District Council report May 2022

Cllr J Sweett

Skatepark- Things are moving ahead, Maverick have been contracted to build. They are very popular with Skaters and the Council. We met last week and discussed the timeline of the Consultation. This will go live online this week and will cumulate in mid-July with a skate event. Planning permission will then be applied for. Current funding sources are being investigated.

Airband- I’ve had some success with better siting of unpopular poles in Bridgetown so its well worth pursuing a negotiation. I can obviously help individuals where relevant. Some of the areas I was expecting to have to have pole to pole wiring have now had ducting used instead. I can't say if that is a result of the negative feedback Airband had received or if it was just incorrect information in the first place. I've asked that all South Hams counsellors have a full briefing from Airband as the communication between AB and officers/counsellors and then into the parish councils is very patchy. I'm still waiting for a date of that briefing as I hope other Wards and Parishes don't have to go through what we are.

I have requested that trees be planted by SHDC next to poles on SHDC land and will talk to tree groups regarding housing association and DCC land. This will I hope reduce the unsightly impact over time.

Market improvements – This is moving slowly some councillors are aware of from her meeting last month. I am pushing for more funding to be allocated for the resurfacing works as it is acknowledged by all that the £200,000 in the capital budget at South hams is not going to go far. I'm still receiving some complaints from the shops at the front of the Market Square regarding stall siting and despite several meetings there are still some issues but the communications good so I will in hope the outcome will be too.

I’ve requested (again) and more frequent and thorough cleanse of the square especially after markets.

Pavilion Leisure centre- after pushing to initiate a meeting between the 3 parties, SHDC, Tadpool and Fusion to discuss the centre improvements a meeting date is set for May 12th. It's clear that all wish the improvements to move ahead asap after the final details of the Tadpool/SHDC lease are concluded. consultations will take place on Fusion's plans and they will need to submit a business plan to South Hams to release the £1.5 million SHDC has earmarked for improvements. Clearly this will not go as far as pre Covid times.

Caravan Ste- those that expressed an interest in tendering for the caravan site are to be tthe tender application. The tender closes on the 30th of May with a timeline of an upgraded site opening for summer 2023. Hopefully will update fully in July!

Playpark tenders- awaiting update.

Baltic Wharf- discussions taking place prior to planning application?