

Mayors Report

11.6.21

1st June. Alzheimer's Cafe. East Cowes Town Hall.

This was the first session of this new group in East Cowes. This is being run in partnership with East Cowes Medical Centre . There are 3000 dementia people on the island. Dr Jenka is the islands only dementia specialist. There was a full town hall very well supported. The is will happen on first Tuesday of the month.

I also called into the Listening cafe at the Community Spirited. Pavilion

This is also a new group for Mental well being and was supported volunteers who had a positive response.

3rd June. Cowes Town Council meeting.

This was the first meeting of the new council. Cllr Palin also attended. We received a warm welcome. After the meeting I had conversations with most of the new council who are looking forward to working with us. I have worked with them in the past and look forward to a new future.

8th June.

Meeting at Venture Query Development Office.

This was to discuss the future of East Cowes Art Centre, York Avenue. The building will be having new led lighting, Boiler, also decorated for the 1st October. There are 3 artists who would take one floor for teaching of art to autistic children from all the island. The ground floor would be an Art gallery and cafe. This would be the islands only art gallery for showing work from island artists. The location in in the heart of the town and would bring people into the area from all parts of the island and passing ferry passengers. The cabinet member for Regeneration and Business Development. Julie Evan-Jones will be meeting later in the month.

9th June

I.W.A.L.C meeting

Zoom meeting for members discussed Boundary changes for the Isle of Wight for the next general election. Bob Seely MP would like to know what the councils would like to change. There is 8 weeks for consultation. It was also a chance for the new Alliance party to take part in the meeting.

10th June

I have been around East Cowes to see if we could get the Kick Start government scheme taken up local. I have spoken to the Clark to see if the council could take part.

Michael Paler

Mayor

East Cowes Town Council

Cllr Sharon Lake

Report: Environment and Sustainability forum 2/6/21

<https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/join-in>

<https://www.ukri.org/news/circular-economy-centres-to-drive-uk-to-a-sustainable-future/>

An interesting presentation and discussion from the Ellen McArthur foundation about the circular economy and how it can be adopted into local policies around buildings (repurposing buildings and materials) , mobility (congestion and vehicle emissions) and products (landfill / waste management) .

The circular economy is driven by design which eliminates waste and pollution - keeping products in use for longer and regenerating natural systems. The circular economy is fundamental in meeting the countries CO2 emission targets. As only 45% of the target can be reached via renewable energy sources.

5 policy layers were discussed:

Engagement - getting buy in from stakeholders and for example running community repair hubs (to reduce waste going to landfill)

Regulation - by introducing tariffs and by-laws

Vision - having a road map and strategy for priority sectors such as the hospitality industry (re: food waste)

Economic incentives such as Introducing fiscal measures like plastic bag charges (although I can't understand why they don't just abolish plastic bags and at least provide paper ones!)

Personal thought: I feel that this is policy should be at any decision making we make moving forward.

We then had a presentation about the IWC re-use scheme proposal for lynnebottom tip - the challenge is to re-use 10% of the islands waste rather than for it to go to landfill.

This was a very informative forum.

The subjects up for discussion at the next meeting will be the covid recovery and climate change - building back better.

Cllr C Palin

Report

On May 6th 2021 residents across the Osborne Ward voted overwhelmingly for me to continue representing them as a Green Party Town councillors following my previous co-option in November. This has sent a clear message that residents in Osborne want change.

Since taking my seat in May I have been formally appointed to the following roles on behalf of the East Cowes Town Council :

- Representative on the Floating Bridge users group
- Liaison representative to Cowes Town Council

I have also been elected to sit on the following Town council committees:

- Facilities, Projects and events committee
- planning committee, and vice-chair of the committee
- Grievances committees

In this time I have already attended and sat on planning committee where at the start of the meeting I was elected vice-chairman. At this meeting we had 2 applications up for consideration, both of which are now up for consideration of the Isle of Wight council.

I have also attend my first Cowes Town Council meeting as the liaison representative and was join by Cllr Paler who also observed the meeting. Some of the major issues that were raised included Island Roads, Cowes Enterprise College, Cowes week and Cowes medical centre.

Island Roads - Cllr Jones raised concerns about the road quality in Cowes and the prioritisation by Island Roads. Cllrs also questioned the standards island Roads were working too but Cllrs were reassured that Isle of Wight council Phil Jordan (cabinet member for transport and infrastructure) would be looking at this as well as the PFI contracts

Cowes Enterprise College (CECs)- Cllr Nicholson expressed his disappointment and concerns over CECs decision to deny places to pupils due to the school being over subscribed and noted that all 17 appeals failed. Isle of Wight Cllr Richard Quigley spoke and said Cllr Andre (cabinet member for education, schools and skills), himself, Bob Seely MP and CEC have had a call and CEC will make sure places are available next year.

Cowes Week - Cowes week is still set to go ahead and discussions were focused on the delivery and physically of the event. Cllrs asked for a more simplified road closure system, that Cowes business get a discount on the parade and that the parade area will go ahead this year with the verbal support of the town council.

Cowes medical Centre - Cllr Nicholson expressed disappointment with the current state of Cowes medical centre. Cllr Adams has said that the practise should be move into to a queueing system like east Cowes so at least residents know where they are in the queue.