

Cllr Michael Paler Mayors Report 8.9.21

This has been a busy month attending.

Alzheimers Cafe 1st Tuesday of the month 14.00-1600

Listening cafe. Community Spirit Tuesdays 13.30-1600 attended 3 weekly meetings.

Cowes Week attend a reception for the Cowes Harbourmaster and Royal Navy reception at RYS.

Had a meeting with Kay Smith Community Resilience officer for East Cowes and Whippingham.

This is to set up a working group for the community.

I have also had meeting with Med Tech and AMC, RNLI for Meet the Neighbours.

Had a walk around with Pawel Pudoik Shoreside manager Red Funnel.

I attended preview of Jimmy Hendrix exhibition at Dimbola. Also Medina Publishing exhibition on lock down.

Draft island plan at County Hall.

Indonesian Independence day celebrations at Town Hall. This was a very lively and entering event. So many people have asked will it happen again. The Indonesian Embassy have been in contact to make it happen next year.

First Visit to the NHS Falls and prevention meeting at town hall.

Met the Charity bike ride back to east cowes and presented the cheque.

I was asked to do a thank you video to the volunteers of the East Cowes and Whippingham at Riverside centre . Newport.

Had a meeting with GKN Estates manager to get permission for wall art in Clarence Road.

I attended the ECCP meeting

Isle of Wight Conservation Awards at East Cowes Town Hall. The is well received by the Island Architects builders and owners.

Cllr Cameron Palin - September Report

IWALC

On Thursday the 29th July I attended the Virtual IWALC(Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils) AGM where the Leader of the Council Lora Peacy-wilcox attended and gave her support and thanks for the role IWALC plays. At this meeting I was also elected as IWALC representative on Corporate Scrutiny Committee, meaning for the next year I will be one of a dozen who will be scrutinising the Cabinets Decisions.



Skate Park

On Wednesday 18th August I met up with John Cattle and Zoe when they were providing free advice and running the skate park consultation. I spoke with many parents and children about what they wanted to see and how we could transform this space into something great. At the session I observed around 15-20 children were taking part and were all giving their feed back about what they would like to see. It was very clear to me this needs to be a priority of the town council as what we currently have is not adequate.





Osborne Ward

Like Every month I have done several full ward walks around the Osborne Ward, often collecting litter as well as raising issues to the Town Councils clerks and Island roads to be investigated. Some issues that have cropped up include pavement behind crossways field, litter, dog fouling, Saunders Way Beatrice avenue park and many others. I have been in contact with Island roads about the pavement behind crossways field, requesting the hedge is trimmed back from the pavement to allow for walking. On the 2nd September at F,P&E the town council voted to look at purchasing some more bins for areas where there is lots of dog fouling many of these locations were in the Osborne Ward. I also made Isle of Wight Council aware for some issues at Beatrice Avenue park were part of the equipment were broken such as the rocking horse which has now been repaired.

Saunders Way

As many of you know work has finally begun on Saunders Way link road, that for many years has been left incomplete. On the 26th August I headed down to check out the work by Crown park and was pleased to see some progress and that a large amount of the tarmac had been done on the first section of the road. This is something I am monitoring regularly and will be very pleased to see this road finally reopen. However, I am aware some residents have concerns this will be used as a rat run so I do urge residents to email me about any issues they have.

Afghanistan

In August I also wrote to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, Debbie Andre, about the councils response to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and how we need to support them. I am delighted to report that I have been in contact with the director for Children's services and they council are doing all they can to support the children currently living in Hotels across the South East.

Corporate Scrutiny Committee

On the 7th of September I attended my first Corporate Scrutiny Committee were we discussed many issues such as the City Status for Newport, Southern Water, Climate and Environment Strategy, Support for Visit Isle of Wight and business support grants. I asked several questions for Southern Water about the process they go through when they are informed of a planning application and the pressure new builds will put on there system. I also questioned the councils support for Newport City status as to me this seems a complete waste of council resources and could drive away tourism.

Personal News

Finally, I'd like to say that as of the 31st of August 2021 I began working for the local primary schools in the Osborne Ward. This does mean that I am not contactable between

8:30 am and 3:15pm, but I will always aim to reply to emails within 5 working days but if it is an urgent matter then please call/ leave a voicemail or text my personal number. My personal number is 07465 435599

Cllr Tracey Reardon - August/ September councillor report

Meetings and events attended

Saturday 7th August- elephant festival on the esplanade.

Thursday 19th August- VQ update

Thursday 19th August- full TC

Friday 20th August- planning

Thursday 2nd September- CHAC zoom see minutes of meeting.

Tuesday 7th September- ECCP meeting

Thursday 9th September- met with Claire from Market-days to further research a Xmas and future town market.

Tuesday 14th September- ECBA meeting to discuss Xmas market plans.

Cllr Karl Love - CHC 2nd September notes

Fire on boats. Two incidents reported this summer with batteries.

Harbour speed markers need moving in the outer harbour –

Red Funnel passenger ferry reported speeding on two occasions. Due to tide and flow. This was raised with them by the HM.

Garry Hull – Sustainability looking at a carbon action plan for the harbour which was welcomed. Audit and then looking at green issues more closely - 7th November Cowes harbour sustainability marine event.

Abandoned boats and disposal, try to sell first and then break up if there are no takers. There are several boats abandon every month.

Slipways- A feasibility study is being done by CHC funded by IWC and others. They will report back. Slipways are the property of IWC. New facility in east Cowes will be own by IWC if the project progresses. There will be a consultation if it progresses.

Local people have raised issues and concerns about accessibility the Dover road slipway and its narrowed access. I requested it be widened.

Kingstone still underdevelopment. ChC are working on plans and we requested that ECTC be briefed ASAP after feasibilities are completed. This was agreed.

Red Funnel reported the repair of their clock in West Cowes. No mention of East Cowes and all the issues of disruption. It seems we don't exist.

Uther fox regatta next year. 50 years of his death. Rodny Barton organiser. Possible use of the esplanade and we must work together to mark this year a big success they stated.

We need to look at it and make the event. No inclusion of us in East Cowes in the Planning??

The Venture Quays Boat Restaurant was discussed and some concerns were raised but there is cautious optimism as long as its safe. A discussion followed about the land based issues of noise and perhaps having a harbour curfew of played music. Tracy clarified several issues.