Report for Clifton upon Teme meeting – Thursday 3rd October 2019

Dear Councillors,

An update for your perusal:

Youth Champion: Although there is now a new Administration in charge at Malvern Hills District Council, it has been approved at Full Council that I am to continue in the role as the Youth Champion. This is something I am passionate about and will ensure our children and young people have a loud voice in shaping services across the district. There are a number of exciting activities planned for the next four years including a "Talk to me" event where professionals and agencies will be invited to attend to raise awareness of the services available to young people. I will provide more information as plans develop. The "Inbox" newsletter will be circulated shortly. The latest edition has been written and edited by young people from across the District. I am keen to ensure young people within Teme Valley Ward feed into this publication.

Proof of Concept Grant: Worcestershire 'Proof of Concept' is a grant fund that has been designed to support established and start-up businesses to develop innovative new products and processes within Worcestershire. Financial support is offered to projects that aim to investigate, advance and protect early stage innovative business ideas and to commercialise new innovations. The principal objective of the Proof of Concept fund is to encourage SME investment in innovation, specifically; creating products and services that are new to the company or new to the market. The fund offers grants of up to £30,000, representing 40% of the total project costs. Contact jane@centraltechnologybelt.com for further information.

Residents' survey update: The residents' survey opened on 8 September and we've already had over 300 responses to it. The survey gives residents the opportunity to tell us what they think about their local area and our services. It also includes the future priorities questions, which we would like residents to have a say! Please go to https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MHDResidentSurvey2019/ if you need a hard copy, contact Catherine Turnock Catherine.Turnock@malvernhills.gov.uk. **The survey closes at midnight on 6 October.**

Wellbeing week: Malvern Hills and Wychavon Wellbeing Week is taking place **7-13 October**, in support of World Mental Health day on 10 October. It will promote and encourage positive wellbeing throughout the two districts based on the Five Ways to Wellbeing.
Here are the aims of Wellbeing Week for 2019:

- Promote wellbeing events and activities run by professional organisations, charities and businesses to council employees and the general public.
- Raise awareness of mental health issues and reduce the associated stigma.
- Promote positive and practical ways to improve overall wellbeing, including mental and physical health.
- Promote the help and support that's available for people experiencing mental health and wellbeing problems.

Officers are currently putting together a calendar of wellbeing activities and events to promote throughout the week such as local walks, coffee mornings, dementia friend's sessions, group taster sessions, etc. If you know of anything relevant happening within your community that you think could be promoted on the calendar, please email: communityservices@malvernhills.gov.uk. Thank you

Malvern Hills magazine: Hopefully you have received a hard copy of this year's residents' magazine? The magazine can be found at
https://www.malvernhills.gov.uk/documents/10558/0/MHDC+residents+magazine+2019+WEB.pdf/3a059ff4-6572-b628-1b20-5311a33f3fd3 Please feel free to share this link with friends and residents via your own communications.

Kind regards

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