

EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2020

MAYOR'S REPORT

1 It was my pleasure, on behalf of the Town Council, to invite volunteers from the community to the Mayor's tea party on Friday, 24th January at the Town Hall. I wish to thank all of those who attended, from the various community groups and organisations, including Town Councillors, who work so hard to enhance the lives of all of us in the East Cowes Community.

I wish to thank the staff for their hard work in preparing for this occasion, my husband, Trevor for keeping the teapot full, friends Carol and Barry for waiting on tables and washing up. The afternoon wouldn't have run so smoothly without them!

Our community of volunteers are truly amazing giving their time for free to the many groups which run in our town and it is regrettable that we had to limit the numbers attending. I have received a number of wonderful comments, thank you emails and letters from those attending, which confirms that this event was very welcomed by our volunteers, and I am hopeful the Town Council will agree to hold a Mayor's tea party as an annual event.

2 There is no further news regarding the Crossways development to date.

3 We have had some wonderful news from IWC Planning Department that the 'Community Hub Plan' has been agreed. The hard work now begins for our staff in making this become a reality.

4 The Town Council is now back to normal, with our various meetings, please keep an eye on the notice boards around town and the website for details.

5 May I thank Sue, Town Clerk and Claire, Assistant Clerk for their continual professionalism in keeping the office running smoothly. Thanks also go to the rest of our Town Council team for all their hard work and commitment. We are very lucky with all our employed staff who work tirelessly and, by working so well together, make it all seem seamless. THANK YOU.

Tuesday 11th February. East Cowes Community Partnership Meeting. Heritage Centre. East Cowes

Discussions on plans for VE Day celebrations. Other projects for the year.

East Cowes VE Celebration Crafters. Convent. East Cowes

Great work going into making the decorations for the East Cowes for the year ahead.

Wednesday 12th February. IWC Licensing. Jubilee Stores. Newport

Meeting for licenses for East Cowes VE Day applications. Next meeting 25th February

Thursday 13th February. East Cowes Town Hall. Environment Agency Flood Drop in.

The Environment Agency Team and IWC Staff. Engaged with the local people of East Cowes to answer the questions.

Friday 14th February. Newport. Southern Vectis Buses

I had a meeting with Southern Vectis Bus Management group which was very productive for East Cowes VE Day. A package has been arranged to the value of £4000. They will be one of the main sponsors.

Tuesday 18th February. East Cowes. Convent.

Wednesday 19th February. Newport. Island Arts. To arrange Red Funnel holding yard to be decorated for the VE Day celebration.