

About Town

Lydney Town Council Newsletter - Spring 2018



How Lydney Town Council Determines its Annual Budget

The Town Council's budget is calculated via **PBP** (*Policy, Budget, Precept*) determination.

The Process

- 1) Each September/October Committees meet to discuss their financial requirements for the forthcoming financial year, considering contractual payments, projects and whether they wish to continue to provide a particular service or whether to expand/improve an area Cemetery project, secure additional burial provision.
- 2) In Lydney Town Council's case the Charitable Trusts are required to do likewise however it must be recognised that although the Town Council have Sole Custodial responsibility, the Trusts have no power to influence the Council's decision and this in itself therefore means a balancing act between the service provision/budget which will eventually be approved by Council and the necessity to include in the Council's budget a sum of money which can be donated to each of its charitable Trusts.
- 3) Once each of the Committees (and Trusts) have considered and approved the agreed budget for the following financial year and this has been duly Minuted, these sums are collated on to one financial summary sheet.
- 4) The collated summary sheet is then considered by the Finance and Scrutiny Committee who (*should be*) then looking at the total budget figure (*already agreed by the Committees/Trusts*) and considering it against the 'offset' figures.
- 5) The Council's Budget (including Precept demand, which is determined by taking the total budget, deducting the percentage income to be used and the 'offset' figure (*taken from G/Rs*) is then voted upon by the Finance & Scrutiny Committee and then becomes a recommendation to that of Full Council.
- 6) During either December/January each year Full Council are then presented with the Finance & Scrutiny Committee's budgetary recommendation. Members are then required to consider and approve their recommendation and consider and approve the Precept demand determined therefrom.
- 7) As the new financial year commences a new Daily Book, Council's financial accounting sheet (which is kept in accordance with Parish/Town Councils Audit regulations) is created.

TAX BASE CALCULATION FOR 2018/19

Lydney	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19			<u>Offset</u>	
					£ increase	% Increase		
Precept	483,121.00	491,048.00	499,959.00	517,914.00	17,955.00	3.47%	Residue	£17,500.00
Taxbase	2,570.46	2,651.96	2,705.34	2,729.76	24.42	0.89%	Predicted Income	£19,176.00
Band D	187.95	185.16	184.80	189.73	4.92	2.60%	Offset from G/Rs	£20,000.00

Comparison between Option 3 and Yr 2015/16

Lydney	2015/16	2018/19	£ increase	% Increase
Precept	483,121.00	517,914.00	34,793.00	6.72%
Taxbase	2,570.46	2,729.76	159.30	5.84%
Band D	187.95	189.73	1.78	0.94%

£56,676.00

Note:- Whilst in all probability the Council's budget will continue to increase year on year the offset sum gained for newly built properties is likely to ensure stability of Band D Charges

Annual Town Meeting at the Town Hall, Monday 23 April 2018, 7pm

See back page for details - Your chance to talk to your councillors and other community representatives!

Community Engagement

Community engagement is fundamental in all that the council does ensuring that everyone within the community has the opportunity to engage with the Town Council in meaningful and practical ways – to have influence, to have their voice heard and to make a positive difference for, and within, the community.

Community Engagement with the Town Council

Ways in which people from within the community are able to engage directly with the Town Council include:

- * Becoming a Town Councillor
- * Public Participation at Council meetings
- * Volunteering through community and "Friends of" groups
- * Participating in community projects and events
- * Communication with the Town Council/Ward Councillors
- * Using the feedback facility on the Town Council Website/Facebook page#
- * Taking part in consultation events and workshops



Council Meetings

Throughout the year the agendas listing the matters to be discussed at the Town Council meetings are advertised in advance, on notice boards across the Town and are available to view via the Town Council's Website.

Town Council Engagement with the community

In 2017/18, the Town Council continued to communicate with the public in various ways; through its Newsletter, Press Releases, Councillor Surgeries, Website and via the Notice Boards throughout the Town.

The Town Council also increased its usage of social media via Facebook and Twitter which it uses to publicise its meeting dates, event information and Councillor surgery dates.

The Town Council remains committed to exchanging information with its partners as listed in the Council's Purpose Statement and is signed up to the Gloucestershire Charter. The Town Council also oversees neighbourhood partnership initiatives and is encouraging the establishment of various "Friends of" groups.

Provision of information and transparency is key in building trust within the community the Council serves and the Town Council continually seeks to be more effective and proactive in this area. Full details of the information and documents which are published by the Town Council are included in our Freedom of Information Publication Scheme; soon to be GDPR) this includes how to access the information.

The Year Ahead

The council has already started to organise a number of town events, such as the 'Free Event' Easter Egg hunt (12 April 2018), Party in the Park (7 July 2018) and Lydney Town Councils annual Fireworks display (5 November 2018) and Christmas Light Switch On (24 November 2018) this year to be held in Bathurst Park with an animal nativity scene and animals for the children to pet.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 7th July 2018
PARTY IN THE PARK!

at Bathurst Park, Lydney.

