

Michael Paler - Mayors Report.

23 Jun. Meeting with Chris from Mountbatten Hospice who will be setting up a support service for East Cowes.

24 Jun. IWLC Zoom meeting election of officers.

29 Jun. Planning Meeting at Town Hall.

1 Jul. Had a meeting at Wight Shipbuilders

3-4 Jul Romanov Weekend. Welcomed Princess Olga to a service at the Romanov Memorial. Which was well attended by the community. The next day a service was held followed by a lunch at the Albert Cottage Hotel. We had a number of Russian visitors attending from the mainland.

6 Jul. I had a meeting with Red Funnel in the morning followed by going to the Alzheimer's Cafe at the Town Hall that is well attended.

7 Jul. Crafters meeting at convent . There is a lot of locals all taking part in preparing the for the Elephant Festival.

13 Jul. Listing cafe at the Pavilion in vectis road. This is a place for people to talk about there mental wellbeing.

14 Jul. I was shown around the Classic Boat Museum. The work that has taken place during the pandemic is very impressive.

15 Jul. I had a meeting with Island Ribs and talked to there youngsters on how they have grown with the company.

The Social Prescribers held a meeting to see up a service for East Cowes.

Town Hall Book Launch. The event was well attended and many of the best commented on how good the Town hall. Looked. This was an excellent event to show the hall off.

I have meetings with the local business that will be taking part of meet the Neighbours in October in the Town Hall. This event is to show and tell what is built in East Cowes and possible job opportunities for local school leavers for the future.

Councillor Cameron Palin REPORT

IWALC meeting with Bob Seely - 23/06/21

Bob spoke about his support for the Levelling up bid in East Cowes and how that this wasn't just a bid for East Cowes but an island wide vision to move forward post COVID. He also spoke about his aim to work with Isle of Wight members of the House of Lords and using them to put forward amendments where he is

unsuccessful. Bob expressed his anger at the current situation with island ferries and the issues they have caused, he suggested that the council could take a 51% share in one of the companies.

I made Bob aware of all the issues that Red funnel have caused over the last 2 weeks alongside Island Roads and Southern Water. I also made bob aware of Red Funnels lack of will to move forward with their new marshalling yard until they have a review, Bob agreed with me that this needs further looking into and pressure.

Action: Bob suggested that I / We write to him with the issues so he can take them up with Fran Collins and i'd like to see us work with Bob to pressure red funnel

Residents of Lodge Side - 24/06/21



Met with the lovely residents of Lodge side, just off of Victoria Grove who wanted to show me the work they had been doing in their communal areas around their properties. The work they have done was astounding, removing overgrown shrub land, waste and litter and then planting wild flowers and plants throughout the area. I was extremely impressed by their work, and believe it is a prime example of what can be replicated else where across the town.

IWALC Executive meeting - 24/06/21

Diana Conyer was welcomed back to IWALC and appointed chair of this meeting. It was decided that the AGM will be held over zoom and at that meeting it will be decided whether future meeting will be held in person or on Zoom. It was also agreed that the leader of the Council, Lora Peacy-wilcox will be invited to the AGM.

IWALC will be hosting a subject meeting on planning and the island plan paper in August as the paper will be released in late July. IWALC also voted to write to the leader of the Council, Lora Peacy-Wilcox requesting that our voting right is reinstated on both corporate scrutiny and the health and well being board. It was mentioned that under the leadership of former council leader Jonathan back this was in place, however the conservatives removed that right. It was also request HALC (Hampshire association of local councils) have their rights removed.

