



BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: FULL COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM NO: 17
SUBJECT: ALL ELECTRIC BUS TOWN
DATE: 9 MARCH 2020

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1. To receive a motion from Councillor E Wood, seconded by Councillor V Cann to request Devon County Council to put forward the Barnstaple area, including Braunton in a bid for the governments 'All Electric Bus Town' scheme.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council to instruct the Clerk to write to Devon County Councillor Roger Croad to request that the Barnstaple area, including Braunton to be the first fully electrically based town under the governments 'All Electric Bus Town' scheme.
- 2.2 To write to Barnstaple Town Council and persuade them to join Braunton in writing to Devon County Councillor Roger Croad in a bid to become the UK's first all-electric bus town.
- 2.3 To write to other councils including Ilfracombe, Heanton Punchardon and Georgeham asking them to express their support to Devon County Council regarding the Barnstaple area, including Braunton becoming the first fully electrically based town.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1. Local authorities can now apply to become the UK's first all-electric bus town.
- 3.2. Successful areas will receive up to £50 million to help pay for a brand new fleet of electric buses, reducing emissions and improving air quality.
- 3.3. The £50 million fund is part of the total £170 million allocated by the government in 2020 to improve services and make bus journeys greener, easier and more reliable.
- 3.4. The commitment marks the next step in delivering the government's £220 million package to overhaul bus services across England.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. There will be no capital financial pressures associated with writing to Devon County Council to support Barnstaple, including Braunton being the first UK's electric bus town.



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REPORT TO: FULL COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM NO: 18
SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN AND REFILL STATION
DATE: 9 MARCH 2020

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1. To receive a motion from Councillor E Wood, seconded by Councillor V Cann to install a water fountain and refill station in Braunton.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report seeks Council's approval to install a water fountain and refill station in Braunton to help reduce the number of single use plastic.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1. To approve the installation of a water fountain and refill station in Braunton, location to be confirmed.
- 3.2. To approve match funding towards the installation of a water fountain and refill station.
- 3.3. To approve the Parish Council taking on the ongoing annual costs to repair, maintain, and provide water supply and water quality checks.

4 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 'Refill' have written guidance to help communities go about getting a water fountain, attached as Appendix A.
- 4.2 In terms of cost the cheapest way to do it is to put it on the side of a building that you can easily plumb into. Costs increase if you have to build a free standing one and attach associated pipework to link in with the mains.
- 4.3 Plastic Free North Devon and Regen Braunton are proposing that the water fountain and refill station be attached to the Countryside Centre and have approached the North Devon Environmental Trust for their support and approval.

- 4.3 The Lynmouth Memorial Hall committee have installed a water refill station and drinking water fountain.



- 4.4 The bottle refill station and drinking water fountain cost £1,200 to purchase and £300 to install into existing water supply infrastructure. Local organisations, businesses and charities donated funds towards the cost.
- 4.5 It is attached to a building owned by Devon County Council who have agreed to pay the water supply costs.
- 4.6 The Lynmouth Memorial Hall are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep including cleaning it daily with sanitiser.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. Southwark Council provide 40 water fountains and have estimated an annual budget of £71,000 in 2020-21, which equals £1,775 per annum for the repair, maintenance, water supply and water quality checks for one drinking water fountain.
- 5.2. The Oasis PWSMSBF Aqua Pointe Surface Mount Non-Refrigerated Bottle Filler would cost £714 (inc VAT) to purchase, shipping £20.

- 5.3. Installation costs to be confirmed quotations cannot be provided without confirmation of a site and whether there is an existing water supply to connect in to.
- 5.4. Councillor Bunyard has calculated an estimated annual water supply cost based on network rail refill points at train stations. A unit at Liverpool Lime Street refilled 42,000 bottles (500ml per refill) this works out as 21,000 litres or 21m³ of water. 1m³ of water is one unit of water which cost £1.84 water + £3.58 sewage. This works out at around £77 of water cost for refilling 115 bottles per day. Adding a single jet flow water meter to the installation would allow for more precise monitoring of the water consumption and only add around £20 to the capital cost.
- 5.5. The Council did not include any financial provisions for this project in its budget for 2020/21.

Expenditure		
	2019/20	2020/21
Central Services staff / members costs / democratic services / flood resilience / Parish Hall.	£166,047	£184,515
Parks and Gardens Recreational Facilities including - Chaloners, Knowle & Mowstead playgrounds, Recreation Ground, Village Green, Memorial Gardens, Velator Quay, Tarka Trail (Anchor to Georgeham Cross), Beacon, 32m ² urban grass verges and public open space. Servicing and repairs to equipment / machinery, Christmas, summer planting and planting trees.	£23,050	£30,300
Property Council building maintenance including - Council Offices and Parish Hall, Bakehouse Centre (exterior), Memorial Shelter, Illingworth Shelter and Community Work Hub. Public furniture including - seats, bus shelters, picnic tables, notice boards, litter bins and dog waste bins.	£11,224	£17,609
Finance and Administration Insurance, training, Council IT and administration, website, Parish Grants, Internal / External audit fees and pension contributions.	£55,788	£64,675
Car Parks Zero budget impact as income is greater than expenditure.	£31,840	£38,740
Community Work Hub Zero budget impact as expenditure and income balance out.	£13,000	£13,600
Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)	£17,738	£17,738
Total	£318,687	£367,177
Income		
	2019/20	2020/21
Central Services Including: Parish Hall lettings, rentals, Solar PV and interest.	£28,940	£33,720
Car Parks	£115,000	£159,000
Community Work Hub	£15,925	£13,000
Grants	£14,426	£4,016
Total	£174,291	£209,736
Precept Raised	£120,282	£157,441
Precept per Band D household / annum	£39.31	£50.91
Precept per Band D household / week	£0.75 pence	£0.98 pence

- 5.6. Councillor E Wood is investigating funding opportunities with Plastic Free North Devon.



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REPORT TO: FULL COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM NO: 20
SUBJECT: PLANTING IN THE VILLAGE
DATE: 9 MARCH 2020

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report seeks Council's approval regarding future plans to provide sustainable planting in the village.
- 1.2. The Council has recently agreed new objectives based on it declaring a climate emergency. These objectives centre around enhancing the local environment, wildlife and well-being of residents. There are benefits of providing sustainable planting including improving the environment; moderating the climate; reducing air pollution reducing stress; and improving mental health.
- 1.3. BPC has been approached by two local organisations Friends of Braunton Library requesting planting on the new fingerpost sign to be installed out the front of the Library and Love Braunton requesting to install four rectangular timber planters on the Village Green (J Wensley's side).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Council creates a plan to provide sustainable planting in the village.
- 2.2. To consult the public on location and type of planting that it would like in the village.
- 2.3. The details of a sustainable planting scheme for the village to be considered by the Parks and Gardens Committee.
- 2.4. It is recommended that the Council continues with its summer planting this year as it improves the appearance of the village and many businesses in Braunton rely on tourism. This should be reviewed once sustainable planting has been introduced.