

Area West Committee – 18th September 2013

8. Area West – Reports from Members on Outside Bodies

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Purpose of the Report

To introduce reports from members appointed to outside bodies in Area West.

Public Interest

Each year Area West Committee appoints local Councillors to serve on outside bodies (local organisations) in Area West. During the year Councillors make a report on the achievements of those organisations and other relevant issues.

Background

To replace “Reports from members on outside organisations” as a generic standing agenda item it was agreed at the August 2012 meeting to include specific reports about each organisation in the Committee’s forward plan.

Members were appointed to serve on nine outside bodies at the June 2013 meeting.

Reports

Reports can be verbal or written. There is no standard format, but if possible they include an explanation of the organisations aims, their recent activities, achievements and any issues of concern.

This month the member reports are:

Councillor Dave Bulmer - Chard Museum
Councillor Carol Goodall - Ilminster Forum (to be included within next agenda item)

Recommendation

That the report is noted.

Financial Implications

None.

Council Plan Implications

Focus Four: Health and Communities – We want communities that are healthy, self reliant and have individuals who are willing to help each other.

***Background Papers:* None**

Report to Town and District Councillors of a Chard Museum meeting held on 24th July 2013**Finances**

There was some mixed news that both June and July figures for paying visitors were down on last year, but the admissions income is up compared with last year. It was also stated that in the months of April/May income was up on last year. It was also stated that Donations were up on last year. It was also reported that the last District Council grant had been received and Friends subscriptions were down on last year. The treasurer stated that he will contact Friends for renewal of subscriptions before the next newsletter is issued.

Purchases

For some time now there has been a need to replace the scanner as it could be used with a laptop but not with the existing computer. A grant was received for the purchase of a new scanner.

Custodians

It was reported that the summer period was a difficult time with many volunteers being on holiday. This highlighted the need for more regular volunteers to fill the rota.

Shop

Shop sales were up on last year. The Chairman will look at further purchases with the Chard motto to be considered which could be purchased through the TIC.

Communications

There was information from "Newsquest" regarding free solar panels. However the museum was advised that as the property was owned by SSDC permission for use of the panels on the barn would be needed from SSDC. A quick decision was needed from SSDC regarding this which was not forthcoming. This resulted that the museums name being taken of the list of recipients.

Fundraising

It was reported that the wine tasting event was successful which included £100 donation, and the possibility of another event next year. The Guildhall Jubilee festival event received a good response and the Chairman thanked the supporters. There is also the possibility of an annual prize draw to take place in the future.

Arrangements are being made by Tony Prior for a number of Historical Health Walks to take place in August. These health walks have been funded from County Councillors Health and wellbeing budget.

This concludes my report.

Cllr Dave Bulmer
Town and District member Chard Jocelyn ward