

Report to Filey Town Council on Wednesday 10th March 2021

I attended a Members briefing given by the Citizens Advice Bureau which was very useful and gave a good overview of how many people in Filey are using their service. I have attached a fact sheet explaining what sort of things the CAB are doing in Filey. The highlights are:

1. Clients in Filey - 159
2. Issues. - 802
3. Top issue DEBT - 236

Can I suggest that CAB should be signposted by this Council, especially on their website and Facebook page.

There is clearly a need in our Town.

Bonhomme Richard Group

I have now been invited to sit on this group which is Chaired by Tony Green. There was a Zoom meeting of all members on Tuesday 2nd March and it was pleasing to see Cllr Parkin and Cllr Haxby at the meeting representing the Town Council.

The group have big plans leading up to the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Flamborough Head in 2029 of which I am sure your own Councillors will report on in more detail later in the meeting.

The group are looking at applying to SBC to list the Old Conference Centre as an Asset of Community Value. As you know FTC did this some 4 years ago and that listing is due to finish on 10th March 2021.

James Hodgson on behalf of the group will apply for it again to be listed as an ACV shortly after this date. Proposed plans at this early stage are for a visitor centre, shop and community use facility. I wish them good luck for the future.

As you all may know a Cabinet decision was made on 4th February to put this site up for disposal at sometime in the future so another request for an ACV can only be a good thing.

Filey sea wall

An outline business case has been approved by the Environment Agency for Flood and Coastal Risk Management (FCERM) for £1.7m of grant in aid funding to undertake capital works to the Filey Seawall. The scheme will

aim to improve the present structural condition of the face and toe of the Seawall and to prevent it outflanking at the southern end due to ongoing erosion of undefended cliffs along adjacent frontages. Once formal written funding approval is received a further report will be submitted to Cabinet.

Dog Fouling

The below message came from Harry Briggs at SBC and I believe it also came to the other two Ward Councillors and FTC.

“We are looking at rolling out some high impact floor markings to encourage responsible dog ownership. The message will be applied using the same technology as road markings so should be resilient and long lasting, I’ve attached the message and below are the areas currently identified;

Glen Gardens , West Avenue (path nearest to town) *	Dogs on Lead
Glen Gardens, West Ave, path opposite car park *	Dogs on Lead
Glen Gardens, South Crescent road	Dogs on Lead
Main beach, bottom of Cargate Hill (rear snack bar)*	Beach Ban
Cobble Landing , slipway to main beach (to right)*	Beach Ban

The intention is to apply the message to the edge of the path where possible, and they will be approx. 45cm in diameter. He hopes to have contractors on site in April.”

A good idea I believe and on the back of this I sent both Harry and Cllr Randerson the attached e mail:

“Having just heard from Harry about the new initiative concerning high impact signing for irresponsible dog owners, I am very happy that the Borough is at last taking these issues seriously. I have agreed with Harry that I think this is a good idea but on speaking to local volunteers (who also believe it is a good idea) it is felt that a more coordinated response should be considered on a Borough level but with representatives from all areas.

Filey has a new “Filey Community Voice - Better Borough” representative in Ms Marilyn Anthony who is very vocal locally and at Borough level on the subject of dog fouling. I also believe that Mick Couzens is the Scarborough Community Voice and is very eager to be part of the solution. (Liam Balmforth is the Community generation and support Officer for the Borough and looks after our new Filey Voice and their counterparts

throughout the Borough. I believe that Liam will be holding a zoom meeting next week with his "Voices".)

Filey also has Ms Jeannie Williams the Chair of Keep Filey Tidy, who's members, amongst clearing up litter also remove dog poo even though it is not in their remit.

Obviously one representative from FTC should be part of this as should a selected Ward Councillor and of course a Dog Warden.

Rather than looking at the problem of dog fouling bit by bit, a coordinated response would be more effective and also get the public behind us."

Harry and Cllr Randerson have agreed that this is a good idea and will be looking to progress it in the very near future.

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Ward Councillor for Filey