

Carnival Committee Report

By Cllr Nick Skeens.

Since May I have attended a series of meetings of the Carnival Committee.

My role has been to support their case for funding to the town council, and offer general advice and help when needed, including securing permission for overspill parking with MDC on Riverside Park's upper field, and negotiating, again with MDC, the late opening of the public toilets in both the park and on the quay.

As an aside, my communications on the toilets issue may lead to a deal in which future subcontractors for the toilets will be required by MDC to include in their general price three or four key dates when the Burnham toilets need to be kept open until 11pm.

I have to say I was immensely impressed with the Carnival Committee. The meetings are well-run and the contributions by its volunteer members concise and professional. The committee is, in many ways, an example to us all.

I thought the carnival itself was a triumph – well-organised, brilliantly colourful and entertaining and very well attended despite the train strike. I propose that this council congratulates the committee on its excellent work.