

Chepstow Town Council

A successful vibrant, attractive Town where people want to live, work and visit.



Annual Report for 2015/2016

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Introduction

Welcome to this Annual report, I hope you will enjoy reading this report. I would like to thank all the Members and the many individuals and organisations who have worked with us to improve the Well-Being of the Communities of Chepstow.

Background to Your Town Council

Chepstow Town Council was formed in 1974 following the reorganisation of Local Government. The Town Council has 15 councillors elected for a term of 4 years. The civic year runs from May to April. The election of our Town Mayor and the Deputy Town Mayor takes place at the annual Town Council meeting in May.

These two roles are filled by councillors who have been nominated and voted for by their fellow councillors. Councillors have to act within the ethical framework laid down by Government and must act within the councillor's Code of Conduct. They have decided to remain unpaid and currently do not receive an attendance allowance or payments for their duties which they undertake on a voluntary basis. They receive a nominal sum for office expenses of £100 per year. The Town Mayor receives a civic allowance of £2,700 to cover the expenses of this public office and assist in fulfilling the Mayoral duties but must account for all expenditure and provide receipts.

Chepstow Town Council aims to be a professional, competent and listening Town Council. The staff aims to deal with enquiries from members of the public speedily and efficiently. In addition the Town Clerk ensures that councillors and staff attend relevant conferences. Details of the elected Members and how to contact them are available on the website.

Councillor's attendance and participation at Town Council Meetings, along with Membership on outside bodies

During the Civic year 2015-16 the following number of meetings including extraordinary meetings was held:

Council x 14
Financial Policy and Audit Committee x 2
Personnel Committee x 6
Town Amenities x 4
Planning Committee x 18

Councillor attendance at meetings during the civic year 2015-16

Historic Chepstow: The Way to Wales and the Wye Valley

Councilor Names	Council		Planning & Admin.		Financial Policy & Audit		Town Amenities		Personnel		Total	
	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible
Cllr Ms H Beach	12	14	0	*18	2	2	2	4	6	6	22	44
Cllr D Dovey	13	14							6	6	19	20
Cllr Mrs S Dovey	12	14	18	20					6	6	36	40
Cllr P Farley	13	14			2	2			6	6	21	22
Cllr Mrs Y Havard	12	14	15	20	2	2	4	4	5	6	38	46
Cllr N Heywood	12	14	6	20	2	2	1	4	4	6	25	46
Cllr P Hobson	4	14									4	14
Cllr T Kirton	4	14									4	14
Cllr P Pavia	10	14			2	2	1	4	3	6	16	26
Cllr Mrs J Robbins	12	14	15	20			4	4			31	38
Cllr D Rooke	14	14	20	20	2	2	4	4	6	6	46	46
Cllr J Rennie	9	13	8	13							17	26
Cllr B Smith	5	14			0	2					5	16
Cllr A Watts	7	14	2	18	1	2	2	4	1	1	13	39
Cllr M Le Peltier	8	10	10	12	1	1					19	23

All details correct to end of April 2016 *Invited as Deputy Mayor ex officio member optional attendance

Supported and participated in working groups working in partnership with other groups and Monmouthshire County Council on sustainable behaviours healthier lifestyles and Well-Being issues.

This involves working with the Police and local agencies to make a difference on issues that look to address the Town problems - such as dog fouling, air quality, Fair-Trade, regeneration and highway issues. In particular the Town Clerk and individual Councillors attended and participated and made a contribution to following working groups:

- *Air quality Steering group*
- *Chepstow Marketing group*
- *CCTV user group*
- *Chepstow Fair Trade Forum*
- *Old bury on Severn Power Station Site Stakeholder Group*
- *Larger Local Councils Committee*
- *Bulwark Community Centre Management Trust*
- *Senior Citizens Welfare*
- *Chamber of Trade*
- *Chepstow marketing*
- *Chepstow Twinning Association*
- *One Voice Wales*
- *Chepstow Fair-Trade*
- *Lower wye Area Committee*
- *Community Safety Action Team*
- *Monmouthshire Citizens Advice Bureau-Observer*

The Town Council's Mission is to democratically represent the Community of Chepstow as the primary tier of local government; to articulate the needs, wants and aspirations of the Community through a process of community engagement. Our work falls into three main categories:

- 1. Representing the local community**
- 2. Providing services to meet local needs**
- 3. Striving to improve the quality of life in Chepstow**

The Council has a five year draft plan which sets out our priorities. You will be able to view this on our website: www.chepstow.co.uk/towncouncil

This report describes how Chepstow Town Council has contributes to the prosperity, health, social and environmental well-being of Chepstow in line with the goals of the Well-being Act 2015.

