

Councillor Reports

January 2020

EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

16TH JANUARY 2020

Mayor's Report

Planning

Our first meeting of the year was held in the Library on 7th January.

Norris Castle / Springhill

have not to date, sent in a planning application to the Isle of Wight Council (IWC). Once the Town Council have sight of the said application, it is our intention to hold a public meeting for the community to have their say.

Town Plan

Martha James is Project Lead in taking this plan forward. The first meeting took place on Monday, 13th January 2020. The whole community including stakeholders will be asked for their opinions during the course of the next few months. The communities input is very important, as this will help East Cowes Town Council to produce a 'Town Plan' which shapes the future of East Cowes for everyone. In my opinion this is a very exciting project for our town. I hope stakeholders and residents will take the opportunity in having their say. .

I look forward to meeting some of our wonderful volunteers at the end of the month.

Jane Rann

Deputy Mayors Report

Cllr Michael Paler

Report 10th January 2020

7th January. East Cowes Community Partnership.

This meeting was to review the Christmas Celebration that took part around the Market and town.

VE Day event looked at for plans of site for Esplanade. These plans are on going.

10th January. Cowes Harbour Advisory Committee

Red Funnel navigational incident /safety management still to be reported on.

Proposed CHC mooring on Shrape Watersport area. It is proposed to put 3 buoys for morning UKSA to use. UKSA has operated safely for many years in the river Medina and has good relationships with CHC and Red Funnel. However with the increasing volumes of traffic / river users (especially at the height of the summer season) coupled with the size of the Chain Ferry and the associated reduction in visibility within the fairway, the introduction of the new freight ferry by Red Funnel, the increased size of the Red Jets and frequency of Blade runner movements have put increasing pressure on UKSA's towing operations at the narrowest part of the river where tidal streams are strongest. These are factors that have been introduced that are outside of UKSA's control and we are seeking CHC's support to help UKSA further mitigate the risk of an incident.

During the summer months UKSA moves many dinghies to and from the Shrape via the river with the major risk being the towing of single hander dinghies with children on board.

Following our discussions with you and the Deputy Harbour Master we would like to propose the placement of 3 fixed moorings in the Sharpe.

East Cowes Slipway plans to be updated.

Kingston Boat yard possible development. There are plans for the site to be done in 4 phases. To make this a match needed facilities.