



MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT TO AREA BOARD MEETING

16 APRIL 2014

Melksham Campus

The Town Council's Planning Committee recently considered the campus plans and whilst welcoming the plans, they raised the following concerns:

- Highway Safety, particularly around the Crown House/Melksham House entrance.
- The impact of noise from vehicles on residents in Cedar Close.
- The impact of proposed boundary tree planting on nearby residents, particularly Cedar Close.
- The inclusion of a low wall and pathway on the lawned area to the front of the campus. The Town Council ask if this could be removed, as this breaks up an attractive amenity space. The Town Council requested that the gate pillars be relocated elsewhere on the site.
- The positioning of CCTV and the impact on nearby residents.
- Light pollution.
- Users of the campus parking in nearby residential areas and the impact on those residents.

The Town Council forwarded their comments to SCOB and reiterated their desire to work with SCOB with regard to how the Assembly Hall can work with or as part of the campus facility.

Melksham Summer Events

Various groups holding major events in the Summer of 2014 have met recently and come up with ideas for a small leaflet advertising their events, this will hopefully be distributed in May.

Wiltshire Council Re Local Sustainable Transport Fund 2015/16 bid

The Town Council have written to Wiltshire Council supporting their funding bid towards local sustainable transport.

Civic Awards

Various awards were handed out at the Mayor's Reception to individuals and groups for their hard work within the community, these included awards to the Forest Community

Centre Group for their hard work in fund raising for a new community centre in their area and the Melksham Railway Development Group for campaigning for improved rail services to Melksham.

Sports Roadshow

The Town Council in conjunction with Active Trowbridge will be providing a series of five sports roadshows during the 2014 Summer holidays.

Melksham Market

Following on-going negotiations with Wiltshire Council, the market recently moved to the Market Place from its Church Street location. There seems to be a definite increase in people attending the market, hopefully this continues.

Avon Place

Following several meetings with representatives of the Town Council and the landlords of this area and funding being available through an Area Board Councillor Initiative led grant, works will hopefully take place shortly to improve this area.

Melksham in Bloom

This competition has been revamped and various new categories added to be more in-line with the ethos of the Royal Horticultural Society's South West in Bloom competition, there is more emphasis on schools, residential care homes and businesses taking part.

MyEnvolve Survey

The Town Council is using this consultation software to engage with members of the public on Town Council services/facilities, particularly the Assembly Hall.

A Boards

The Town Council have written to businesses on several occasions to reiterate their responsibility with regard to the sensible positioning/use of A Boards to advertise their businesses.