The Towns Council's Vision for Chepstow is as follows:

A successful vibrant, attractive Town where people want to live, work and visit.

Areas of Focus

Currently the Council has five areas of focus which they adopted following an away day in January 2016. These are key aspirational outcomes for Chepstow:

- 1. To contribute, support and develop the Well Being of Chepstow.*
- 2. To build and develop the Well-Being of Chepstow with sustainable development demonstrated by sustainable behaviors.*
- 3. To build a participative, vibrant Community that demonstrates participative capable and motivated leadership.*
- 4. To deliver locally relevant efficient and effective public services which include enhancing our Twinning links, developing links outside of Chepstow along with partnerships including deploying appropriate resources.*
- 5. To create and sustain the Well-Being of Chepstow by the delivery of devolved services.*

Our current plan can be found on the website. We welcome any views on this annual report and on the services provided by Chepstow Town Council. Members of the public are also welcome to attend every Council meeting to raise questions and address council on matters of local interest.

The Town Council's Team

Services are managed and delivered by the Town Council's team and led by the Town Clerk. This small team oversee the work of the Council, ensures the correct procedures and policies are in place across its work and ensure a high quality delivery of devolved services. The Town Council employs a total of 7 mostly part time staff, four of whom work in administration /management and three who work in mobile hygiene and asset maintenance.

The administration of the Town Council is carried out by a qualified Town Clerk who is appointed by the Council and who is the Responsible Financial Officer. (RFO). The Town Clerk must carry out all the functions required by law, and act as the Town Council's Proper Officer and deal with all statutory notifications. She is supported by a qualified Deputy Town Clerk who is responsible for general and financial administration.

Please send comments to the Town Clerk at The Gatehouse, High Street Chepstow NP16 5LH or e mail clerk@chepstow.co.uk

**Caroline Tremeer
Town Clerk**

**Chepstow Town Council
2016**

Annual Report 2015/16

What is the role of the Town Mayor?

The Town Mayor is elected by Members of the Council at the annual Meeting each year in May and serves for twelve months. He/she acts as Chair person and presides at meetings unless absent and is responsible for ensuring all meetings are conducted properly, with the aim of producing clear and lawful decisions. The Town Mayor must sign a Declaration of Acceptance of office for the position as Chair person. The Town Mayor is responsible for allowing all councillors to partake in discussions and to ensure that opinions are relevant to the matter being discussed. The Town Mayor is responsible for attending civic and ceremonial functions within the Town and wider the community.

Message from your Town Mayor

Dale Rooke - My year under review 2015-16 (period May 2015 until April 2016)

This has been a very busy year for me and for the Town Council with my election as

Town Mayor in May 2015 along with the election of two new Members Cllr Marc Le Peltier and Cllr John Rennie. I have been ably assisted in my role by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Ms Hilary Beach.

My chosen charity is the very worthy S.A.R.A Severn Area Rescue Association and through various events and the generosity of many I hope to have raised a considerable sum in my year in office and I hope to announce the final total shortly. My civic diary has been very full and I have attended many interesting and informative civic occasions. Here, I hope to give you a flavour of the past year.

There are circumstances when tradition and history are important in establishing how the Town sees itself and expresses this historic tradition. As Town Mayor, I sought to recognise those events and respect the role as the honour it is. At a large number of events I wore the Mayoral Chain as a sign of respect, formality and to demonstrate the historical status that the role presides over.

In the month following my election as your Town Mayor I celebrated along with colleagues at Monmouthshire County Council at the Civic Services at County Hall in Usk on 7th June 2015 and Usk Baptist Church on 14th June 2015. June also saw the annual music summer concert with the Chepstow Male Voice Choir at St Mary's Priory Church and the uplifting Proms in the Park at Chepstow Castle.

July proved to be a particularly busy month as I attended the 1st Bulwark Scouts Annual General Meeting, St Johns on The Hill Speech Day, and The Home Start Annual General meeting all in the space of one week! On July 3rd I was honoured to be asked to join members of The Fair-Trade Forum as they welcomed colleagues who had walked from Haverford West en route to Bristol for the Annual Conference to raise money and awareness of this worthy cause.

