

Mayors Report 24/1/24

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 3/1/24

The news of the new bus stops by Tally Ho for the 164 adjacent to the Park and Ride was well received. I gave thanks to Jess Denny for her input and announced that Jess was standing down as a counsellor and that there would be a vacant position to fill on the Salcombe Town Council. I informed the chamber that we were in the process of starting CEP for Salcombe. Dist Cllr Sam Dennis thought that there may be funding available to help with the plan.

MAYOR AND CLERKS MEETING 4/1/24

SHDC explained that Town Community Economic Plans were important to allow SHDC to bid on behalf of the towns for funding from Central Government when it became available.

Small/Medium/large projects should be considered by the towns, they should be costed where possible and prioritised.

Where SHDC investment was requested SHDC would expect a return within 10 years.

Towns should consider 2 or 3 projects max and be ready to submit by late spring or early summer, these should be included in the CEP when written.

SHDC will be happy to meet with individual Councils to discuss their plans.

Plans such as Street Markets (including Town Squares) would be looked upon favourably.

I asked whether SHDC intended to implement Double Council Tax when allowed? The answer was yes, but they were lobbying Westminster to make the present system fairer by classifying holiday homes registered as businesses as dwellings, thus paying full rates to SHDC not to Central Government.

SHDC estimates that the proposed double rate would bring around £7.5 million extra income.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC PLAN 12/1/24

Attended the initial meeting for the CEP.

STC should prepare a plan with the assistance of SHDC using a format pioneered in Ivybridge.

First task is to gather a steering committee of between 12/14 people from Council, business community interest groups, TIC and interested residents, looking for this to be underway by the next proposed CEP meeting on 31/1/24 at 5:30pm.

Mayor of Salcombe

Mark Goodey