

Cllr Barbara Williams February 2020

Recruitment of new Managing Director /Chief Executive

Sadly, our Chief Executive Jack Hegarty is retiring but have agreed to stay on until June, he has served both Whyavon and MHDC very well bring several shared services successfully together.

Both Leaders met this week and agreed that the Joint Shared Appointments Committee (the JSAC) should be convened as soon as practicable to both agree the process for and then undertake the appointment of a new successor.

The JSAC is made up of five councillors from each Council Any recommendation to appoint from the JSAC would subsequently be ratified by both councils.

Severn Trent Community Fund

Severn Trent has launched a new Community Fund with more than £10million to give away to charities and community groups over the next five years.

The Fund will be looking to support projects that can demonstrate a clear link to one or more of their three elements of community wellbeing:

- **People:** Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills
- **Place:** Ideas that help create better places to live in and use
- **Environment:** Schemes that will help look after the natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water

They will also be encouraging projects that have a link to water in some way, such as river restoration, flood alleviation or sustainable drainage.

Their independent Community Fund Customer Panel, which is made up of Severn Trent customers, will review applications on a quarterly basis and then decide where the money goes. The Panel will meet for the first time in March with the first grants expected to be issued in April 2020.

Applications are welcomed all-year round and capital and revenue projects will be considered, as long as the application shows how the project will be sustained beyond the investment.

To apply and to find out more, visit www.stwater.co.uk/communityfund or get in touch with the team at communityfund@severntrent.co.uk.

Carbon Reduction Plan

At our last full council we agreed to approve “The Destination Zero Plan” but I did however point out that it is important that we consult the NFU as they have already pledged to bring the carbon emissions to net zero by 2040 and stressed that we should be singing from the same sheet.

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