It was also my pleasure to present the prizes to the winners of the Town Council's Painting Competition at Pembroke Primary School on 16th July and The Dell Primary

School on 17th July and I would add that the standard of the painting from the children was exceptional. On the 18th I was invited to unveil The Chepstow Cormeilles Square Twinning Association 10th Anniversary plaque at the Gatehouse. July concluded with my own ceremonial Civic reception which was held at the Bulwark Community Centre on 26th July 2016. I would like to thank everyone who attended making this a very enjoyable and memorable afternoon.

August pedalled into Town with the cycling festival on the 5th and the Chepstow Show which was held at the Race Course on the 8th. This was also the month of blooms, buds and blossoms and I along with Cllr Mrs Yvonne Havard I had the pleasure of judging the flower gardens entered in the Chepstow in Bloom Competition on the 23rd August. I also attended the Chepstow Gardening Club Show.

On the 27th August I encountered the 'Flame Rouge' as cyclists passed through Chepstow as part of The Countrywide Great Cycling Tour and on the 28th met with Japanese guests of The Walkers Are Welcome Community group who had travelled 5883 miles from Japan to visit Chepstow. A small reception was held in the Council Chambers at the Gatehouse and the Japanese walkers were presented with souvenirs made by Cllr Ned Heywood. We hope they will return in future years after promoting their visit to visitors in their home in back in Japan.

The Walking with the Wounded event consisted of six wounded veterans undertaking the epic walk for the charity. The team arrived at Chepstow War Memorial on Saturday September 26th as part of their 1,000-mile walk to raise funds to help wounded veterans into employment. Chepstow Town Council provided the walkers with home-baked cakes, washed down with coffee and tea, and were given a very warm welcome. I was proud to welcome the six wounded Armed Forces Veterans to Chepstow.

They had started their 17 mile walk that day from Monmouth Castle and ended the day with the 1st Battalion of The Rifles who provided a ceremonial guard of honour. They were veterans of the Walking with the Wounded: The Walk of Britain Team. This was a 1000 mile charity walk around the British Isles. All along our High Street people piled out of shops and houses to welcome these brave men and women and donate to this extremely worthy cause. They were welcomed by the Chepstow choir with a rousing rendition of the Proclaimers hit song '*I'm gonna Be 500 miles ...* it was a very moving, memorable and emotional experience.

On 17th October I attended the Lifeboat Dedication and Launch Ceremony for SARA, a true privilege particularly as they were my chosen charity. The following week on the 23rd October saw the Home Start launch party for Healthy Families.

November quite literally went off with an explosion, as Chepstow Roundtable hosted the Firework Extravaganza on November 5th at The Racecourse, this was so well attended and enjoyed by all.

One of the most important dates in Chepstow is the Town's Remembrance Day parade and Sunday, this extremely well attended by Civic guest's organisations and veterans as well as the Brownies and Scouts, the 1st Battalion the Rifles and a large number of the general public. The parade was formed up and led through the Town by the Silver Bream Band and marshalled by Will Williams; the service took place on the High street at the War Memorial and afterwards at St Mary's Church followed by the reception at the Drill Hall. Once again the Town can be proud of how it honours the fallen heroes who fought for our country.

The Christmas festive period started early on 27th November .We held the annual Christmas Market followed by the Christmas light Switch on event. Everyone will remember how wet this day was but by the efforts of all those involved, we managed to save the day and most importantly the children were able to carry out their performances and see Santa arrive onto the High street in his sleigh!

On Friday 4th December, I hosted a visit from Andrew Tuggey the High Sheriff of Gwent who had particularly requested to visit to our historic town. He undertook a walking tour of the town and received a presentation on the Old Wye Bridge.

The festive itinerary was packed with Christmas events which included Christmas concerts at St Marys Priory Church, The Leisure Centre and St Marys in Lydney.

After the Christmas break my first duty of the year was on the 19th January at Bulwark Community Centre where I unveiled a new planter and on February 20th I attended the Lions Club of Chepstow and Caldicot Annual Dinner at The Royal George Hotel at Tintern.

March was heralded in on the 3rd with a Charity Musical Extravaganza hosted by The Mayor of Monmouth at The Blake Theatre. There was a Fair –Trade reception at the Gatehouse on the 10th along with a visit from a Ugandan coffee grower to support the Town’s commitment to Fair Trade. There are several other dates in my diary including the next Commemorative Wreath laying for Anzac Day to remember those fallen service personnel this will be followed by the installation of the Town Mayor for Abergavenny on 9th May 2016.

