

Report to FTC 14th July 2021

Good evening everyone. If I have not managed to get back from our break in Kent in time for this meeting, please accept my apologies.

If I am present then ignore the above!

Affordable housing

Not a lot to report this month other than at last full council at SBC the matter of SBC land to be released for affordable housing under the Better Borough headline was discussed. As you know the patch of land situated at Clarence Drive and Hallam Close has been included on the list of SBC land to be part of the project. Cllr Cockerill spoke out about this and backed him up but the Cabinet had already made the decision on this plot and others throughout the Borough so the subject was non negotiable. It is however, considered unlikely that this land will be built on much before 2034 and a lot can happen in that time, notwithstanding the disappearance of SBC as an entity.

Homelessness funding

SBC Officers have made two successful bids to Government. The first is from the Rough Sleeping Initiative Fund and will pay for a further three Homeless Support Workers across the Borough. The second is from the Rough Sleepers Accommodation Programme and will provide both Capital and Revenue funding to enable Beyond Housing to acquire six units of accommodation for rough sleepers under the new Housing First (REACH) Project.

I highlight this because, as I am sure you have all noticed, Filey itself has been attracting rough sleepers, both in the Town Centre and on the seafront. I have referred these people, to the Homeless Unit but this funding can only help us to help these people in the future.

Better Places Locality Budget

It is interesting to note that out of 46 Councillors, during April and May of this year only 10 applications have been made to the fund by Councillors. I am happy to say that I have given out grants to 3 local groups and I believe Cllr Cockerill has given at least one grant to Filey in Bloom. I have no information on whether Cllr Cross has given any at this time. The grants given so far total £4427 and this is out of each individual Councillors allocation of £2000pa.

Hopefully other Councillors will start to distribute this money to local good causes and voluntary groups throughout the Borough. Please spread the word!

Details can be found at:

<http://www.Scarborough.gov.uk/home/Community-and-living/better-places-locality-budgets>

Filey Flood Alleviation

The flood defence work is now complete and associated public open spaces work will be 95% completed by June/July.

The Yorkshire Coast Super Soapbox Challenge

This will be launched in Filey on Sunday 5th September 2021, sponsored by SBC, FTC and Yorkshire Coast DBID. It should be fun and I hope to see the Mayor hurtling down the Ravine in her Soapbox, suitably attired in protective clothing and helmet!

Filey Kite Festival

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September on Country Park. Oscar, a 63 feet high Teddy Bear kite will be the Star attraction of the show.

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