

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH 2023

ITEM 4 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Report from District Councillor Diane Andrews to Copythorne Parish Council meeting on Feb 14th 2023

The NFDC Community Grants Task and Finish group received 27 applications, each applicant giving a presentation. Due to the number of applications the T&F group sought to prioritise those that support our most vulnerable residents and those that bring the most benefit for our communities.

£129,600 in revenue grants

£ 92,000 in capitol grants

£ 40,000 funding was also made available for transportation supporting Call and Go; Group Hire; and Wheels to Work

(More information about Call and Go and Wheels to Work can be found at

<https://www.cfirst.org.uk/community-transport/call-go-and-dial-a-ride/call-go-new-forest/>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/wheelstowork>

Further detailed information regarding the grant process can be found attached to the agenda of the NFDC Cabinet meeting on 1st February 2023

Resident Insight Survey, a sample population of the New Forest District Council were questioned, 93% were happy with the area they live in. NFDC scored significantly higher than others in the Local Government Assoc. The findings will be published on the NFDC website. Interestingly 96% reported feeling very or fairly safe in their local area.

Further detailed information regarding the Insight Survey can be found attached to the agenda Item 6 of the Cabinet meeting on 1st February 2023

<https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&MId=7513>

Cemeteries.

To meet the predicted interment needs, a proposed extension to Calshot cemetery is being considered. Discussions with landowners adjacent to Milford Cemetery are taking place to buy land and extend the present cemetery. The needs have become more pressing as more churches close their churchyards. NFDC currently run 8 cemeteries all are nearing capacity. There are options to build a Columbaria at the cemeteries to receive and store urns as an alternative to burial.

The Cabinet were invited to visit Exxon Mobil, the site covers 3,250 acres. The discussion was about their future production of hydrogen, equipment is being put in place which can be used now but will easily convert to make hydrogen. They will be looking for planning permission for a new large pipeline under the Solent, ABP are working with the Fawley refinery to build Hydrogen capacity to use as an alternative to fossil fuels. ABP have commissioned a feasibility study around the production of green hydrogen at their port in the Humber. Fawley will be investing in the local population helping individuals with apprenticeships and colleges encouraging young people into the industry.