

Scarborough Borough Council Leader and Cabinet Members' briefing

July 2018



National Armed Forces Day is coming to Scarborough

IT'S fair to say we're still on Cloud 9 after it was announced last month that Scarborough had been chosen as the host town for the main [National Armed Forces Day](#) event in June 2020.

We're anticipating at least 200,000 visitors will come to Scarborough and the borough. It will certainly throw up some logistical challenges, but we have proven time and time again that we are more than capable of hosting large events of national significance.

I recall the successful visit of The Queen to reopen the Open Air Theatre

and the Tour de France (and subsequent Tour de Yorkshire events) when tens of thousands of people flocked to Scarborough and the borough.

We're blessed with a tremendous workforce that has the skill, talent and organisational acumen to make Armed Forces Day 2020 an occasion to remember and I want to personally thank everyone involved in our yearly Armed Forces Day events and those who had a hand in our winning bid to host the national event.



Council Leader Derek Bastiman (r) with Defence Secretary, Gavin Williamson

Hinderwell flats cash

ST HILDA'S Almshouses Trust in Hinderwell has been awarded up to £60,000 from the council's Community Housing Fund to develop former offices along with other unused space into two new flats for "local people in housing need".

The council was given £1.86 million from the Department for Communities and Local Government in December 2016 to support community-led housing schemes in the borough.

£10k boost for events

CABIBET has agreed to put a £10,000 council revenue underspend into a one-off reserve pot to help fund future events in the borough.

In the past, similar funding allocations have been used to fund events such as Armed Forces Day, P1 Powerboats, North Bay Piazza shows, Goldwings and Christmas festivities in the borough.

Accolade for shelters

WHITBY Civic Society has awarded the council a Certificate of Excellence in recognition of the "extremely high standard of work" to replace shelters in the town that were damaged by storms in 2015. Our thanks to all those involved.



Members of Scarborough Borough Council's Cabinet visit Runswick Bay

Cabinet Members 'sea' for themselves

MYSELF and other Members of my Cabinet were very grateful to be given the opportunity to [visit Runswick Bay](#) last month to view the latter stages of the construction project to enhance the village's sea defences.

The £1.5 million coastal defence project started in March and aims to protect 96 properties by reducing wave overtopping and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

While a large portion of the scheme has been funded by the Environment Agency, significantly, residents and property owners also contributed through the Runswick Bay Sea Defence Trust.

It's no longer the case that coastal

defence and flood alleviation projects attract 100 per cent grant funding, but residents have really stepped up to the plate. They've set a wonderful example to others and we felt it was important to say 'thank you' in person.

During the Cabinet Members' visit, Dennis Wheatley representing the trust, thanked the council and extended particular thanks to Project Manager, Robin Siddle, for his "tireless work" during the design, planning and implementation of the project together with successfully securing the major funding. Contractor, ESH Construction, was complimented for working around the challenges presented by the tides and busy tourism activity.

Tim bullish about new mowers

THE COUNCIL'S Parks and Countryside Manager, Tim Allison, has hailed the performance of new Toro grass mowers.

Five of the innovative flail

mowers were bought by the council following a trial.

Tim said: "The machines are only on their second cuts across the borough and already we've received

positive feedback from the public, councillors,

managers and operatives about the quality of cut and improvement in after-cut appearance."

Pier works to begin in September

WE'RE expecting work to begin on a £7.6 million project to repair Whitby's historic piers this September.

Flaws in the Grade II listed East and West Piers (as well as the East Pier extension) were found during detailed inspections carried out by consultants 10 years ago.

Funding for the major repairs has come from the European Structural and



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Partnership, North Yorkshire County Council and Scarborough Borough Council.

Myself and Cabinet colleagues want to particularly thank Whitby Town Council.

It has agreed to cover a £120,000 funding shortfall which will mean the East Pier extension bridge, removed because of storm damage in 2001, can finally be replaced.

