

North Norfolk Big Society Fund

Eleven grants totalling more than £80,000 were made at the March meeting of the Big Society Fund Grant Panel. This means 183 BSF grants have been awarded totalling £1,439,526.87 since the fund started in 2012.

Voluntary and community organisations within North Norfolk may apply for Big Society Fund grants to support their projects. Full information including contact details are given in the Fund's page on the District Council website: <http://bit.ly/2mMd4Zz>. It is worth making contact at an early stage to discuss your application. The officers are very happy to give help and advice with any application.

Please apply by the 8th of May to have your application considered by the Big Society Fund Grant Panel on the 5th June 2017.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

On Tuesday 28th March, I attended the Police Accountability Forum held in the NNDC Council Chamber. The purpose of this meeting was to hold the Chief Constable to account and to enable issues to be discussed. This was a formal meeting between Lorne Green, the PCC and Simon Bailey, the Chief Constable. A second informal meeting to allow the public to question the PCC and Chief Constable was also held.

I found these sessions very informative and I felt reassured that the Police are facing up to the challenges of increasingly organised and sophisticated criminal activity. Lorne also published the "Police and Crime Plan" for 2016-2020.

Proposed Wells Asset Commercialisation Working Party

I am pleased that the NNDC Cabinet meeting of 6th March resolved to establish a Joint Working Party between the NNDC and Town Wells Council to consider potential of the Beach Road toilet site in Wells to accommodate a commercial development. I note that WTC has responded to NNDC on the draft terms of reference.

I hope that this working party enables a wide public debate involving the wider local community including businesses and other stakeholders to be held within the Wells. I fully support a genuine and constructive discussion to shape what type (if any) of commercial development is suitable of this site.

I am sure that if all members of this Working Group work positively together as a team, then we will achieve the best outcome for Wells.

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