Suffice it to say although my diary has been full and varied, I have thoroughly relished my term of office and enjoyed meeting the very many remarkable people who work so hard in their respective arenas to ensure Chepstow remains such a wonderful place to live work and enjoy.

Dale Rooke
Town Mayor 2015/16

About Chepstow and the Statistics

Total electorate	8760
Total population	12350
Area	3.668 km²

The 2011 census highlighted a number of issues of major significance to the Town:

- The total population is increasing it is now 12350 up from 10821 in 2001.
- The population growth in Chepstow grew at a rate of 14.1% between the census period one of the fastest rates of growth in Monmouthshire.
- Families wish to relocate to Chepstow as a place to live shop and enjoy and commute to the urban centres nearby.

Financial Matters and how are we funded?

The Council has a track record of financial prudence and of working closely with the local Community. This is demonstrated in its local Regeneration schemes, like the replanting of the borders on the A48, inputs into Town events like such as Chepstow in Bloom and support for our community with our community Grants along with our community contributions.

Each year the Town Council calculates the money it needs to raise in order to provide for its services and fund any projects planned for the year ahead. It then deducts the income that it expects to receive from fund raising and other income leaving a net amount. This sum is called the precept. This is the amount the Town Council levies on Monmouthshire County Council and which is collected as a proportion of the Council Tax paid by Chepstow households.

Town Council Governance

Annual Report on outputs and outcomes from the Mayoral year 2015/16

Area of Focus no 1:

To contribute, support and develop the Well- Being of Chepstow

Chepstow Town Council wishes to encourage and promote the economic and commercial viability of the town to ensure its future prosperity resilience and sustainability. It demonstrates this by the following cohesive business activities.

Promoting and Marketing Chepstow

Over the past year the Town Council has continued work on a number of initiatives designed to promote Chepstow as an interesting vibrant and attractive place to live, visit and shop.

Developing the Town's Web Site

The Town Council has developed and hosted the town website, which hosts information for residents, visitors, businesses and shoppers as well as key Town Council details, in an easily accessible format. The web site design seeks to reinforce the town's identity by using the work of local artist, Susie Grindley, and replicating the images of the lamp column banners displayed on the key roads to the town centre. The web site also signposts people to other service providers. The Town Council posts regular agendas and minutes along with news of Town Council initiatives.

Holding Colourful Local Markets

The Town Council has continued to support local farmers and producers by holding markets. Following changes in Monmouthshire County Council's Street Licensing Policy which threatened the viability of the markets, the Town Council applied for an annual Block Street Trading License and as consequence took on responsibility for all street trading within the Chepstow town centre area. With the backing and full support of the Chamber of Commerce, Chepstow now has a thriving and growing monthly craft "Independents Local Producers Market" as well as Farmers and Country markets.

We worked with the Business Chamber of Commerce and the Chepstow Independents Marketing group to deliver the promotion and community engagement for the markets.

Publishing the What's On Guide

The Town Council edits and produces and distributes the monthly "What's On Guide". This has been very well received by residents and community groups.

Highways Access and Traffic Management

The Town Council is not directly responsible for the delivery of highways, transport and parking in the town, but strives to ensure that the relevant delivery bodies provide a good quality affordable service which takes into account the needs and expectations of its residents and its businesses. In an effort to improve the management and maintenance of highways in and around the town the Town council will lobby the relevant agencies.

The Town Council will work closely with the County Council and the Welsh Government on long terms plans for road improvements in particular will liaise with the relevant agencies to seek Highway improvements on the A48 Bridge and the A466 link road.

The Town Council has led a campaign over several years to reduce the speed limit and improve road safety on the old A48 Bridge and was instrumental in securing the barrier improvements on the bridge. In addition the Town council will lobby Welsh Government to ensure adequate improvements are looked at of these two main arterial link roads.

Parking is also the responsibility of Monmouthshire County Council but the Town Council will lobby to secure and operate affordable car parking sites and will support the cycling events like the Chepstow Grand Prix in and around the Town in order to encourage alternative modes of transport.

Area of Focus 2:

To build and develop the Well-being of Chepstow with sustainable development demonstrated by sustainable behaviors.

