

MONTHLY STATEMENT from MJC of SBC matters relating to Filey

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme & Environmental Enhancements

Regrettably the contractors have still not completed all of the outstanding work. Consequently the site has not been taken back by the Borough Council so, formally, remains a construction site.

The outstanding work is mainly the planting of hedges, additional seeding, snagging and general tidying up. I am informed that the work should be complete by the end of October but I have had such promises before!!!!.

I have requested that this prolonged implementation of the project is scrutinised by the Places & Future Overview & Scrutiny Committee. This will be discussed in February 2022.

Sands Road Lodges

A resident of Sands Road informed me that new activity has been seen on the field that was the subject of the withdrawn application for 78 Lodges.

Unitary Authority

I have written to the Leader and Chief Executive of NYCC to express my concern at the proposed initial Area arrangements for the new Unitary Authority.

The response from the Leader of NYCC is copied, in full, below.

Hello Mike,

Good to hear from you. I hope you are keeping well.

I think you raise a valid point, and I've always thought that Filey sat more in Robert Goodwill's constituency than Kevin's, from a community of interest. But we need to stick to a principle at the moment, that our Area C'tees should be organised on constituencies. However it will be for the new unitary to decide once it's formed, and it may be that the constituency boundary review has solved the issue by that time. I'm sure you will have made that case to the Boundary Commission, and as long as the numbers fit, it's hard to argue against it.

I look forward to working with you, and Filey TC, as we develop the plans for the new authority.

*Kind regards, keep safe,
Carl*

Following the resolution passed at the September meeting of the Borough Council in regard to creating Town Council(s) for Scarborough Town, the Group Leaders at SBC had a meeting last month to discuss the possible way forward to create Lower Tier Authorities for the unparished areas of the Borough, mainly 5 Wards in Scarborough Town.

A report will go to Cabinet and then the Borough Council. However, the initial reaction of the majority of those present was to leave it to the new Unitary Authority to have Scarborough Town parished by the 2027 elections. A further meeting has been arranged for later this month.

The meeting was informed of the various Work Streams that had been agreed by NYCC and the 7 District and Borough Councils, one of these being Locality and is being led by the Chief Executive of Craven.

Concern was expressed in regard to the tight timescale to achieve the various steps required to have the new Unitary Authority, likely to be entitled North Yorkshire Council, up and running by the target date of 1 April 2023. The Structural Change Order being the first real step is expected in March 2022 and would have to be published by 29 March 2022 to allow the election to take place 5 May 2022.

I raised the matter of existing SBC / FTC agreements, including financial arrangements, continuing under the new Unitary Authority with the Chief Executive and Leader of NYCC.

I received the reply from the Chief Executive “ ***Mike the proposal document that we pulled together clearly sets out that the new council will work closely with Town and Parish councils and the agenda is one of helping them to do more if they wish to not less so the answer will almost certainly be a yes.***”

The underlining is mine.

National Coastwatch Institution (NCI)

The NCI has approached SBC about the possibility of setting up a lookout station overlooking Filey Bay. This has been discussed with HM Coastguard at Bridlington.

Filey Ward members have been invited to a meeting to discuss the possibility, this was originally by Zoom but I contacted NCI to suggest that it would be far more productive if it was a meeting overlooking the bay.

This has now been arranged for later this month.

Kite Festival

I am sure most will agree that the event was a success, I have already asked about the possibility of it returning in future years.

DBID funded £6,500 with SBC adding £1,500 plus staff hours.

Meeting with Chief Executive

During my regular face to face meetings with the Chief Executive I expressed my concern as to the slow progress in regard to the Filey Investment Plan. I acknowledged that a number of discussions had taken place but, as yet, little firm headway had been achieved.

Glen Gardens

Some of you may have seen that the work to refurbish the entrance off South Crescent Road is well underway.



BEFORE



End of September



End of September

When the rendering has properly cured the pillars will be painted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Cockerill'.

**Borough Councillor M J Cockerill
Representing Filey on SBC**