

## AGENDA ITEM 9

### Report from the Mayor for Full Council October 2023

The period from 19 September to 17 October has been quite a busy one for me. I have attended the following events:

- 20 Sept      Opened the new McDonald's franchise at Southfields roundabout. I was pleased to see that some 12 crew members are from Ilminster and 4 of these have been identified for the apprenticeship program. The Manager, Mr. Shawler, has promised to dispatch his litter picking crew to tackle areas of heavy litter that are identified in the town. A donation 2.5K has been made to Ilminster Food Bank.
- 21 Sept      Second LCN meeting in Crewkerne. The main topic of discussion was highways. Several action points have been identified for towns and parishes to take forward and these will be discussed at the following meeting on 15 November.
- 30 Sept      The children's carnival went well with an increase in entries from last years.
- 2 Oct        The send meeting of the Community Action Plan working group focused on going through and updating the town council's action plan and identifying items for the budget discussion on Members' Day.
- 4 Oct        The second of two workshops about the NHS workforce 2035 plans. This Was interesting and when they are finalised the plans will represent a departure from the current fragmented set up. The topic will no doubt be on the agenda at a future LCN meeting.
- 5 Oct        Alison and I went to the funfair to meet the team from Marshalls and to enjoy the rides alongside a number of young people with additional educational needs.
- 7 Oct        The 2023 Ilminster Carnival was a success and Jobi, and I enjoyed our walk through the town with the floats.
- 8 Oct        2023 Young Farmers' Thanksgiving event at Wells Cathedral.

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11 Oct            Tree planting and dedication of the memorial bench in the Queen's Garden with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, the High Sherrif, children from Herne View school and The Rev Jo Stobart.

14 Oct            Jobi and I attended the 2023 Chard Carnival.

Cllr Leanne Taylor  
Mayor of Ilminster