The Town Council strives to ensure the town retains a pleasant clean and safe environment .While the Town council itself is not directly responsible for all aspects of delivery or policing these services, it works in partnership with the relevant bodies to encourage a high standard of services that meets the needs and expectations of its residents and visitors to the Town and its communities.

Litter refuse and recycling

Street cleaning, litter collection and refuse and recycling are the responsibility of Monmouthshire County Council. In order to improve satisfaction levels with this street scene service ,the Town Council will in the wider interests of the town continue to monitor the effectiveness of street cleaning and litter collection services and raise any concerns with Monmouthshire County Council; and look to promote Town tidy up days and signpost local groups and individuals to litter pick days. The Town Council will look to investigate and support the potential for litter collection on days where a festival, market or community event is held. The Town Council will also submit comments on banner displays and A- Boards and control fly posting in and around the Town.

Dog Waste Disposal Service

The Town Council has supported and facilitated the provision of dog waste bins in and around the town and pays for these bins to be emptied on a regular basis. In addition it is considering working with Monmouthshire County Council on the local campaign to “Give Dog Fouling the Red Card” with a view to working more closely with Monmouthshire County Council to provide a combined litter and dog waste disposal collection service.

Representing Local Views

The Town Council continues to actively promote the views and interests of Chepstow to national, regional and county level Government on a host of consultative matters. This year we have considered over 100 planning applications and acted as a consultee on Monmouthshire County Council car parking charges review and were instrumental in providing comments on the new Conservation Areas. Chepstow Town Council works in conjunction with Monmouthshire County Council on any planning matters relevant to the Town. When Town Planning and Development meetings are held recommendations are made that are robust and clear as to the reasons for that recommendation and are in line with the sustainable economic objectives of the Town. This in turn supports the delivery of a more equal Chepstow. In addition we attended and training the members on the impact of the community infrastructure levy (CIL) on the prosperity of Chepstow.

Commemorative Bequests.

The Town Council deals with applications to install commemorative plaques for residents of Chepstow on road side seats and park benches.

The provision of Christmas lighting.

Christmas lighting is one of the largest expenses for the Council and in this year it is looking to appoint a new contractor. The Council will continue its focus on lighting the high street and to provide funding the Christmas light switch on event.

Area of focus 3.

To build a participative, vibrant Community that demonstrates participative capable and motivated leadership.

Community Support

In terms of delivery a more equal Chepstow we supported many organisations with particular needs and we supported families with the delivery of a summer play scheme. Through its community contributions/initiatives the Town Council supports many community groups to provide services that supports the Chepstow community and encourage community involvement including:-

Chepstow Town Band's Summer Music School; Severn Area Rescue Association; Chepstow/Cormeilles Twinning Association, Walkers Are Welcome, the Youth Kaff, Mari Llwyd/Wassail event, Chepstow Agricultural Show, Transition Chepstow, Walkers are Welcome, Garden City Community Group and Chepstow Fair-Trade Forum, Transition Chepstow.

Community Grants

One of the more important roles of the Council is financial support for many of the voluntary groups in and around the Town. The work of these groups is highly valued and an effective grant application scheme is administered carefully by the Deputy Town Clerk to ensure the careful use of monies allocated for grants.

The Town Council also received Community Grant applications from a diverse range of local community groups seeking funding for "one off" projects and was able to contribute grant funding towards the following:

Street Pastors
Combat– contribution towards sports day
Chepstow Male Voice Choir –Concert funding for Orange County Women's Choir
Cycle Club – Chepstow Grand Prix
Chepstow and Caldicot Lions – funding for gazeboes and 2 demo boards
Chepstow athletic club –training kit and equipment

Cohesive Community Venues

The Town Council continued to provide essential funding for Bulwark Community Centre and the Drill Hall. Town Councillors have worked on the management committees of these organisations to provide leadership and direction and to help ensure that their facilities were made widely available for all to enjoy.

Meeting accommodation at the Town Council's offices, in the Gatehouse and the Community room at Thomas Street continued to be made available for local community groups at minimal cost.

Community Events

The Town Council has continued to support: Apple day, Chepstow Carnival, and Bands on the Bandstand; and, once again organised and fully funded the highly successful Christmas Lights Switch on event.

Area of focus 4:

To deliver locally relevant, efficient and effective public services which include enhancing our Twinning links, developing links outside of Chepstow along with partnerships including deploying appropriate resources.

