

Transfer of Assets in Bungay to the Town Council

Bungay is taking back ownership of a number of key assets from East Suffolk District Council. At no cost, the town council has acquired the 2 toilet blocks in the town centre (Cross St & Priory Ln), the Council Offices, museum premises and council chamber in Broad Street, 3 large public open spaces, including play areas, at Kings Road, Meadow Road and Wherry Road and other open spaces in Bungay, including the land at the Staithe upon which the Riverside Centre is situated. The premises on Broad Street are now likely to become Bungay Town Hall.

At a Town Council meeting where the transfer was agreed, Mayor Sue Collins paid tribute to the team of Town Councillors leading the council through lengthy negotiations with East Suffolk. She went on to say, "This is great news for our town and an opportunity not only to maintain these areas to a higher standard but for local people to have more say in how they are developed to meet our needs. For instance, plans are already well underway to install an ATM at the Council Offices. Agreements have been made with the commercial providers and planning permission is at an advanced stage."

The Mayor went on to say that the acquisition of these assets means the Town Council is in a much stronger position to maintain amenities to a higher standard and has acquired greater control over more areas of public space. Gaining the freehold of the Broad Street building raises the town's status and gives Bungay parity of esteem with many other Suffolk market towns who enjoy ownership of their historic town halls.

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