

District Cllr Report Thurston Ward

Beyton, Norton, Thurston, Tostock, Stowlangtoft

May 2022

MSDC Meeting

There was no Mid Suffolk Council in April.

Housing Revenue Account

Mid Suffolk District Council tenants have been selected to take part in a satisfaction survey during late March and Early April. Results available in May.

Council Tax

MSDC is arranging for those eligible in bands A to D to receive their £150 central government payment, whether they pay by direct debit or cheque etc.

Gateway 14

The ground breaking ceremony has now taken place at the Gateway 14 site. The development is on track with all Councillors being briefed on progress and issues. All buildings have the capacity to have solar panels, however, the National Grid does the local capacity to accept the levels of electricity this site could generate. MSDC officers have been asked to explore possibilities including 'Green Hydrogen' generation.

MSDC ring fenced CIL

Officials briefed your Ward Councillors on the MSDC ring fenced CIL position. Of the £3.385 Million, only £2.215 Million is currently unallocated. Further extension to Thurston Community College is planned. Then there are 3 emerging bids. These are Thurston rail station improvement, Site for a MUGA and a suitable site for a skate board park. It was explained that, where residents from surrounding communities use a facility, that communities CIL fund can be proportionally allocated to create this new infrastructure.

Thurston Library has now submitted a CIL enquiry (sponsored by A Davies) with a proposal to expand its floor area to enable it to provide a public toilet, rooms for IT access groups (study areas, social meeting spaces, maker spaces). Thurston Library has recently invested in the children's area to great effect and would now wishes to invest in Teen areas and additional inclusion services.

Planning

MSDC passed the application for 54 unit extra care affordable housing scheme comprising 40 apartments, 14 bungalows and communal areas.

Ukrainian support

Members of our community have welcomed the first Ukrainian refugees into their homes. Their children are joining appropriate local schools. MSDC carries the responsibility for inspecting prospective homes whilst the SCC is responsible for all other aspects of our support.

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