

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Thursday, 27th February the TC met with Red Funnel representatives to discuss outstanding issues.
2. Also, on the 27th February, a meeting of the Town Plan Forum, led by Daniel James, was held. Progress is being made with members working on different aspects of, what will eventually be, the Town Plan. This will be based on a consultation with residents of East Cowes.
3. Friday, 28th February, the first Alzheimer's Café opened in St. James Hall. Barry Jackman very kindly invited me to attend. The afternoon was very enlightening and it was lovely to meet with so many family and friends. The cafe will be meeting once a month at this regular venue.
4. Monday, 2nd March a First Aid Day Course was held in the Town Hall. This was led by a member of the Ambulance Service, NHS. I am pleased to report the 12 attending passed. The certificate will cover us for a three year period
5. Friday, 6th March I attended the World Day of Prayer, which women from various churches led in East Cowes Methodist Church, Adelaide Grove. This was followed by tea and cake.
6. Thursday, 12 March the Town Council held a Planning Meeting in the Town Hall to discuss applications currently being considered. These included the Millfield Avenue application which was not supported by the council.
7. Monday, 16 March, Ollie Boulter, Planning Officer met with the Town and Parish Councillors of East Cowes and Whippingham to answer questions covering the planning process applied by the Local Planning Authority.

Jane Rann

Cllr Jane Rann

26th February

Red Funnel Meeting. Southampton

This meeting was to arrange involvement in East Cowes and Cowes VE Day events.

27th February

Town Forum meeting. East Cowes. Town Hall.

The meeting was set up to go through the Questionnaire for the public consultation. Also to see which members would take the lead on various project groups.

2nd March

Community Hub Meeting. East Cowes. Town Hall.

Final plans to view of Community Hub and timeline of project.

5th March

Cowes Town Council. Norwood House. Cowes

Attended the council as part of the 2 councils exchange.

10th March

Classic Boat Museum. East Cowes

Arranged meeting to arrange taking part in East Cowes and Cowes VE Day events.

Cowes Town Council VE Day committee meeting. Northwood House. Cowes.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN EVENT ON SUNDAY 10 MAY 2020

Prior to discussing the outcome of any agreed actions Councillors discussed whether the event should go ahead as the Coronavirus precautions may have an impact on public gatherings. Councillors agreed to continue with the plans being put in place and to review the current Government advice at the next Working Group meeting on 7 April 2020. Any bookings made will be subject to the event proceeding, and subject to Government guidelines / advice. Councillors then went on to discuss the outcome of the actions agreed at the previous VE Day 2020 Working Group meetings.

Councillor Adams advised that she has secured a quartet and a Ceilidh band who will each require a small donation for their attendance. The band organised by Chris Quinton will require payment; he will also be organising buskers throughout the town. Councillor Adams has applied for the 'Lindyhoppers' to attend the event; no reply has yet been received. She has not been able to make contact with the pipers. The Working Group also discussed other groups that may be able to attend the event.

Councillor Oliver has identified some period type games for the children's activities and AstroTurf will be available as a playing surface whether held indoors or outdoors. The Town Clerk has advised the IW Council's Licensing Department and Island Roads that their services will not be needed as Cowes Yacht Haven will be used for the event. The Town Clerk has advised and paid the Town Council's insurers for the additional public liability insurance at the cost of £100.

Councillor Paler advised that the Morris Dancers will not be available for the event; Councillor Hammond has also advised that a large number of the Morris Dancers that she has contacted will be taking part in Walk the Wight and therefore also unavailable. The vintage bus has looked at the access to Cowes Yacht Haven

12th March

Attended Our Space at East Cowes Town Hall.

East Cowes Town Council Planning committee. East Cowes Town Hall.

13th March

East Cowes Sailing Club Meeting. VE Day 8th May. East Cowes.

Meeting with Commodore and committee. 12 boats with flags and pendants to sail down Medina and moor up at Esplanade.