

Biddulph Town Council

ANNUAL REPORT



2012 - 2013

Mayor's Review of the Town Council's year 2012-2013



I would like to thank everyone who has supported me and my charities which are Macmillan Cancer Support and Staffordshire Moorlands Cancer Support Group Biddulph Branch over the past year.

I have enjoyed being the Mayor and I attended some wonderful events including Biddulph Male Voice Choirs 90th Birthday concert, the Acorn Awards, Lads n Dads football presentation, BDYO concerts, BRIC fun day and fashion show, Biddulph Sports Councils Awards Presentation evening, Biddulph Arms Pop Festival, opened Biddulph Art at the Arms art exhibition, attended Biddulph High School's Art exhibition – what talent we have in Biddulph.

A huge thank you to Biddulph Running Club for organising the Mayor's Charity Race and fun run – which had a record 182 runners and 51 fun runners. It was a cold but fantastic day which raised a huge £1316.50 for my charities.

I have also been privileged to open the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the Town Hall - due to the rain – a brilliant day was had by all; I launched the Biddulph Festival – well what a brilliant day that was; Biddulph Moor Well Dressing where I danced with the dancers; Biddulph By The Sea – where I was dared to go on the slide (well what do you expect, Paris and I dare and did); we also had a lovely time on the fun rides which I think they left us on a lot longer than anyone else. Biddulph Christmas Lights Switch On which was packed even though it was raining and cold, Biddulph Moor Lights Switch On which was brill.

I have met Kenyan visitors at Biddulph High School; the Italians - youngsters who visited earlier, then the adults for the planting of the rose bush marking 25 years of Twinning. I have played host to the Rainbows and Biddulph Young Peoples Place Youth leaders – brilliant evenings. I was proud to open Sainsbury's petrol station and the reopening of the Roaring Meg.

And thank you Hilda for asking me and John Robinson to do the judging of the pub gardens – next time can I ask you to send us there when the pubs are open? I have also enjoyed visiting our Nursing Homes, all of their Christmas Parties, Fairs and special birthdays. A huge thank you to all the special people I have met over the last year (sorry I cannot name everyone else) ~ I have really enjoyed my term in office.

I would also like to give a personal thank you to Madelaine Lovatt, Sue Walley (you know why), John Robinson, Kate and Jean and Biddulph Town Council.

Cllr Jeanette Walley
MAYOR OF BIDDULPH

A brief summary of the work of the Council this year:

- The new meeting format was further developed to give direct access and participation by members of the public (three Town Meetings)
- Continued with the Town Council Youth Advisor scheme; now having young people meet with councillors each month prior to the Council meeting
- Regeneration partner with Staffordshire County Highways on the town centre highway works; assisting with the consultation process & gaining additional on-street parking at Tunstall Road
- Over £50,000 of grant assistance awarded to local community groups during the year, including £25,000 to the Citizens Advice Bureau to support its valuable work in the community and £20,000 to Biddulph in Bloom to support the team's endeavours in making a difference to our environment (becoming overall winner of the Heart of England competition in 2012)
- Practical & financial support for the Biddulph Festival events – including the successful Festival Parade, Rock & Chips dance event; Art at the Arms; Rock on the Rocks; Open Cafes, the Old Time Music Hall; Biddulph by the Sea; BRIC Biddulph Fun Day & many others
- Further development of town events through the Events Director project
- Supported the Moorlands and District Music Festival at Biddulph High School
- Assisted and supported the Biddulph Moor Community Association with the first Well Dressing
- Organised the Lengthsman scheme – mainly footpath, road signage, verge & ditch clearance work
- Town Burial Ground maintenance and improvement work carried out throughout the year
- Completed the purchase of the new burial ground land at Woodhouse Lane and started with the development by installing fencing and removing trees. Work due to begin summer 2013
- Maintenance of allotment sites at Moorland Road and Park Lane ongoing throughout the year
- Completed the transfer of land at Springfield Road for the future development of allotments
- Continued supporting the work of the Residents' Associations by setting up the Biddulph Residents' Association Network (BRAN), part funded by the Big Lottery
- Continued supporting the Biddulph Business Chamber ~ working in partnership to secure Portas funding for events and planning a monthly speciality market
- Regeneration partner (with District Council & County Council) – continued working on a project to improve the built environment with street lighting enhancement and by having plans drawn up for a scheme to improve the steps from the Wharf Road Car Park to the town centre (to be funded by the Town Council's regeneration budget)
- Supported the PCT at the completion of the new Health Centre build
- 2013 calendar produced to further local tourism, plus pens and other items
- Maintained the website – www.biddulph.co.uk, plus developed Facebook & Twitter pages
- Produced the newsletter – the Reporter
- Remembrance Sunday – supported the British Legion & organised refreshments
- Christmas – lights in the town centre & Biddulph Moor tree; organised the switch-on event ~ Christmas market and fair, in partnership with Biddulph Business Chamber and Events Director
- Ongoing staff and councillor professional training, including attendance at conferences and seminars
- In addition to all of the above, Town Council is represented on many outside bodies and members attended meetings throughout the year, reporting back to the Council at the monthly meetings

