It was noted revised TAP guidelines for 2018 were not yet available, the draft form is in the process of being approved, it is hoped to circulate it before the end of the year and that Clare Butcher will attend the March meeting.

Southern Link training – a small group has been formed to progress holding courses, feedback has been requested from all Parishes and all are asked to resopond, it is hoped to hold courses early 2018.

1. **Policing issues** - statistics distributed prior to meeting.

In the absence of Insp Sloman, figures reviewed. One Question arising – did the switching off of lights cause any increase in crime? Response from Insp Sloman - *There is no evidence locally to suggest we have seen an increase in crime due to the street lights being turned off more.*

*Although I am unaware if detailed research has been carried out around this*.

1. **DCC Highways – John Fewings**

John Fewings absence, he is to be invited to attend next meeting..

1. **WDBC Update – Richard Easthope**

Richard is the Team Leader of the Localities Team. There are 4 mobile officers and 2 engagement officers in West Devon

Joint Local Plan has now been submitted for examination. Local sessions looking at West Devon sites for future development will be held late Feb/March, these will held in Tavistock or Okehampton. It is hoped adoption of the Plan will happen Summer 2018. He confirmed there was liason with DNP, and The Inspector was wanting to know how the 2 authorities would work together on delivery of their respective Plans.

Waste procurement – current contract expires 1 April 2019, work has started on procurement for services after that date. West Devon contract is an outside contract currently, South Hams is ‘in house’. It is felt the current frequency of collections works quite well however other options may be suggested. Residents are encouraged to recycle food waste – there is currently a large amount of this disposed of in the black bags. There will be posters circulated for display.

One Council – this proposal was rejected by West Devon Councillors, it would have brought in long term savings. There will be no changes in the day to day workings for staff. The 2018/19 budget balances however potentially the 2019/20 budget will not but this gap is now down to £166k from £700k. A group of Councillors is now investigation other saving options, ie public toilets, grant availability, purchase of commercial property.

1. **TAP Fund new applications**

Bere Ferrers application for £1300 towards costs of 2 noticeboards with a total cost of £2300. Application request agreed.

Bere Ferrers application for £2500 for Sarah Park refurbishment at a total project cost of £3000. Application request agreed.

Milton Abbot application for £2520 for weed clearance and other clean up work. It was advised funds for this may be available from the Highways Enhancement Fund and therefore this application was approved in principle however the applicant to investigate this other option and if funding could be obtained from that the TAP funds would not be used.

Gulworthy application for £1500 for bus shelter costing £1700. Application request agreed.

Gulworthy application for £1190 for Lenghsman work, application request agreed, declaration of interest received from Cllr J Jeffery.

Lifton application for £2300 for refurbishment of QEII Pavillion and childrens play area, application request agreed.

Plasterdown application for £1750 for additional Lenghstman support, application request agreed.

It was noted that following these awards there was some funding still available from this years Fund, therefore applications can be submitted for consideration at the March meeting.

1. **DNP Update – Jo Rumble not in attendance**

No questions raised.

1. **Parish Feedback and issues –**

The chairman raised the question regarding ongoing TAP funding awards – should it be centrally managed, there are different systems for making the awards in South Hams and West Devon. After a brief discussion it was agreed to await publication of the new guidelines before considering making any changes and that Clare Butcher be invited to submit ideas for consideration also.

The chairman asked all to consider if the Link meetings are working to the Terms of Reference, are the size of the meetings correct, what function/decision making should they have. All to consider for discussion at a future meeting..

Safeguarding policies – Bere Ferrers asked if any Council had a policy, if so please could they forward a copy to their Clerk.

**DATE & VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday 15th March 2018 - Rundle Room, Tavistock Town Hall – 7pm

Thursday 5th July 2018 - Rundle Room, Tavistock Town Hall - 7pm

Thursday 27th September 2018 – venue to be confirmed – 7 pm

Thursday 29th November 2018  - Rundle Room, Tavistock Town Hall – 7 pm

(The meeting closed at 8.40 pm)