- check our Facebook page for info
with further details to follow....

FREE EVENT



Easter Egg Hunt at Bathurst Park 12th April 2018

Please see our Facebook page for more information



www.facebook.com/Lydney-Town-Council

Your Views Matter

We will continue to ask for the views of the local community, where at all possible we will share and consult on those views. We will involve the local community in helping to shape proposals and the delivery of services together and will support and, where able, resource the empowering of others in seeking to take responsibility for effecting change.

Do you know where the Defibrillators are located in Lydney???

During February Lydney Town Council staff attended their annual Automated External Defibrillator refresher training. We wanted to highlight that Defibrillators are sited outside of the Council building at Claremont House and also the workshop in Bathurst Park. Both units are registered with the emergency services. This means that in case of emergency if help was not immediately at hand from someone with an access code you need to call 999 and they will provide you with the access code to the Defib cabinet. No medical training is needed to operate these units as they guide you on what to do.

There are also several units owned by clubs and there is a unit outside of the Co-operative Store

THESE UNITS SAVE LIVES AND ARE EASY FOR EVERYONE TO USE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY



Bathurst Park—Summer Event 2018

Last summer the Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust hosted a free afternoon of live music and dance for all the family. On 19th August 2017 visitors were treated to impressive performances from very gifted (and very brave!) youngsters complimented by a variety of stalls and attractions including a bouncy castle, face-painting, a jewellery seller, magic shows, balloon sculpting, puppetry, an ice cream van, the Lydney WI and Relay for life. Opened by local ceramist Mary-Rose Young, hosted by Mark Sargent of the Aylburton Carnival and styled 'Party in the Park!' it was a pleasant day for children and parents alike.

I am pleased to say Trustees have decided to organise the event a second time, this year occurring July 7th 14:00-19:00. As with last year, attendees will be treated to outstanding displays of music and dance from very talented young people. Confirmed performers thus far (February 2018) include the Wydean School Gospel Choir, Dance Academy 1, Friends Ukenited, the Angel School of Dance and singers from Lydney Music School and headlining band O.C.D. All complimented by a wide variety of stalls/attractions thus far including a dog show, petting zoo, bouncy castle, face painting, a generous helping of traders/caterers (beauty products, clothing, crafts, charity, ice cream van, burgers etc), on-site fully-stocked bar and even a medium! The Air Cadets too have agreed to provide a marching band performance.

Toward the end of the afternoon a raffle will be held (drawn by the Mayor) in our ever-popular café to which several fantastic prizes have been kindly donated by local traders/organisations. Free parking will be available throughout Lydney on the day and the Dean Academy have kindly allowed use of their car parking facilities to accommodate attendees. So why not pop down with some friends/family - you'll be in for a treat!

Anyone interested in setting up a stall on the day (from selling wares to entire rides!) are invited to contact Lydney Town Council's office on 01594 842234 for further information. Similarly event sponsorship opportunities are available affording businesses advertising space in our event programme.

Thanks, and hope to see you there! Trustee Harry Ives, Chairman - The Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust



Taurus Crafts Easter Antiques & Vintage Fair

Sunday 1st April 2018 - 10am-4pm

This is a great day out for avid collectors, casual browsers, and families looking for an alternative day outing.

The Easter Antique and Vintage fair provides a fantastic opportunity to find alternative gifts, affordable retro home decor, and the missing piece to a collection.

Many pieces are a real bargain too, with craft skills and workmanship being available at a price you just can't find on the high street.

FRIENDS OF LYDNEY HOSPITAL – FEBRUARY 2018

The first phase of the Forest Consultation into the future for the community hospitals has now concluded with a decision taken by the respective NHS trusts that a replacement single hospital will be built in place of the two existing hospitals. The broad location for the new hospital will be established in a few months' time and this will be in Cinderford, Coleford or Lydney. The hospital will not be available for public use until 2022 at the earliest, and in the meantime assurances have been given that the existing hospitals will continue to function as at present without any reduction in services. As a result of this decision, we will need to provide full support to the Matron and staff for at least the next four years, and the Friends will try to maintain fundraising at or beyond current levels regardless of whether or not the new hospital is built in Lydney.

The Friends will fully support the local community of Lydney and District in lobbying for the hospital to come to Lydney. This support will include participating in a presentation to the advisory group which the Trust intends to convene shortly to assess the relative merits of the different location options. There are persuasive arguments in Lydney's favour and these will be fully analysed and quantified prior to the formal presentation.

The Coffee House

We look forward to welcoming both existing & new customers with our new menu for 2018.