| <u>BUDGETED INCOME for 2013/14</u> | Estimated Income 2012-13 | Actual Income to 31/3/2013 | Budget 2013-14 |
|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| Room Hire | 100 | 150 | 100 |
| Burial Ground | 23,000 | 33,125 | 26,000 |
| Allotments | 550 | 50,512 | 550 |
| Interest | 200 | 308 | 250 |
| VAT refund | 8,000 | 10,489 | 8,000 |
| Lengthsman | 5,000 | 4,224 | 4,000 |
| Promotional Sales | 1,500 | 1,477 | 1,100 |
| General Admin | 0.00 | 3,549 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 38,350 | 103,834 | 40,000 |
| PRECEPT | 259,413 | 259,413 | 230,839 |
| Grant from District Council | n/a | n/a | 29,161 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 297,763 | 363,247 | 300,000 |

Bank Reconciliation as at 31.03.2013

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Capital Reserve Account | 25,686 | |
| Business Reserve Account | 581,463 | |
| | 3,000 | |
| petty cash | 50 | |
| | 610,199 | |
| less unrepresented cheques | 1,262 | |
| cash in transit | 0.00 | |
| Total at Bank | 608,937 | |
| opening Balance 01.04.12 | 557,353 | |
| Receipts | 363,247 | |
| Payments | | 311,663 |
| Closing Balance 31.03.13 | | 608,937 |
| | 920,600 | 920,600 |

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE FOR 2013-2014

| | Estimated Expenditure 2012-13 | Actual Expenditure 31/03/2013 | Budget 2013-14 |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| General Administration | | | |
| Audit Fees | 1500.00 | 1200.00 | 1500.00 |
| Elections | 2250.00 | 2230.00 | 2250.00 |
| Office costs | 3000.00 | 8746.62 | 3000.00 |
| Room Rent - District Council | 22000.00 | 21475.05 | 22000.00 |
| Salaries/pensions | 80000.00 | 86344.81 | 80000.00 |
| Subscriptions | 1600.00 | 1478.27 | 1600.00 |
| Sundry | 800.00 | 7209.22 | 800.00 |
| Training | 1000.00 | 40.00 | 1000.00 |
| VAT | 8000.00 | 13107.19 | 8000.00 |
| sub total | 120150.00 | 141831.16 | 120150.00 |
| Civic Committee | | | |
| Christmas Lights | 16000.00 | 16345.87 | 16000.00 |
| Civic Allowance | 4165.00 | 4165.00 | 4165.00 |
| Civic Expenditure | 7000.00 | 6162.33 | 7000.00 |
| Festival | 5000.00 | 5000.00 | 5000.00 |
| Remembrance Sunday S.137 | 100.00 | 49.13 | 100.00 |
| Events Director | 5000.00 | 5000.04 | 5000.00 |
| Events | 2700.00 | 2502.84 | 2700.00 |
| Regeneration S.137 | 15398.00 | 0.00 | 15398.00 |
| Tourism | 3750.00 | 1615.45 | 3750.00 |
| sub total | 59113.00 | 40840.66 | 59113.00 |
| Finance Committee | | | |
| Grants S.137 | 19000.00 | 15450.00 | 62000.00 |
| CAB S.137 | 25000.00 | 25000.00 | 0 |
| Biddulph in Bloom S.137 | 18000.00 | 20000.00 | 0 |
| sub total | 62000.00 | 60450.00 | 62000.00 |
| General Purposes Committee | | | |
| Allotments | 5000.00 | 1656.17 | 5000.00 |
| Contingency | 5000.00 | 0.00 | 7237.00 |
| Lengthsman | 5000.00 | 2700.00 | 5000.00 |
| Woodhouse Burial Ground | 15000.00 | 47444.64 | 15000.00 |
| Burial Grounds Maintenance | 16000.00 | 14682.44 | 16000.00 |
| sub total | 46000.00 | 66483.25 | 48237.00 |
| Planning Committee | | | |
| Footpaths | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Footway Lighting | 10000.00 | 2058.33 | 10000.00 |
| sub total | 10500.00 | 2058.33 | 10500.00 |
| TOTAL | 297763.00 | 311663.40 | 300000.00 |
| Allocated Balances | | | |
| | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | |
| Allotment Development | 0.00 | 50000.00 | |
| Woodhouse Burial Ground | 233712.00 | 201267.00 | |
| Regeneration | 201167.00 | 216565.00 | |
| steps | ((22000)) | ((22000)) | |
| lighting columns | ((58000)) | ((58000)) | |
| TOTAL | 434879.00 | 467832.00 | |

BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCILLORS (until May 2015)**PUBLIC LIST**

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