

COUNCIL – 14 MAY 2018

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SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Attendance at the new Sports Village has exceeded expectations and the targets set. From June to end of March (10 months) over 395,000 people visited the centre. Attendance has also increased at Whitby Leisure Centre, compared with the previous year and additional investment in Whitby continues with a new “Oxford Dipper” to improve access for wheelchair users and to complement the existing track hoist.

Pindar shows a small decrease in recorded attendance of around 1% compared with the previous year. The very poor quality of the all weather pitch is likely to be a contributory factor to this. The pitch is due to be replaced with a new 3G surface during the coming year and this will provide an excellent new facility to complement the new pitch at the sports village.

Our Community Sport Activators continue to deliver the multi – sport delivery programme across the Borough to new participants. In the first quarter of this year over 2000 people attended sessions in a range of activities at various locations. The new programme of activities will be launched in May that will include some summer related activities, including rounders. A new girls football development scheme, SSE Wildcats has been launched in partnership with the North Riding County FA, and has had a successful start in both Scarborough and Whitby.

The Annual Borough Sports Awards were well attended, with over 400 members of the local sporting community. The awards celebrated 18 categories of sporting achievement and was attended by the Mayor & Mayoress of the Borough of Scarborough, Yorkshire CCC and England cricketer; Adam Lyth and North Yorkshire Sport Executive Director; David Watson.

The Sports Development Manager is working in partnership with North Yorkshire Sport and North Yorkshire County Council to promote the “Smoke Free Clubs” initiative to local sports clubs. Guidance is available for clubs and also template policies that they can adopt within their clubs.

Work is also taking place with the local Dementia Action Alliances, to provide suitable activity in Dementia Action Week (week beginning the 21st May). This includes dementia friendly swimming, walking football, inclusive cycling and the launch of the Sporting Memories programme.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

As we look towards the start of the summer season I am pleased with the progress on the public convenience service. The new facilities for the general public at Vincent Pier have been a collaboration between colleagues led by Regeneration and Harbours with support from Environmental Services. Although it is disappointing they were damaged prior to completion I am hopeful this site once fully complete will be an asset to our network of facilities. We have also fitted a new roof to our St Nicholas

toilets in Scarborough and officers are drawing up the scheme for the complete renovation of this site.

MAYORALTY

The Civic Team are very busy making all the necessary arrangements for the new Mayor Elect to take up their seat as Mayor of the Borough of Scarborough on 17 May. As always, this is a very exciting and busy time of year for the Civic Team. The Civic Team would like to thank the current Mayor and Mayoress, and Deputy Mayor and Mayoress for all their hard work and dedication to the Mayoralty in the last year.

The Mayor's Annual Ball (organised in partnership with the Scarborough Rotarians) was held on 9 March, which was a huge success. The evening saw various fund raising activities including an auction. The event raised just over £3,000 which was donated to The Borough of Scarborough Community Fund (formerly The Borough of Scarborough Mayoress' Community Fund).

The formerly named 'Borough of Scarborough Mayoress' Community Fund' committee members have been working closely with the Civic Team, supported by Councillor Sandra Turner, to protect and strengthen the committee's brand and working arrangements, ensuring they operate transparently and in line with their core objective of fundraising for the benefit of local community groups and organisations within the Borough of Scarborough. Changes include a change of name to 'The Borough of Scarborough Community Fund', changes to their constitution, and a refresh of the funding application rules. More information about the Community Fund and how to apply for funds can be found in the Mayoral section of the SBC website. Councillors should encourage any local organisations they are involved with to look and consider an application if they are in need of funds to support a local project.

Other recent commitments attended by the Mayoralty:

- Chairing the Youth Debating Competition here at the Town Hall in conjunction with Paddy from Yorkshire Coast Radio
- Attendance at Scarborough Town Hall's launch as the Borough's newest ceremonies venue
- Salvation Army Music Night
- Hosting a University of 3rd Third Age (U3A) Town Hall visit
- Hosting a visit group of Thai students at the Town Hall
- Attending a reception at the Town Hall to welcome new Street, Community and Youth Angel Volunteers.

VISITOR DESTINATIONS

Peasholm Park

The works to replace the boat deck and the newly Buttercup Kiosk are now complete with both open for business. Further plans are in place to make more improvements and additions to the Park and I will keep Members updated through my regular statements.

Filey Brigg Caravan Site

Members will be aware from my last statement of a number of improvements that had been completed around the site. In addition to those we have now

- replaced the old washing machines and tumble dryers
- marked all pitches using wooden posts with numbers
- ordered barrier control system for the entry/exit
- introduced newspaper and magazine sales on site
- appointed a cleaner / site maintenance person

There are a number of other areas that we are looking at as part of the longer term plan for the site.

Scarborough Open Air Theatre Update

2018 has proven to be an exciting and successful year so far for the Open Air Theatre. The work to fill in the lake was completed early May, raising the venue capacity to 8,500. As has already been demonstrated this year the additional capacity has enabled us to attract bigger acts to the venue. The most recent announcement for 2018 was Stereophonics taking this year's number of acts to 16. This is the most held in the venue since its reopening.

Sales overall have passed 75,000 and have already exceeded last years full season total of 74,096. In addition average sales per show are significantly higher than any previous season (for the same period) in what is likely to be the biggest, most successful year the Open Air Theatre has ever experienced.