

Community Connector Report

Since my last report to you, I have been busy implementing decisions of the Council, especially work on the Community Consultation agreed on 22nd April 2024. At the time of this meeting, I am away on pre-arranged medical leave for a period of at least 2 weeks, after which point I hope to return in full strength and continue with the projects already started.

Tithebarn Little Free Library: I am pleased to report to Council that the Little Free Library unit has been constructed and purchased by the Council and is currently awaiting its legs ready for installation. We intend to install this in mid-June, following final construction of its supporting legs. We have also heard within the last month that Persimmon have donated a £1000 grant to the Council to help with this project, as well as other community projects that we may want to complete.

Community Consultation 2024: Following approval of plans to run a Community Consultation at the meeting of Full Council on 22nd April 2024, I have been hard at work getting the Consultation ready for publication during the week commencing June 3rd. I can confirm that the Consultation is running to schedule.

With Council's decision to increase the allocated budget given to the Consultation, we have expanded its scope to include a number of new angles. Not only will the Council be consulting residents through an online survey, but a separate, shorter survey will simultaneously be released for non-resident employees in the Parish to input their experiences. All schools in the Parish have also been consulted, and I am due to meet with students from Clyst Vale Community College, as well as representatives from Cornerstone MAT, in late June/early July to discuss the views of our local student community.

As part of the consultation, I will be running a full schedule of in-person pop-up events around the Parish from the end of June through to the end of the consultation period. A full schedule of these events can be found below. Please note that the times and dates may be subject to change closer to the time, not least in the case of possible staff absence.

Saturday 29th June, 10am-5pm: **Broadclyst Fun Day**

Sunday 7th July, 10am-12pm: **Echoes Childcare car park, Broadclyst Station**

Sunday 7th July, 1pm-3pm: **Westwood House, Westwood, EX5 3DH**

Sunday 14th July, 10am-2pm: **Westclyst Primary School**

Sunday 21st July, 10am-12pm: **Little Ones Nursery car park, Budlake**

Sunday 21st July, 1pm-3pm: **Antique Village car park, Hele**

Sunday 28th July, 10am-5pm: **Tithebarn Fun Day**

Finally, following the discussion had in the Full Council meeting on 22nd April, we will be running focus groups alongside the wider consultation. The Council has budgeted for up to 5 focus groups to take place, with 5 participants at each session, meaning we are budgeting for a total of 25 focus group participants. In line with focus group participation recommendations and guidelines, these 90-minute focus groups will be paid, with each participant receiving £20 for their time (approximately £13.33 per hour) alongside travel expenses.

Applications for the focus groups will be collected through the online survey consultations, as well as by contacting myself on 01392 360269 / community@broadclyst.org.

Further information on the community consultation, including how to access the surveys, will be live on the Broadclyst Parish Council website as of June 3rd at the following link:

<https://www.broadclyst.org/community/consultation/>

In my absence, please direct any urgent queries to the wider office.

This concludes my report to Council.

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