

## **Beehive handover - 10 March 2014**



Honiton's long awaited Community Complex is due for completion and handover to the Town Council on 10<sup>th</sup> March, with a brief official Opening Ceremony taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

The Town Council set up a company limited by guarantee, Honiton Community Complex, trading as The Beehive, to manage the facility on a day to day basis and the Directors have put in hundreds of hours during the past year in order to prepare for opening day and beyond. The Town Council would like to thank the following people in particular for their hard work and commitment to deliver The Beehive for the town: Cllr Vivienne Ash, Cllr Les Bayliss, Mr John Burgess, Cllr Nick Cornwell, Mrs Lyn Hargood, Mr David Perkins, Mr Michael Teare and Cllr Vernon Whitlock. Thanks also go to Cllr John Zarczynski for overseeing the build phase, Cllr Sharon Pavey for fundraising and the members of Friends of the Beehive for their work, fundraising and continued support.

# The Beehive



Main Entrance and Reception

After the years of waiting it is excellent news that bookings from community groups have been brisk. During the week space has been booked that will allow Honiton residents and the wider community to take part in a wide variety of activities.

On Fridays and Saturdays The Beehive will have a programme of performances to suit all tastes.

With its 300 seater main hall, its 70 seater function room, a comfortable café/bar and various training/meeting rooms The Beehive aims to meet as many needs as possible.

On Saturday 5 April there will be a Community Fair which will provide a showcase for local organisations and an opportunity for the people of Honiton to visit and see the fantastic facilities they have built.



Main Hall



Café nearing completion

For information on how to be involved at The Beehive and for details of future events please see [www.beehivehoniton.co.uk](http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk) and [www.friendsofthebeehive.org](http://www.friendsofthebeehive.org).

## **East Devon Local Plan**

The Inquiry covering all aspects of the new draft East Devon Local Plan started on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at East Devon District Council offices in Sidmouth. Planning Inspector Anthony Thickett will consider how the draft Plan will tackle issues such as affordable housing, employment, tourism, retail, climate change and the natural environment.

During the Inquiry there will be separate sessions focussing on each of the seven towns in East Devon. Honiton Town Council has participated fully in all stages of the Local Plan consultation process during the last few years and will be represented at the Honiton session of the Inquiry on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Honiton Neighbourhood Plan**

Under changes to the planning system a few years ago, the Government aimed to return power on planning decisions to local people, in contrast to the previous top-down strategy. The Localism Act 2011 introduced the right for every community to create a Neighbourhood Plan which would sit alongside other planning policies such as The Local Plan, produced for this area by East Devon District Council.

Neighbourhood Plans are created through a community led process which identifies what local development is required eg. housing, shops, community facilities, business and infrastructure. The Plan not only details the location of new development, but can assist with the protection or creation of open spaces.

The Localism Act provides for town or parish councils to be the lead body in producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Honiton Town Council has recently invited a representative from the Community Council of Devon to advise on the process and procedures involved in preparing a Plan. As part of its consideration of whether to produce a Plan, the Town Council will be discussing what could be achieved for Honiton with consultation across the whole range of community groups and interests as part of the process. Involvement of the whole community is key to the success of any Neighbourhood Plan which has to be legally tested by a referendum before being officially adopted.

## **New Councillor co-opted to the Town Council**



Caroline Kolek is delighted to be co opted on to the Town Council having lived in the area since 1991. She is a teacher and school governor and brings much experience having served on the General Teaching Council for England until 2012 chairing its Audit Committee and serving for three years as National Treasurer for her professional association and union ATL. Caroline's four children and two step children attended local schools including Honiton Community College. Her interests include education, youth services, affordable housing and the environment.

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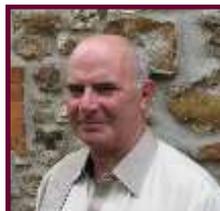
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