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The Jack Todd Changing Rooms

## Changing Room finances Axbridge

Town Council (ATC) agreed to repay a sum of £38,000 to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB), once all final works are completed on the Jack Todd Changing Rooms in the Furlong.

This repayment became possible due to generous help from:- the Axbridge Parochial Charities (£30,000), Somerset District Council (£2,500), Saxons Football Club (£3,500 and "free" labour for various jobs), the Aggregates Levy Board (£30,000), Somerset County Council (£7,500), the Wyvern Environmental Trust (£7,210), and Axbridge Sports and Social Club (£107 and £1,500 "in kind"). The local quarries provided some materials "at cost".

The outstanding PWLB loan is £62,000 and is repayable over 10 years. Annual donations to the Council from the Axbridge Parochial Charities will ensure that there will be **NO ADDITIONAL COST** to the Council Tax. The projected total cost is £144,212.62.

**The bus stops here!** At their October meeting, Councillors will consider a **Local Transport Policy** document, setting out long-term objectives for all public transport throughout the town. It is likely to include some ideas for minor changes to on-street parking and some re-marking of parking bays in the Square. The main aims will be to improve the bus stops and to ease the flow of traffic generally through the Square. This is **NOT** intended as a wholesale change to parking arrangements

Once agreed, this will become Town Council policy in dealing with Somerset County Council (SCC), Sedgemoor District Council (SDC) and the Police.

**New Town Bailiff.** Your Council considered two applicants for this ancient office and voted to appoint **Mr James McKay**, of The Corner House, The Square, as new Town Bailiff. His first duties will be at the Harvest Service in the Parish Church on October 2nd.

**Keep them in the picture** Barry Hamblin (Museum Trust) still seeks the **temporary loan of any interesting photographs, postcards or pictures** of Old Axbridge. Please contact him on **733939** or at **baz@bristol.gs** if you are able to help with this project.

## Police Community Support Officer

At our September meeting, PCSO Julie Lewis was made aware of problems with speeding vehicles, parking infringements and dog-fouling in the town. She asked to be contacted by members of the public, whenever they have such concerns. **Contact her on 07717 7701699 or 01275 818181 or julielewis@avonandsomerset.police.uk**

## New Publicity and Tourism group

A new Council Sub-committee is to be formed to promote Axbridge and to publicise and promote its attractions for tourism and business. It is expected that non-councillors will be co-opted to give the widest possible input

**A new SDC Local Plan,** which sets out Sedgemoor's vision for future developments in the district is now available—either from Kings Square in Bridgwater or online at **www.sedgemoor.gov.uk**

**CRIS is coming** on Wednesday 2nd. November (then weekly for 20 weeks) to the Meadow Street car park between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. This project is aimed at young persons between 13 and 19 years and will be properly staffed by experienced youth workers. The young people will be encouraged to express their views, on video, about their town and in particular about the provision made for youth in the area. The views of young people will help contribute towards the Axbridge Parish Plan.

**Burials at the Cemetery** ATC manages the Town Cemetery and anyone requiring information about burial arrangements should contact the Town Clerk.

## Development at Millstream Cottage

SDC has **granted permission** to develop, against the recommendation of the Town Council and against the wishes of some neighbours. They had presented SDC with a petition, which apparently was lost prior to the decisive meeting. ATC is to write to SDC in strong terms about the permission and the process that led up to it.

**Have YOUR say!** You are invited to attend the next **Axbridge Town Council Meeting on Monday 17th. October.** You may speak for up to 3 minutes on any town-related matter, or on any agenda item. Your views and suggestions are always welcome.

**This newsletter and other local information can be found on the Town Council's website**

**www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk**

Any elector, who wants information, or who has any issue to put before the Council should contact:

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