

# **South Cambridgeshire District Councillor's Monthly Report**

Month of January 2012

## **1. Community Chest grants**

The Community Chest makes grants of up to £1000 for small capital projects and for one-off revenue projects. The grants will continue to be given this year. For further information about the grants and for information about how to apply, please contact the Partnerships Officer, [kathryn.hawkes@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:kathryn.hawkes@scambs.gov.uk) or call 01954 713290

## **2. Be A Councillor Event**

SCDC will be hosting a 'Be a Councillor' event on Monday 13 February 2012 to help people find out more about what Councillors do and how to go about being selected to stand for a political party or how to stand as an independent candidate.

So, if you fancy becoming a Councillor, this is the opportunity to find out first hand how the election process works, how much time is involved in being a District Councillor and what money and support is available! There will be serving councillors there, so you can quiz them about the realities of being a councillor. The political parties will also be represented. There's a light buffet available from 6pm, for the event which starts at 7pm. Contact Claire Dillon on 01954 713026 to book a place.

## **3. Services and Facilities Study**

SCDC is putting together a Services and Facilities study as part of the development of the new Local Plan for the district. The study is aimed at collating information on the services and facilities that are important to our communities. The information in the study has so far being collated with the support of Cambridgeshire ACRE which carried out a survey of Parish Councils. The council is currently consulting with local members to ensure the data they have is accurate. However, I am surprised that they are not consulting with Parishes directly, instead of relying on the survey done by Cambridgeshire ACRE.

## **4. Race To Infinity Superfast Broadband Update**

Installation of the cable network and cabinets for the superfast broadband service is ongoing and visible to residents. There will be two cabinets in the Madingley exchange area, one in Hardwick has already been installed (corner of Cambridge Road and Limes Road). The second will be in Coton. These two cabinets will provide FTTC service for some of the residents. All the other Madingley exchange areas will be served by FTTP, with speeds of up to 80Mb/s, some forty times faster than what obtains now.

The cable installation work in Caldecote is currently ongoing (West Drive was being done this week), and has not been without its challenges as the installers have found (e.g. blocked ducts). This means that the cable laying will take longer than anticipated, which means superfast broadband service to Caldecote will probably not start until toward the second quarter of 2012 at the earliest. But it is on its way, so please be patient. If you see any of the workmen in your street, say hello to them and offer them a cuppa ☺

## **5. Casework**

Your Councillor is here to help you. Please do feel free to contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints. I can be contacted by phone, email or via my website. I hope I can help but even if I can't, then it's highly likely that I know someone who can!

## 6. Dates for your diary

13 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	7pm	Be A Councillor event

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