

Councillor Reports

October 2019

EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 17TH OCTOBER 2019

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Crossways Development is still at the forethought of our minds. Thank you to our residents in taking part in the questionnaire and attending the public meeting. The next meeting with IWight Developers is on Wednesday 16th October 16:00 – 20:00 at CE-CAMM, Whippingham Road. Please go along. Our Planning Consultant, Martha James, will be attending and speaking on our behalf at the IWC planning meeting.

On 19th September the Town Council met for the last time at Queensgate School for the quarterly meetings. Thank you to those who attended these meetings. After considering number of attendees and a discussion with all of the town councillors, it has been decided, to keep the monthly meetings at the Town Hall, East Cowes.

Our second litter pick of the year took place on Saturday 21st September (Isle of Wight Day) based at Parkside Pavilion. The weather was glorious. Laura, who leads the youth groups, provided refreshments with her colleagues and young people. Approximately 30 people attended with groups of four going out to pick up litter from Victoria Rec., skate park, Cadet's Walk, and other areas of the town. A dumped, broken wheelbarrow was removed. A young man in my group was most fortunate in picking up, from a hedgerow, a £5 note. He was so excited when telling his Mum. It was well worth taking the time to tidy our area. Thank you to you all for taking the time to help. Please look out for our next litter pick which should take place in the Spring.

On Sunday, 22nd September the beach clean took place, unfortunately in the rain. There were some plucky residents, 40 in total, who came along. They did a marvellous job. Thank you to Janice and Michael Douse for arranging the beach cleans, twice a year. Thank you also for the support given to the town clean-ups, this is much appreciated. The bonus this year of receiving a certificate from Isle of Wight Day Beach Clean was ferry vouchers contained in the envelope.

Consultation with the residents as to how we set our budget took place on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th October at the Town Hall. The consultation also gave you an opportunity of learning more about the building of a Community Hub which will include within it the new Library. This year we have also given you the opportunity of letting us know your feelings by going online. The plans will be sent out to resident's homes soon. Details of where to return them will be on the leaflet. Thank you.

Cllr Stephen Hendry Whippingham & Osborne October Report

The main things I have been looking at since our last meeting are as follows:

Crossways

I am continuing to work behind the scenes to try and prevent this scheme from going ahead.

iWight Developments are hosting an event on Wednesday 16th October between 16:00-20:00 at CECAMM. This event will provide local residents with an opportunity to view further information about the proposals and also give them a chance to speak to members of the project team, who will be on hand to answer any questions they may have.

Further information can be found at the end of this report.

Saunders Way Link Road

Barratts & Island Roads had a meeting discussing the progress of the road. After much chasing the update that was provided by Island Roads to the Council was:

We are still awaiting the final conclusion of some technical issues by Barratts and then the subsequent completion of the adoption agreement and TRO by the Local Authority.

I will continue to chase this issue

Costal Path

I have been in further discussions with the residents of Whippingham regarding the proposed change to the coastal path. On Thursday 10th October I will be attending Whippingham Parish Council where Natural England will be present to discuss the plan.

Getting in contact

The best way to get in contact with me regarding Isle of Wight Council business is by emailing me on:

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*We look forward to meeting with you
and answering your questions*

Wednesday 16 October 4pm-8pm

CECAMM Centre, The Isle of Wight College,
The Island Technology Park, Whippingham Road,
East Cowes PO32 6NL

iWight Developments is keen to hear what you think. Please get in touch with us through our Planning Hotline on 0844 800 2441 which is open during normal office hours Monday – Friday.



CROSSWAYS DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC DROP-IN EVENT

iWight Developments would like to invite you to a public drop-in event regarding their proposals for Crossways, which will see up to 165 new homes built with 35% affordable housing, to help families and local residents get on the housing ladder. The homes would be set amongst generous green spaces, with local planting, a communal orchard, central play area and village green, within a hedgerow border.

We are holding an informal drop-in session which will give you the opportunity to ask questions of the project team and also view further information about the scheme.



Cllr. Michael Paler Report.
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9th October

Sept 25th

Site visit with councillors and Lee Mathews IWC. To look at proposed sites for Hovercraft propeller also placing trees.

Sept 30th

Town and Parish Seminar at County Hall.

This was a chance to put questions to IWC Cabinet from the town and parish councillors. 2 questions from ECTC.

1 "Fairly recently Historic Places was invited to the Island to offer advice on emerging proposals for three towns, including East Cowes. The East Cowes Town Council was not part of the consultation process when official visits took place by Historic Places and was ignored in the review. To date ECTC has not even received a copy of the report. The Town Council considers that this is disrespectful to those living in East Cowes, and especially to ECTC, as the elected body representing the town. Can the IWC leadership explain why, yet again, we have an example of how town and parish councils are ignored when major pieces of work are undertaken or commissioned that affects their parish. Is this the kind of behaviour parish and town council should expect from the Local Authority.

2

Will the Isle of Wight Council undertake to transfer assets to Parish and Town councils on a freehold basis rather than a leasehold; as stated by the Leader Dave Stewart at an earlier meeting with ECTC Councillors.

IWC said they would give a written reply to ECTC.

Most of the Cabinet did not attend the meeting as they attended the Conservative party conference in Manchester.

Fostering children on the island is in sort supply of foster parent and a need on being more proactive. 200 children are being placed at the present time.

Brexit plans for the island are being updated each day on website. Portsmouth has a new LGV park at Tipner out skirts of Portsmouth if needed. East Cowes and Fishbourne will have through routes from Southampton and Portsmouth. Skill shortage could be a result of Brexit. NHS, NFU, Social care.

Houses and Understanding needs of community. This subject took up most of the meeting due to all Town and Parish councils challenging the way housing numbers are achieved by the IWC Island plan. Island plan to be updated as soon as possible blame is put on Government. Affordable housing for Islander is not available. Average pay on Island £1718000. The island register is distorted. The true figure for housing not 2500. Is 1800.

Oct 3rd

Cowes Town Council

I attend the full Cowes Town Council Full meeting as representative of East Cowes Town Council.

Oct 4&5th

East Cowes Town Council. Public consultation.

Over the 2 days I talked with members of the community who can to the town hall to see the plans for the next year. The community hub plans had a very positive reception. It was explained that the options of using empty buildings in East Cowes. Due to them not being under the council's control. The land slip on the Esplanade was asked to be removed instead of a community hub. I was surprised to see how few people attended.

Oct 8th

I was invited to the Convent East Cowes to see the work taking place on Remembrance week and VE Day 75 Anniversary 2020. Large union flag being put together and wreaths of all types being made also ideas for the projects to Girl Guides Sea Scouts and local Schools to take part. The craft making session will be open to anyone to take part which is to bring lonely

members of the community to take part. Below part of union Jack which will be made in 6 parts.

