

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

25 January 2018

COUNCILLOR MRS EA NOCKOLDS CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND HEALTH

For the period 16 November 2017 to 14th January 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

A considerable amount of maintenance and capital schemes at our leisure facilities will be continuing during the next 3 months of 2018. Toilets at Lynnsport and St James pool are being refurbished, a lift to provide access to the squash courts and group exercise studio is to be installed. With a donation from KL Gymnastics Club it has been made possible to replace a new tumble track in the hall which is suitable for older more proficient tumblers, the foam in the pit will also be replaced. To combat continuous problems from birds, especially at the main entrance of the Oasis, netting has been added to the roof structure. The attendance of the pantomime was good amounting to 19,805 and included many WN schools. This month the dressing rooms at the Corn Exchange will be redecorated and the Front of House and Auditorium floors will be cleaned and polished.

A project manager for the LEADER programme, which was reported in my last Council report with funding of £81,000, has been advertised. This programme is to cover the costs of design, a web site and a phone App for Tourism Trails in West Norfolk.

The Hunstanton Heritage Outreach officer for 2018 has been appointed.

Publications for the 2018 Holiday Guides are now being produced. This year there will be a reduced print run of the WN Holiday Guide as digital marketing has proven to attract more users each season. The visitwestnorfolk web site content is regularly updated with changing front page items. The West Norfolk mobile phone app provides a responsive directory guide to, Events, Places to Eat, Things to do and places to stay and many other offers to local services throughout West Norfolk. More businesses need to be encouraged to use the Event database not only to promote their own events but to use it as a resource to promote events in their locality.

The Stories of Lynn mobile App which provides interactive audio and visual guides to the exhibition as well as a guide to exploring heritage sites throughout the town has been released.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The Learning & Outreach Officer for Stories of Lynn who has recently been recruited is working with the original Activity Plan. Her focus is with encouraging more schools and young people to visit. During the next few weeks some staff from WN schools will hold their INSET meetings at the Town Hall. A birthday party has been held as well as a Brownies sleepover in the Stories of Lynn. Relevant activities were designed for the groups such as designing a King John cup. COWA's Uniform course students have also attended. During the Spring lectures on Women's themes such as Suffragettes and Food is being arranged.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Portfolio meetings with;

Ray Harding Chief Executive
Lorraine Gore Ex Director of Finance Services
Chris Bamfield Ex Director of Commercial Services
Claire Thompsett Grounds Maintenance Central Manager
Ostap Paparega Tourism
Rachael Williams Stories of Lynn & Outreach Officer

Cabinet

Environment & Community Panel
Regeneration & Development Panel
Norfolk Records Committee
Norfolk Joint Museums Committee
Ask LILY Board meeting
Alive Management Board meeting
KL Internal Drainage Board meeting
KL Festival Board meeting
WN Community Transport meeting
WN Sports Council
Friends of The Walks