Floating Bridge Users Group meeting - 07/07/21

On Wednesday I attended my first users group meeting on behalf of the East

Cowes Town Council. This was the first meeting since before the pandemic so much of what was discussed was a matter of summing up actions that have been concluded since the last meeting. The leader of the council Lora Peacy-Wilcox was in attendance in her role as a Cowes Town Council along side Cabinet Member for transport and Infrastructure Phil Jordan. The council staff updated us all in regards to the legal case which we are told is still going ahead and happening soon. Cllr Peacy-Wilcox and I raised the question about why the council hasn't brought their own launch service but staff responded it was due to expense and it isn't as simple as believe, However we urged they look into this again and they will. Staff also updated us on the 4 electronic signage boards going up to help let people know when the bridge is out of service. 3 of the 4 are part funded by red funnel so they can also inform passengers of their delays. It was concluded that they staff will update us on the legal case and any actions at our next meeting in October but the Leader pointed out a meeting can be called sooner. Finally the group will look at extending its membership to more members of the public as there was only one in attendance, but I'd like to sat thank you to this East Cowes Resident for attending.

Corporate Scrutiny Committee - 13/07/21

I attended Corporate scrutiny Committee on Tuesday evening as a member of the public to observe their meeting and raised a question in regards to amending the Draft Island Planning Strategy to include greater referencing and use of the UNESCO Biosphere status. Following this meeting I have been in communication with Councillor Paul Fuller, Cabinet member for Planning and Housing as well as Councillor Jonathon Bacon, Cabinet member for Waste, Environment and heritage. What I am hearing is very positive and I really believe this administration is working for the community by listening to them and building upon their responses.

Cowes Town Council Meeting - 15/07/21

On Thursday evening I attended the Cowes town council, full council meeting were the Mayor used his discretion to allow me to follow up on points councillors raised and to provide information on issue both town councils are facing.

- One Major issue for them is Southern Water, especially following their recent fine. I pointed out we had Keith coming to our next meeting and they could attend to see what he has to day. I made them aware we had several members of the public who have been monitoring this in east cowes and like them we have concerns as due to the combined system Storm Water is released. Cowes Councillors reported that they often see toilet paper floating around near Egypt point.

- Councillors also discussed the Boundary Commission review and Cowes Town Council will be looking at making a formal response, I mentioned East Cowes town council have also discussed responding to this consultation but their is differing views on the proposal.
- Finally Councillors raised concerns about the Beryl E-Scooters and them going down the high street. Currently they aren't allowed to be doing this, nor are bikes however, councillors want this reviewed.

Sharon Lake - Councillor Report - July 2021

Resident Concerns

1) This has been a quiet month however I have been contacted by and met with local residents complaining about the ongoing Red Funnel issues. I have tried to reassure them that we are working up a solution.

I have advised them to write directly to Red Funnel with their complaints and concerns. Myself, Cllr Love and Cllr Reardon wrote to Red funnel raising our concerns but as yet have not had a response.

2) I have also been contacted by a resident of Hawthorn Meadows asking for help regards issues with their Maintenance contractor - Greenbelt. I know that both Medina View and Osborne Heights have had a similar issue and have spoken to members of these resident's associations with regards to how they overcame it. They are happy to discuss the process with members of Hawthorn Meadows. I have passed this over to Stephen Hendry; Ward Councillor ,who is apparently investigating this issue. Happy to help out where I can.

Waterfront Plan Awareness

Myself and Cllr Reardon attended the business association meeting on Tuesday 6th July discuss the waterfront plans and receive their feedback.

We have organised another meeting with members of the Heritage Centre. Isle of Wight Society. Friends of East Cowes and East Cowes Community Partnership on Monday 19th July ready to feedback views to the Waterfront Steering Group meeting on Tuesday 20th.

TRO's

I wrote to Colin Rowland to ask how we go about getting TRO's and have had a response which I have forwarded to the Clerk and all councillors. I believe that this is a process that we should pursue in order to protect local residential areas from unsuitable / unviable traffic levels.

Asset of Community Value

I undertook some research at the Heritage Centre to support the Asset of Community Value applications and provided the clerk with some useful contacts.

Councillor training

I attended the first session of Councillor training but was unfortunately sick and unable to attend the second session. I have requested a chat with the clerk to go through what I missed.

Esplanade project

I have been finalising the plans for the Esplanade project; however, I am still waiting for the go ahead from IWC before I can purchase the baskets. I am hoping to do this in the next few weeks. I am also still awaiting a response from Island Roads regards their CSR contribution of safety equipment and signage for use during the project.