Open from Monday 19th March 2018
10.00am - 4.00pm

Bathurst Park, Whitecross Road
Lydney, Glos. GL15 5DQ

For more info call:
07470 024433

IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS BEWARE!

Fines &/or enforcement action will be taken against you.

Please, ensure that the Dog Waste Bins provided are used, especially those sited on Lydney Recreational Ground as **you** are otherwise placing in jeopardy junior sporting events in our town.



Bathurst Swimming Pool Public Session 2018

From Saturday 26th May 2018 - 12 noon - 6 pm

This session is weather dependent, so please check our local weather forecast or call us prior to making your journey.

We are pleased to announce that our public session will recommence from Saturday 26th May from 12 noon and our very reasonable entry fees have been maintained.

The following entry prices will apply for 2017:

Adults (Over 16) - £3 * No Concessions

Children (Over 3 - Under 16) - £2

Under 3 - Free



* A £3 entry fee applies to Students, Senior Citizens and Spectators.

We look forward to seeing you all at the pool!



Your next Councilor Surgery is Saturday 19th May 2018- Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details

Inclusive Multisport @ Freedom Leisure Lydney

Every Saturday

4-15 years 10am—11am—16-19 years 11am—12noon

Join us for Boccia, tennis, football, golf and ,much more!

Suitable for young people with a disability, siblings or friends without a disability are also welcome to take part and enjoy.

*Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult

Contact: Steph Moreland

Sign up by calling: 07710 708870

Only £2 per session

Or email: activecommFOD@freedom-leisure.co.uk

Have your say!

Although your Town Councillors may be contacted at any time should you have any form of concern, this Newsletter is an excellent way to bring your views, ideas, concerns and comments to a wider audience - in other words, to everyone within our community! Any subject is permitted; You may wish to ask a question (*replies printed in the same edition wherever possible*), You may like to 'air' a concern or just generally pass comment relating to a community issue? Whatever your thoughts, the Town Council cannot assist if they are unaware

♦ **so help us to change this ! C/O Lydney Town Council, Council Chambers ,Claremont House, High St, Lydney GL15 5DX.**

Your views matter to us!

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



Police: 101

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111

NHS Direct: 111

Samaritans: 01452 306333 or 08457 909090

National Drugs Helpline: 0800 776600

Hospitals:

Dilke Hospital 0300 4218640

Lydney Hospital 0300 4218722

Gloucestershire Dental Helpline: 08454 220505. Out of hours 08451 207179

Pregnancy Crisis: 01542 308700

Child Protection: 0800 800500

Alcoholics Anonymous: 0845 7697555

Al-Anon for friends & relatives of alcoholics: 0207 4030888

Forest of Dean District Council: 01594 810000

Cinderford Town Council: 01594 822599

Coleford Town Council: 01594 832103

Lydney Town Council: 01594 842234

Newent Town Council: 01531 820638

Injured sheep and sheep nuisance: Commoners Association 01594 827485 or Forestry Commission 0300 064 4800 (switchboard open 9.00am—3.00pm Monday to Friday)

Gloucestershire County Council: 01452 425000

County Council Highways Dept: 08000 514514

USEFUL TELEPHONE

NUMBERS

Town Councillors

Bob Berryman (Mayor) - 01594 842036

Derek Biddle - 01594 842180

Rose Christodoulides - 07546 552773

James Greenwood - 01594 842454

Harry Ives - 01452 427612

Walter Leach - 07976 608108

Colin Legg - 07901 228802

Brian Pearman - 01594 841452

Donald Pugh - 01594 845161

Claire Vaughan—07581 146903

Kevin White - 01594 842234

Roger Holmes—01594 840316

Kevin Greening—01594 840788

Alan Preest - 01594 564668

Carol Harris - 01594 841026

County Councillor

Alan Preest - 01594 564668

District Councillors

Frankie Evans - 07951125597

Jim Simpson - 07747048976

James Bevan - 01594 842146

Bill Osborne - 01594 841970

Carol Harris - 01594 841026

Alan Preest - 01594 564668

Lydney Town Council Chief Executive Officer/RFO

Jayne Smailes - 01594 842234



Annual Meeting for the Town of Lydney

The Mayor of Lydney, invites you to the Annual (Town) Meeting, to be held at the Town Hall, Lydney on Monday 23rd April 2018 at 7.00pm.

The meeting will receive reports from the Town Mayor, Council Committee Chairmen, Lydney Town Council's CEO, the Police and a number of local organisations; agendas will be displayed in advance of the meeting on all Parish Notice Boards.

Please note: any member of the electorate wishing to raise a public question must do so in writing (submitted to the CEO) by 12 noon on Friday 13th April 2018

A written response to all questions raised will be made available at the Annual Town Meeting however no further verbal public questions will be addressed on the night.

For more information please contact the CEO tel: 01594 842234

Following the meeting, refreshments will be served.