Review is praised by Cabinet

A MAJOR [review of rough sleeping](#) in the borough has taken place, with recommendations presented to Cabinet.

Chaired by Cllr Heather Phillips and Cllr Lynn Bastiman, the review was commissioned by the Overview and Scrutiny Board to support the council's aspiration within our Housing Strategy, to end rough sleeping in the borough, to come up with recommendations to reduce rough sleeping, to raise awareness among the council of the complexity of this issue, raise the profile of homelessness issues, and to use the adopted recommendations from the review to inform the delivery of the council's Housing Strategy.

As a result of the review, officers have been asked to revise the Changing Lives model to achieve better outcomes, lobby North Yorkshire County Council and Government to put services for homeless people on a more secure financial footing, review and re-instate the 'No Second Night Out' protocol and consider ways of raising awareness of rough sleeping issues among councillors and the general public.

The full review, carried out by a Member Task Group on behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, is an excellent piece of work and is available to read, [here](#).



The cost of dealing with a single fly-tipping incident can be hundreds of pounds

Council supporting Operation Eyeball

MYSELF and my Cabinet colleagues are fully behind a new task force, set up to tackle fly-tipping in the borough and other North Yorkshire communities.

It's been called [Operation Eyeball](#) and brings together landowners, the police and local councils.

While fly-tipping in our area is not on the same scale experienced by other local authorities, it is a nuisance and when we spend money to clear up the mess and take enforcement action to bring offenders to justice, it's money we would much rather be spending on other essential

services.

We have some fantastic household waste recycling centres in our borough that accept all kinds of rubbish, including mattresses and old bits of furniture, which makes fly-tipping a particularly needless and thoughtless crime that is a blight on our communities.

Operation Eyeball is about sharing intelligence across organisations, looking at fly tipping hot spots, suspect vehicles and waste carriers.

I look forward to our council playing an active role in the new taskforce.

Overnight motorhome parking

AT this month's Cabinet meeting, we decided to press ahead with measures to [prohibit overnight motorhome parking](#) in more of our off-street car parks.

We appreciate this won't be a popular move with everyone, but we felt it was important to put these restrictions in place to address complaints expressed by residents over a number of years.

Motorhome parking, especially overnight, is becoming increasingly noticeable. We believe this is mainly due to the increased numbers of motorhome ownership in recent years.

In 2012 we prohibited overnight motorhome parking in some car parks but problems migrated to other car parks not covered by the order.

Tombstone warnings

WE'VE joined forces with HM Coastguard in a campaign to warn of the dangers of [tombstoning](#).

It's the practice of jumping into the sea from a cliff, or other high point like a pier or harbour wall, and is highly dangerous.

The depth of the water changes with the tide and there can be many hard and sharp objects lurking beneath the surface of the water that people jumping in might not see.



The Construction Skills Village at Eastfield

£400k grant helps Skills Village build for the future

CABINET has voted overwhelmingly to accept a major package of grant funding that will pave the way for the [expansion of the Construction Skills Village](#) at Eastfield.

The £400,000 from Advantage Coast CLLD and the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership will also allow the former High Eastfield Farmhouse to be renovated and turned into a Construction Business Centre.

Putting together the funding bid was a significant piece of work and I want to thank those officers involved.

The grant funding will enable the enhancement of activities delivered at the Construction Skills Village. It will increase the capacity for local engagement of learners and help tackle skills shortage issues in the construction industry locally.

The funding will also support the creation of additional skills training at the Construction Business Centre in

curriculum areas that cannot be delivered at the main Skills Village site, such as scaffolding.

Once completed, the Construction Business Centre will support local construction businesses with a range of packages to help develop their businesses and encourage micro and small businesses to become part of the supply chain for larger organisations.

Importantly the project will have a directly regenerative and beneficial effect on the Eastfield area. Providing locally based training and employment as well as business start-up provision and by bringing a presently derelict building back into productive use.

We anticipate the new facilities will create in excess of 200 indirect jobs within the construction industry through the provision of training and business support activity by April 2021.