

## Mayor's Report

December 2019

22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Attended opening of Christmas Lights Switch On. A really successful event with an amazing turn out of local people and visitors.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Attended meeting with ESC and Broad Street Working Party
	Attended Heritage Working Party meeting Discussed the continued complaints coming into BTC from residents and visitors about the state of the Kings Head. Agreed a statement that could be placed on noticeboards explaining that KH not the responsibility of the Council and providing the contact details of the Castle and Museum Trust.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Attended Governance, Employment and Finance Committee meeting
29 <sup>th</sup>	Guest at Town Trust Dinner. My speech provided some of the ways the Council was developing its civic role and responsibilities in the town and the sad loss of two of our long standing and highly respected town councillors in 2019.
30 <sup>th</sup>	Met with two Beccles youth workers for an evening walkabout and to explore possibility of providing outreach support to young people in the town. They made contact after they had seen an article in the BBJ re 'Bungay Mafia'. They have now applied for funding from the Community Fund held by the Police and Crime Commissioner which provides grants for projects that aim to reduce/prevent crime. The outcome will not be known until March 2020.
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Met with Budget Working Party
5 <sup>th</sup>	Attended Planning, Environment and Transport meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>	Met with Inspector Liz Casey. JB and BP also attending. A number of issues were raised. She listened to our concerns and came pre-prepared to address grievances e.g. lack of visible police presence; high turnover of PCs so not able to develop an ongoing working relationship; the need to rebut the perception that Bungay is a town of growing anti-social/criminal activity and little police presence etc. She provided the contact details of 3 new police sergeants who will each be allocating a named Safer Neighbourhoods officer to Bungay to cover day and late shifts. We have been assured of greater visibility and presence.

	<p>The arrangement of PCs using Broad Street as an informal satellite base is set to continue.</p> <p>She will also make contact with Beccles Youth Workers so as to support their grant application.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold regular meetings with the designated police officers and once their names were sent to BTC a press release would be issued announcing higher surveillance of the town.</p> <p>She stressed that the community should use 'Crime Stoppers' to report incidents which can be done anonymously and would be followed up, stating that any concerns where BTC felt that issues had not been addressed adequately should be referred to her.</p>
	<p>Supported JB in meeting with owners of property earmarked for installation of CCTV in phase 2 of rollout.</p>
17 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Attending Prize Giving at Bungay High School with BP. You will have seen from an email from Emma that we have changed and added to the BTC awards this year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outstanding attainment at GCSE level (based on grades) – 2 prizes (1 male, 1 female)</li> <li>2. Outstanding progress at GCSE level – 2 prizes (1 male, 1 female)</li> </ol> <p>The Angela Brook prize changed to "The Angela Brook Town Mayor's Prize for Humanities."</p> <p>All prize winners will be invited for tea at the Town Council offices.</p>
18 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Attending Bungay Primary School Fencing and Jousting morning event at the Castle. NB The school and Governors very enthusiastic about forging stronger links with BTC to support curriculum requirements based upon 'British Values' (Ofsted inspected) and to enable the school to develop its role within the town and the community it serves.</p>

Sue Collins

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