Improving Local Facilities for the Community.

Having secured a lease on ground floor premises at 11 Thomas Street, the Town Council opened its flag ship service in September 2015. The premises have now been transformed into the Food Bank collection centre and distribution point, a small informal community meeting room which can be hired out, and a public convenience to service the bus station area which includes baby changing facilities.

Issuing Castle Passes

The Town Council continued to administer the CADW free entry pass scheme to Chepstow Castle which is available to residents within the Chepstow wards of St Mary's, St Kings mark, St Christopher's, Larkfield and Thornwell on production of a passport size photograph and proof of residence.

Providing Commemorative Bequests

The Town Council deals with application to install commemorative plaques for residents of Chepstow on road side seats and park benches.

Provision of the Town's floral displays with Chepstow in Bloom

The Town's achievement in the Chepstow in Bloom Competition was continued. Transition Chepstow once again tendered the 8 herb/vegetable planters throughout the town and, with funding from the Town Council, undertook the pruning and maintenance of the community orchards. Local school children took part in the Chepstow in Bloom Painting Competition with Pembroke School taking the top awards, and, local gardeners entered the Chepstow Town Council gardening competition.

The Town Council also supported a number of community groups in their community gardening projects including Garden City Community Group and Transition Chepstow the Town Council is keen to encourage other community gardeners and welcomes any enquiries for support.

Upkeep and maintenance of the War Memorial and the Memorial Gun

The Town Council has responsibility for the maintenance and care of the War Memorial located on High street. The Memorial gun, known locally as the "the gun", is a well-known landmark for people visiting the town. It stands proudly adjacent to the War Memorial

Summer Play schemes.

The Town Council provides major funding for the operation of a summer play scheme for the children of Chepstow which works in partnership with Monmouthshire County Council and encourages opportunities to enhance the cultural, educational, sporting and social life for local children.

Maintaining Community Buildings and Assets.

The Town Council wants to see the important buildings and other assets under its ownership protected and preserved for the Town. The Council offices (The Gatehouse) and the old Library building are both owned by the Town Council. The Gatehouse is used as a community facility

and remains very much a community building; it also hosts the Food Bank store, the Citizens Advice Bureau as well as acting as a community venue.

Town Events

The majority of the events and festivals held in Chepstow are organised by other organisations. The Town Council retains a small budget to fund celebrations/festivals with some amounts being made available under the grants budget especially for events of which are felt particularly to benefit Chepstow residents.

Area of Focus 5:

To create and sustain the Well Being of Chepstow by the delivery of devolved services.

Maintaining Local Services and Facilities.

The Town Council is responsible for the delivery of a number of community services and amenities. The Town Council had delivered a wide range of non statutory services and facilities. These are identified as services which are more economically be provided directly by the Town Council whilst others could best be provided by the County Council, but would require a funding contribution from the Town Council. Therefore, the Town Council has run successfully the following services during this year:-

Public toilets

Responsibility for opening, closing and cleaning of all public toilets within Chepstow. Ownership of the public toilet facilities in Welsh Street car park will also be transferred to the Town Council, making the Town Council responsible for the lease including all outgoings including future repair and maintenance.

Chepstow Riverbank

This site is adjacent to the riverbank and also hosts our bandstand. Responsibility for the riverbank area in relation to grass cutting and shrub bed and border maintenance. Grass cutting is currently being undertaken by Monmouthshire County Council under contract to the Town Council. It is intended that the shrub beds will be maintained with the help of community volunteers and a “Friends of the Riverbank Gardening Group.” has been established and funded by the Town Council. The group are dedicated to improving the quality of the area for both the community and visitors to enjoy.

Roadside Seats

Responsibility for all roadside seats rests with the Town Council. A comprehensive refurbishment programme is underway and a burgundy colour scheme for the seats in the high street will be implemented in 2016/18.

In addition the Town Council funds the following services:

Chepstow Tourist Information Service

To ensure that a face to face tourism information service was maintained within the town. Funding was provided by the Town Council .Although, Monmouthshire County Council is currently reviewing their support for the continuation of this service.

Chepstow Museum Service

To ensure that a face to face Museum presence on all days including the lunch time period Chepstow Town Council made a financial contribution for this service.

Twinning

We maintained our long standing cultural links with our Twin in Cormeilles and we supported the vibrant cultural links with both the tourism information Centre and the Chepstow Museum.

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