

Banwell Parish Council

Action Plan 2023 / 2024

The Parish Council takes its responsibility very seriously and strives continually to improve Banwell to make it a pleasant village where people are proud to be part of our community.

When we set our budget for the next financial year, members try and think about what the council can do to achieve our aspirations in the next year and beyond.

These may include ensuring there is a small financial provision to enable the improvements / events to be made and in addition often applications can be made to both local and national funding bodies to provide those facilities which otherwise would not have been possible.

Our Plan includes 3 sections:

- Administering the Council
- The Local Environment
- Community Engagement and Events

Please have a look at our action plan and if you feel you can help or become involved in any way then please contact us.

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Administering the Council			
Aims	Objectives	Implication	Timescale
To ensure all BPC policies and protocols are adhered to and updated as and when necessary	To continue operating to standing orders & financial regs	Already included in working practices	Ongoing
Implement an action and business plan	To implement an action plan and business plan	Ensure ongoing transparency	Ongoing August 2023
To adhere to all new legislation	To continuing monitoring new / updated legislation	The Clerk to ensure compliance. Signed up to government updates	Ongoing
To continue monitoring estimates and budgets	To continue to review on a monthly basis	Ensure ongoing transparency	Ongoing
To maximise grant opportunities	To continue to seek all relevant grant opportunities	Successful applications will provide additional capital schemes which otherwise would not be possible	Ongoing
Insurance	To obtain new quotes and accept as appropriate	In Year 3 of three-year fixed price. The Clerk to undertake	April 2024
Planning	Continue and improve participation in planning matters	Ensure local feelings are taken into account.	Ongoing
Transparency Code	To ensure compliance	Statutory requirement	Ongoing
To keep under review legal powers and opportunities	Ensure compliance	Statutory requirement	Ongoing
Contingency Plan	To create	Ensure arrangements if need arises	August 2023
Councillor Training	To encourage all councillors to take advantage of all training available	To ensure Cllr are fully knowledgeable. Training budget	Ongoing
Clerk : Training	To encourage the Clerk to take advantage of all relevant training	To ensure the Clerk is fully knowledgeable and up to date with all relevant information. Training budgets	Ongoing
Protecting the Parish	The council will continue to have close liaison with the Police and the DCC Ward members	To ensure communication both ways.	Ongoing

	The Local Environment		
Aims	Objectives	Implication	Timescale
To continue upgrading the Youth & Community Centre	To install Solar Panels.	In budget Grant applied for	September 2023
Open spaces and greens	To continue to ensure all open spaces are well cared for	In budgets	Ongoing
Improvements at Riverside Green	To source funding to install a multiuse piece of play equipment.	Budget implications Application to NS for 50% funding.	Completed March 2023. Awaiting invoice.
Carbon reduction See Sustainability Action Plan for more detail	Encourage walking / community minibus initiatives		Ongoing
Plastic reduction See Sustainability Action Plan for more detail	Run, support and advertise two annual litter picking events Replacement litter bins at Rec and Riverside	In budget Rec completed additional one at Riverside.	Ongoing Autumn 2023
Other waste reduction See Sustainability Action Plan for more detail	Work with North Somerset to ensure recycling bins are made available at events. Maintain Terracycle scheme at YCC	No financial implications	Ongoing
Biodiversity and trees See Sustainability Action Plan for more detail	Encourage residents to increase biodiversity in their back gardens through wildlife friendly gardening / tree planting / alternatives to weedkillers / rewilding.	Comms Officer hrs	Ongoing
Climate change readiness and community engagement	Create a "Sustainable Banwell" Facebook page Work with NS on strategic green gap around Banwell.	Comms Officer hrs Clerk	Ongoing
To assess the War Memorial	To get the war memorial assessed to see if the names could be made clearer	In budget although grant can be applied for.	Ongoing
To support the implementation of 20mph & road calming measures	To work with NS bypass team	No financial implication	Ongoing

	<u>Community Engagement and Events</u>		
Aims	Objectives	Implication	Time
To improve Communication	To continue to develop all means of consultation / communication.	In budgets Consultation in Parish Mag	Ongoing June 2023
To ensure all residents are fully informed	To assess current notice boards to see if they are fit for purpose.	Possible budget implications	Sept 2023
	To continue the quarterly electronic Banwell e-newsletter and improve volume of sign ups	No additional cost	Continual monitoring
	To produce 4 x insert for the Parish Mag each year.	In budget	Ongoing
	To ensure CANS outreach is successful	In budget and comms hours	Ongoing
To provide additional positive activities	To run two 5-week slow-cooking cookery courses for young people.	Left over grant awarded	Feb - June
	To run weekly summer holiday positive activities and residential weekend.	Left over grant and section 106	July - Sept
	To run digital inclusion sessions 'Tea & Tech' & 'You Can Do IT' 3 times a month.	No cost Refreshments budget	Ongoing. Review in June
To build a thriving Banwell business community	Buy in Banwell Campaign	No cost except Officer time. New Summer Market Continue Christmas Market	Ongoing July 2023 Dec 2 nd
	Improve access to support and training		
	Build a strong business voice in the community		
To provide Community Events	To hold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Picnic 	Counted within Jubilee events	July 1 st / 8 th 2023
	To hold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banwell Summer Clean 	Refreshments budget	Sept 9 th / 16 th 2023
	To review holding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Information Cafe 	No cost except officer time and printing.	Sept / Oct 2023
	To reviewing holding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autumn Window Wander Trail around village 	No cost except officer time and printing.	Oct 2023
	To work with British Legion on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance Day Parade 	Officer time Poppy wreath donation £50	Ongoing event Nov 12 th 2023
	To hold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Mini Market 	Refreshments budget	Ongoing event Dec 2 nd 2023
	To hold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banwell Spring Clean 	Refreshment budget	April 2023