

Councillor Report

Cllr Penelope Lloyd
4th July 2023

Bloom Project

I attended the Bloom Project meeting with Stewart Henchie and Viv Wilson on 19th June. We worked out a strategy for the way forward and are putting the Teignmouth in Bloom competition on hold for the foreseeable future to concentrate on the green spaces throughout Teignmouth which need attention.

We have identified groups, organisations and individuals who are willing to participate in the project. I have conducted an online poll to consult with the public for their suggestions of sites and volunteers and have had a very positive response.

I am compiling a map to show all the areas prior to the next meeting on 21st July.

DALC

I attended the DALC Zoom meeting on 22nd June. Various topics were discussed including difficulties in communication on the part of DCC; the “Civility and Respect” project; DCC’s plans to expand on-street parking fees; ongoing responses to the cost of living crisis; progress on the pilot schemes emanating from the Urban Renewal study; initiatives at County and District levels regarding the climate emergency.

Civility and Respect

Lengthy discussion took place about the need for improved behaviour at Council meetings. This project is ongoing and will be rolled out in due course. A paper of expected standards of behaviour is being compiled which is intended to be adopted by all Councils.

Parking Fees

DCC is developing its strategy of pay-and-display in town centres and is continuing to offer 30 minutes free parking to encourage turnover of spaces.

Spending of revenue from pay-and-display: Supporting parking enforcement activities; bus subsidies (not in Teignmouth); grass cutting and verges trimming (apparently not in Teignmouth).

Nothing to report on the other items. Unfortunately my wi-fi signal was very poor and I was drifting in and out of the meeting.

I am taking part in the “Make a change” Initiative by TDC which is a forum of people who want to reduce their individual carbon footprint through changes in energy usage, transport and shopping etc.